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Welcome from the President

Many of you will not know me but I first moved into Parkville in 1978 and, after a few years out of the area, returned in 2005. We are blessed with living in one of the best locations in Melbourne and for that we should be very proud!

The new Committee is looking to take the Association into a more community based one as we are located in an area where community is vital - our hospitals, the University, parks and the Zoo where our first event this year is being held. This will, of course, be in concert with our long established heritage protection, traffic and parking activities.

Events

On the community side, we plan to organize some different events to attract more residents. Our next event is the 'Winter Warmer' on which is to be held on Tuesday, 9 August at Melbourne Zoo at the invitation of the Zoo's Victoria Director, Kevin Tanner – see details in this newsletter

Communication

We will also be changing the way we communicate with members and residents. We will be refreshing the Association's website and increasing our presence on social media sites such as Facebook. Due to cost and efficiency considerations, this will be the last 'hard copy' version of the newsletter that will be distributed. For this reason, we would like to be able to email future editions of the newsletter to members and residents but to do this, we need your email address.

Relations with the City Council

In relation to planning and heritage issues and traffic and parking, the Committee wants to strengthen relations with City Councillors and officers and to have some influence at the policy level on actions that affect Parkville's amenity. Where appropriate, we will engage on site-specific issues where there is a wider issue at stake. For example, recently, the Association supported West Parkville residents in their opposition to the planned removal of the five Lemon Scented Gum trees in the intersection of Flemington Road/Mount Alexander Road with Citylink.

Increased membership

In order for the Association to be an effective voice for our community, we need to increase our membership. If you have been a member in the past, please renew your membership. If you are a member, please encourage your friends and neighbours to join.

Rob Moore

Parkville Association President

**Winter Warmer – Melbourne Zoo,
Tuesday, 9 August, 6.30 p.m.**

see page 4 for details

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ASSOCIATION NEWS

Draft Strategy Plan For The Association

At the June Committee meeting, Rob Moore presented a draft *Strategic Plan* for the Association for discussion. The Committee agreed that it was an excellent start and should be adopted as a draft and made available for comment on the Association's website.

Aspects discussed by the Committee included:

- need to present final Strategic Plan in an attractive manner setting out the association's achievements and include photos of Parkville;
- need to include comment under 'community involvement' on homelessness which is an increasing issue in and around Royal Park and include information on relevant resources/agencies.

Comments would be appreciated by the end of August. The draft Strategy Plan is available on the website at: <mailto:http://www.parkvilleassociation.org.au/governance/strat-plan>

New Rules For The Association

The enactment of the *Associations Incorporated Reform Act 2012* required incorporated associations to adopt new rules – either the Model rules or rules that, as a minimum, included matter listed in Schedule 1 to this Act.

The Association's existing rules (dating from 1992) were reviewed and the Association decided to develop new rules based on the Model Rules prepared by Consumer Affairs Victoria. During 2015, a Subcommittee drafted new rules – largely based on the Model Rules but with some matters specific to the Association such as the purposes (Clause 2) and who is eligible to be a member (Clause 8).

The new Rules, which were adopted at the AGM in March 2016, provide a more up to date governance framework for running the Association. Some of the things that the new Rules address are:

- disciplinary measures (Division 2)
- use of technology for meetings (clause 30 and 57)
- access to minutes (clause 69)

As part of the drafting the new Rules, the Committee decided to delete the Paid Life membership category - effective from the date of the adoption of the new Rules in April 2016. Existing life memberships will be honored but all new memberships will be payable on an annual basis.

Records placed at Melbourne University Archives

An agreement had been signed by the Association with the Baillieu Library, University of Melbourne for the lodging of a range of the Association's historical records on the basis of a 10 year loan.

The material lodged includes meeting agendas and minutes (1998-2012) and a range of historical research material, photos and slides. The material can be accessed by contacting **Dr Sebastian Gurciullo**, Assistant Archivist, University of Melbourne Archives, phone: 8344 8650 or email: sebastian.gurciullo@unimelb.edu.au .

Communications

New Committee member, Tom Agar has taken on administration of the Association's Facebook site – if you are not already connected to our Facebook site, here are the details to join in - <mailto:https://www.facebook.com/ParkvilleAssociation>

The Committee adopted a Social Media policy at the July meeting. This policy will guide how we use Facebook and other social media.

