

Minutes of the 58th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - 2025

MONDAY, 12 May 2025 at 6:30pm – Naughton’s Hotel

The meeting commenced at 7:15 pm

Robert Moore (President Parkville Association) welcomed members and guests. He called on committee member Laura Lynch to acknowledge the Wurundjeri People of the Kulin nation, the lands on which the meeting was being held.

Robert Moore then introduced the Guest Speakers

Emma Johnston AO, Vice Chancellor, University of Melbourne, Professor of Marine Biology.

Emma Johnston spoke of her association with the Parkville precinct, having been a former University High School student who moved onto tertiary studies at the University of Melbourne and has now returned as the University’s 21st Vice Chancellor. She shared her field work experience as a marine biologist, researching in Antarctica and elsewhere and outlined the important role of the University of Melbourne as a tertiary institution in the world’s third-largest biomedical precinct.

In acknowledgement of her presence President Robert Moore presented her with a copy of Hilary Lewis’s book, South Parkville.

Nas Mohammad, Neighbourhood Partner City of Melbourne

Nas presented an update of major activities of the City of Melbourne in the Parkville Precinct. This included Traffic, Parking and Aging Well.

1. **Traffic:** a study commenced in February 2025 to study post Parkville Station-Grattan Street closure traffic flow and volumes. A traffic consultant has been engaged. Community will be informed of results mid-year and enjoined prior to a Final Report, which is due by 15 July 2025.
2. **Parking:** a kerbside management program is under consideration and community consultations by surveys are sought. Nas urged members to make the Association aware of their preferences.
3. **Aging Well in Melbourne:** Bookmarks and a booklet were available informing of the model update for this program. COM are working in conjunction with the State Government.

Nas introduced her colleague, Dr Freya Thomas, Senior Urban Forester, City of Melbourne.



Freya, a botanist, spoke to a PowerPoint presentation that outlined the proposed strategic management of the urban environment from a forester's viewpoint. Its central focus is to understand what types of flora should be planted where, when and be able to explain why. Freya explained community engagement could be pursued by attendance at workshops or online. When questioned about the current Royal Park Draft Master Plan she responded by revealing expert guidance was available.

FORMAL MEETING commenced at 8:00 pm

Present:

Anderson J., Collins D., Coulson D., DeHaan M., Derrenbacker R., Derrenbacker C., Doherty Peter, Dohrmann M., Dohrmann L., Dyson J., Emslie D., Eskitas R., Evans Ruth, Evans B., Evans Rod, Freestone D., Holmes A., Homes J., Johnson T., Johnson S., Kinney F., Krelle L., Krelle R., Ley G., Lynch A., Lynch L., McGregor D., McKinnon D., McNamara F., McNamara P., Moore K., Moore R., Noonan G., Notley A., Osborne R., Osborne A., Parsons N., Parsons B., Pertzle Bruce, Phefley A., Read A., Robinson A., Ruzza M., Sullivan A., Sullivan J., Sutherland B., Thorne G., Thorne J., Wise A.

Apologies:

Craig J., Craig S., Doherty Penny, Drennan J., Lentin P., Ley P., Lodge M., Lynch J., Murphy T., Pertzle Barbara, Simpson D., Spencer-Reagan E., Sutherland M., Urlini C.

Robert Moore (President Parkville Association) opened the meeting.

1. Presidential Report

1.1 The President announced committee retirements:

Michael Alesi (one year) moving out of the precinct);

Alan Wise (4 years) retiring to undertake different pursuits.

Anne Phefley (14 years' service to the committee and Parkville via participation in Royal Park activities and as President of the Parkville Tennis Club – established in 1904) Anne has been a tireless participant in Parkville affairs and will be greatly missed. The President made a floral presentation to Anne in recognition of her contributions to the Parkville community.

He thanked Michael and Alan for their service to the committee.

The President indicated the difficulties in succession planning as there were no nominations for the Vice-Presidential role. He urged members to attend committee meeting should they have an interest in continuing the work of the Association in serving the residential community in municipal affairs. He served notice of his intention to retire as President at the end of the current year - his tenth as President.



