



THE PARKVILLE ASSOCIATION Inc.

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NEWSLETTER

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Cup Day – Champers in the Park

On **Tuesday 4th November 2003, from 5.00 p.m. to dusk**, in the Native Gardens, top of Gatehouse Street (or in College Church Hall, 188 Gatehouse Street, if the weather is wet). Come along for the Cup Day celebration! The Association will supply a glass of champers & soft drink for the children and nibbles will be there too. Bring a picnic basket if you wish and linger on for a pleasant evening.

Calendar of Events 2003 – Update your Diary NOW! Friends & guests welcome

Event	Date & Time	Venue
Cup Day – Champers in the Park	Tues 4 Nov at 5.00 p.m.	Adjacent to Native Garden
Historic Around Village Parkville	Sun 9 Nov at 2.00 p.m. & 3.30 p.m.	For details – see below
Wine Bottling	Sat 29 November at 2.00 p.m.	32 Morrah Street, Parkville – see details on page 4
Committee Meeting	Tues 2 Dec. at 8.00 p.m.	College Church Hall, 188 Gatehouse Street, Parkville – all welcome

At the special request of new residents

Walk Around Village Parkville

with local historian Norah Killip

Sunday 9th November 2003

at 2.00 p.m. or at 3.30 p.m.

Each walk will be restricted to 10 people and therefore bookings are essential.

Tel 9347 5273

Cost of \$10.00 per person includes a booklet and a glass of wine

Vale Stanley Keith Dean (1920 – 2003)

Stan Dean, the founding President of the Association died on 21/10/03. He was part of our community for almost 45 and a half years, living in the same house that he and his wife Margaret bought shortly before their marriage.

Stan enjoyed his membership of the Parkville community and with his wife Margaret and family was an energetic and committed contributor to that neighbourliness which he prized.

As founding President, Stan was highly successful and much admired. He had a gentle and conciliatory manner, but was very firm of purpose. He did not stand in awe of the institutions, which sought to acquire parts of South Parkville in the 1960's and 1970's. The institutions were invited to put their case to a general meeting of the Association – nothing was done behind closed doors. Stan was always highly consultative, and as Chairman he encouraged everyone to put their case, but the large, and sometimes vehement meetings, were run strictly to the rules, and policies were settled by the vote.

Stan's contribution to the Parkville community through the Association has been simply outstanding, and we feel deeply indebted to him.

Parkville Ensemble Plays to Packed Hall

And how they played! The Ensemble's concert on 5th October in College Church Hall was a huge success with a program of Dvorak, Bruch, and an amazing fun suite by Daryl Runswick for four double basses. Squeezy, yes, but those four double basses *did* fit on the stage. The post-concert glass of fizz with nibbles was a perfect end to the afternoon. The Ensemble has generously donated the proceeds of this concert to the Association and this has been added to the Heritage Fund with grateful thanks to the Ensemble for its generosity and above all for a truly superb musical occasion.

Parkville Treasures no. 5, by Norah Killip

Chimneys are an important element in the streetscape and not everybody realizes that they are therefore protected by the heritage regulations.

Take a walk along Gatehouse Street on the park side and look at the skyline. Beginning at no. 86 where a pair of nineteenth century pots with a scalloped top can be seen. Then at no. 128 where the two pots have tiny hearts pierced in their rim. At 168 & 170 two huge chimneys dominate quite small roofs. On to 176, which has a charming set of mock Tudor pots, and 186, which has an old galvanised iron pot in poor repair. Twentieth century terracotta pots are still common but the earlier pots are being discarded as owners convert to central heating. Chimneys and their pots are neglected and finally closed off or demolished. It would in fact be easier to waterproof the chimney structure if the pots were left in place, and through the preservation of the heritage details both the aesthetic qualities of the skyline and the value of the property are maintained.

Parkville Traffic Action Group *Improvement of Environmental & Social Amenity for Parkville Residents:* a Report by Brenda & Frank Frok

The release of the Department of Infrastructure's draft Northern Central City Corridor Strategy (NCCCS) report is a window of opportunity to achieve significant environmental, social amenity and traffic improvements for Parkville. Although not always a visible hazard, it is nevertheless self-evident that all of Parkville is suffering from poor air quality (car and truck exhaust emissions) and loss of amenity due to rat-runs and unsustainable traffic volumes (10-14,000 vehicles per day in Gatehouse Street).

However, the good news is that, through unrelenting community activism and the development of the Parkville Road Management Plan (PRMP) by PTAG for submission to the NCCCS through the Minister for Transport, Peter Batchelor, on behalf of the Parkville Association, change is imminent. Recent meetings by PTAG with MCC Councillors and Council officers have been highly productive in that agreement in principle has been reached to remove through-traffic and associated rat-runs from local Parkville streets.