This is the last 'hard copy' newsletter to be prepared and distributed around South Parkville. In future all news will be communicated on various digital platforms. If you or your neighbours are not 'device-savvy', please let the Secretary know and we will make other arrangements to keep you informed of the Association's activities.

Application for Community Grants lodged

Rob Krelle prepared an application in June for a Community Grant from the City of Melbourne for up to \$20,000 grant to cover activities including:

- upgrade the website;
- community events including street party
- walk around Parkville brochure
- membership drive
- general administration.

Traffic management matters

Rob Moore (President) and Helen Weston (Secretary) had a meeting with senior Traffic engineering officers at the City of Melbourne in June. The purpose of the meeting was to better understand how the Association can help the Council's with traffic and parking management in the Parkville area. Council's priorities are safety first and managing traffic for local communities.

Installation of gas regulators

As many residents would be aware, gas regulators have been installed to all properties in Parkville. Generally this process went reasonably smoothly. However, a number of installations were considered to be less than satisfactory. Through the efforts of Committee member, Gerry Noonan, acceptable solutions from both safety and heritage perspective have now been negotiated.

SUBMISSIONS BY THE ASSOCIATION

Planning Policy & Permit Applications

Recent submissions made by the Association on heritage policy matters are:

- Local Heritage Policy Review (5 February 2016)
- Managing Residential Development Advisory Committee (16 March 2016)

These submissions are available to read at:

<mailto:http://www.parkvilleassociation.org.au/heritage/submissions>

The Association has also lodged submissions on several applications for planning permits in South Parkville over the last few months. Issues raised included potential impacts on heritage streetscapes, the impact of building bulk and site coverage on the heritage character of Parkville, and visibility of second storey additions from the street.

Removal of the Lemon Scented Gums in Flemington Road

In response to concerns raised by residents in West Parkville about the imminent removal in early April of the five Lemon Scented Gum trees in the median of Flemington Road near the freeway exit land, the Association made several submissions to the City of Melbourne, VicRoads and the Minister for Roads, Hon Luke Donnellan.

As is now evident, sadly, all requests for a redesign that would accommodate retention of these trees – especially the valiant efforts of a number of West Parkville residents – fell on the deaf ears of VicRoads and CPB, the contractors for the CityLink Tulla Widening works. The four younger trees were removed on Saturday 25 June and the remaining 94 year old giant tree has been hacked on several occasions and remains under threat.

The Melbourne Metro EES

The Association welcomes the proposed Melbourne Metro and, in particular, the Parkville station under Grattan Street. Issues raised in this submission to the Panel by the Association largely related to:

- potential traffic and parking impacts on the residential area of South Parkville during both the construction and operation periods – increased traffic volumes on Gatehouse Street, increased ‘rat running’ in peak periods through other streets and increased parking demand;
- the need for a Conservation Management Plan for Royal Parade to guide the on-going management and conservation of this State significant boulevard;
- the need for a detailed and integrated master plan to guide the design of all surface elements near the intersection of Grattan Street and Royal Parade – station entrances, the tram super stop and other streetscape improvements.

MEMBERSHIP

All who live or work in Parkville are eligible and welcome to join The Parkville Association.

Don't miss the opportunity to play your part in the Parkville community, attend our functions, and use your Association to take up your concerns. Become a Member by contacting the Secretary or by completing the form online at:

<http://www.parkvilleassociation.org.au/members/join-the-association>

EVENTS - WINTER WARMER

The ‘**Winter Warmer**’ event this year will be held at in the Boardroom at **Melbourne Zoo** – kindly hosted by Zoo Director, Kevin Tanner – at **6.30pm on Tuesday, 9 August**. Finger food and drinks will be served. Attendance will be limited to maximum of 50 guests.

Kevin will talk about the Zoo's role in assisting conservation of endangered species in Victoria and provide a tour of the historic parts of the Zoo.

Help might be needed with transport for less mobile residents – please advise if you can assist.

Cost \$25.00 Members (book now); \$30.00 non Members (bookings start after 26 July)

RSVP <https://www.stickytickets.com.au/40781> or ring Helen on 0418469059