2. **Royal Park Draft Master Plan.** The President urged members who had already not done so to read the current draft Master Plan for Royal Park
3. **Planning.** There has been no development proposed for the controversial old Trinity Foundation site (35-39 Royal Parade). COM favours status quo of allowing modern developments at the rear of residential dwellings
4. **College Engagement.** Trinity and Janet Clarke Hall Colleges have been joined by Ormond in direct engagement with the Association. Areti (Ari) Metuamata has joined Jared Dyson and Eleanor Spencer-Regan as Association members. Trinity Student continue to maintain street gardens.
5. **Traffic.** Engagement with City of Melbourne (COM) is ongoing. An undertaking to introduce 30km Speed Limits to South Parkville streets is a major priority. Attendees agreed this as a desirable objective and it was mentioned that LM Sally Capp had proposed this at the AGM in 2002.
6. **Melbourne Metro.** A surprising 60,000 passengers per day are expected through Parkville Station when it opens, perhaps before the end of 2025.
7. **University of Melbourne.** Close liaison continues and Padmini Sebastian – University of Melbourne Director of Engagement and Partnerships, is a guest attending our 58th AGM tonight.
8. **Police Community Consultative Committee.** Friend of the Association Nick Parissis will take over our President, Rob Moore in chairing this organisation and important link for the Parkville community.
9. **Presidents of Residents.** A younger generation is emerging.
10. **COM Liaison.** LM Nick Reece has become less available for consultation in his Lord Mayoral role.
11. **Parking Management.** Changes are proposed. Member John Sullivan has been active. It is troublesome that a greater number of residential parking permits have been issued than the actual number of physical parking spaces.
12. **Tram Stop Safety.** Redeveloped “Superstops” are proposed for most existing tram stops in Royal Parade
13. **Electric Scooters.** Although the COM has banned e-scooters in its municipality, Councillors Daffyd Griffith and Olivia Ball are advocates for them.
14. **Anzac Day.** The Association maintains its presence at this Dawn Service ceremony conducted by the University of Melbourne Regiment on the South Lawn at the University.
15. **New Website.** Development is progressing and the new website will go online soon. While communication via the new website will be a priority, hard copies of communications will remain available to all residents on the Association's mailing list.

2 Annual General Meeting of the Parkville Association for 2025

49 members were in attendance. Apologies were received from 14 members.



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3 The President declared a quorum present

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF 2024 AGM

Moved Bruce Pertzel, Seconded Anne Phefley that the minutes be accepted.
All agreed

**5 TREASURER'S REPORT Presented by Treasurer David
McGregor**

The treasurer reported as follows:

Year Opening Balance	\$10,810
Year Closing Balance	\$13,162

Investment Fund \$23,000 (interest paid in the immediate past year \$1,032)

Member contributions of \$3390 were down from the previous year (\$3925)

It was moved Jared Dyson, seconded Laura Lynch that the financial report be accepted. The motion passed on a show of hands.

7 ELECTIONS OF OFFICER BEARERS

No election necessary as no new nominations were received.

8 CONFIRMATIONS OF ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION

8.1 Confirmation of existing annual subscriptions

Family Membership \$50;
Individual Membership \$30;
Concessional Membership \$10

9 OTHER BUSINESS

9.1 A question from the floor about the installation of super tram stops in Royal Parade was answered by the President who informed that he and Jared Dyson had fought for a safer stop 12 opposite Naughton's and Trinity College. An issue was that the speed limit in Royal Parade remained at 60 kph rather than 30 kph where new Superstops elsewhere have been constructed. The inquirer also expressed concern about the possible closure of the Avenue, at its north end, and the prohibition of a right-hand turn from Walker Street into Royal Parade. The President observed that the COM and VicRoads do not co-operate in assessing these matters.



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9.2 Member Gerry Noonan sought confirmation of the status Royal Park Master Plan implementation. The President advised it remained in draft format and the four active Royal Park interest groups, including the Association, were actively canvassing for the involvement of landscape architectural input which was omitted in the first draft.

9.3 Member Canon Bob Derrenbacker urged all members to attend Evensong at Trinity Chapel each Sunday in term.

MEETING CLOSED at 8:30 pm