Councillor Catherine Ng, Chair of the City of Melbourne Planning & Services Committee has personally congratulated PTAG for its work on the PRMP and has undertaken to investigate the implementation requirements of the proposed improvement measures for Parkville. Moreover, City of Melbourne Engineering Services has been directed by Council to investigate engineering works and traffic impacts of various options, and preliminary results are expected in 2-3 months.

Importantly, Cr Kimberley Kitching is giving strong support to PTAG initiatives. Spot the new large 50 km/h signs at each end of Gatehouse Street as evidence of her most recent achievement to reduce the risk of speeding in local Parkville streets.

At this early and sensitive stage of negotiations PTAG is reliant on the support of all Parkville residents to achieve potentially significant improvements to local amenity.

Support Your Local Primary School

Why not come along for the **2003 Twilight Fete** on Friday 28th November at North Melbourne Primary School (Errol Street) from 3.30 p.m. onwards (twilight is at 8.53 p.m.!). A *Magic Affair* – dinner, music, entertainment, stalls, games & much, much more. This is the annual fund-raising activity for the school, so your attendance and support is most welcome. If you have items you’ve been putting aside for that garage sale or even if you have spare jars, for example, these will be very acceptable for the Trash & Treasure stall, just telephone David Blake (9328 4156) to arrange delivery & etc.

Planning & Heritage Issues

Planning Amendment C60

The weakened expressions of support for heritage matters by planning authorities are of concern, as is the reduction in residential amenity resulting from mixed-use zoning. Parts of North and West Melbourne for example, which were previously residential one zone, have been redrawn as mixed usages. It is hope that the review panel established by the Council will

deliver a report in favour of the residents’ associations to redress amenity concerns.

Melbourne Planning Scheme

The State Government is endeavoring to streamline the planning process; and while Melbourne City Council is committed to increasing efficiency its planning policy is to be more prescriptive and less discretionary. It is to be hoped that this will result in greater clarity in planning processes.

Heritage Review

Residents’ associations including the Parkville Association have expressed concern that there are no heritage overlays in the central business district and therefore effectively no protection for heritage in the CBD. The Combined Residents’ Association to which the Parkville Association is a strong contributor has put in a submission on this concern, supported by the National Trust.

Royal Women’s Hospital Building at the Royal Melbourne

Work has commenced on the new Royal Women’s Hospital building within the Royal Melbourne Hospital site. The Association is requesting a briefing from senior administrators of the hospital regarding the building works.

Graffiti Action

Residents are encouraged to report promptly any new graffiti to City of Melbourne. Telephone the hotline on 9658 9658 to be put through to the appropriate section, according to whether the graffiti is on public or private property.

All who live or work in Parkville are welcome to join the Association. Memberships are for the calendar year January – December. If you would like to join the Association, or renew your membership, please use the form below. Please include your email address, as this facilitates contact.

MEMBERSHIP/DONATION FORM			
Name:		Phone:	
Address:		Email:	
Renewal or New Member (please circle)			
Annual membership	– Individual \$15	Concession \$7.50	Family \$35
Life membership	– Individual \$150		
And/or donation for Heritage Fund \$..... and/or General Fund \$.....			
<i>Cheques should be made payable to The Parkville Association Inc.</i>			

Send form and payment to The Treasurer, Parkville Association, PO Box 54, Parkville 3052.

Parkville Association Wine Tasting
All welcome
Come and taste, label and help with fund
raising

2pm - Saturday 29th November 2003

32 Morrah Street, Parkville

Post/fax/phone or email orders

9347 0931 - lesley@maconline.com.au

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Order by Monday 17th November

Shiraz Merlot - Riverina - 2002 Soft medium bodied wine with ripe berry characteristics	... Bottle/s@ \$10 \$..... ... Dozen @ \$115 \$.....
Cabernet Shiraz - Barossa Valley - 2000 Rich fruit and well balanced tannins. Extremely good value	... Bottle/s@ \$10 \$..... ... Dozen @ \$115 \$.....
Chardonnay - Riverina - 2002 Smooth peachy characteristics with a crisp flinty finish. Perfect with white meats and cheese.	... Bottle/s@ \$10 \$..... ... Dozen @ \$115 \$.....
Brut Cuvee - The ever-popular Parkville Sparkling White. Full flavour with a clean, crisp dry finish. Perfect for summer parties	... Bottle/s@ \$10 \$..... ... Dozen @ \$115 \$.....
Cheque payable to Parkville Association	Total \$.....