

PARKVILLE NEWS

OCTOBER 2018

News from the President

Thank you, residents of Parkville!

As most of you are aware, we were faced with a serious redevelopment proposal for 29 - 37 Royal Parade. Trinity College lodged a planning permit application to demolish sections of the heritage-protected houses and develop a purpose-designed educational facility on the site.

Whilst aware of the proposal, we could only mobilise the community when the permit was lodged as there were to be amendments to the plans that Trinity initially proposed.

Once the plans were lodged with Council, we had a General meeting of the Association attended by approximately 35 people, formed a sub-committee, drafted a letter box drop and delivered this throughout South Parkville within 5 days, The team was Bev Kennedy, Jack Lynch, Bruce Strange, Delwyn Freestone, Helen Weston and me.

Most importantly, thank you for all your responses. The quality of the objections and the speed with which they were lodged demonstrated the passion we, as residents, have for our suburb. Within 10 days, there were almost 60 objections lodged with Council and at least 25 others in preparation when we heard that Trinity had withdrawn its application.

To John Sullivan who wrote to The Most Reverend Philip Freier, Archbishop Of Melbourne and Chair of Trinity College, thank you for sharing the response. Clearly, the Archbishop acknowledges the overwhelming response from our residents and their relationship with Trinity. In fact, Trinity was very supportive of the Parkville Association during its formative years when fighting plans by government agencies to demolish and redevelop South Parkville over 50 years ago. To Trinity, thank you for being considerate and understanding the heritage significance of Parkville.

To other news – at the last Committee meeting, our Secretary, Helen Weston, advised that she is moving out of Parkville and will be vacating this role. Helen has done a remarkable job for the Association and over the past three years I have had the good fortune of working closely with her as we have drive the Parkville Association in a new direction. Thank you Helen! Heather Lacey, who recently joined the Committee, has agreed to take on the role and will give fresh perspective in the role.

The Committee identified the need for this Association to be involved more with community and, to that end, we have looked at what we can do for fellow resident and near neighbours. We have a remarkable group of residents who have been the guardians of Parkville for the best part of 50 years. They are now ageing and, as appropriate, we feel it is incumbent on our newer and younger residents to keep a neighbourly eye on them.

We also have Ozanam House re-opening on Flemington Road opposite the RCH in early 2019. I have been in discussions with one of their key officers about what we, as a community can do to assist with volunteering. I will advise in the next newsletter but, in the interim, anyone interested in this project, please email me.

For those of you that have not joined the Parkville Association you can do so now and only pay your 2019 subscription!

Finally, Naughtons is re-opening around 5 November – good luck Ryan. I'm sure there are some very thirsty people waiting for their first drink after the renovations!

Rob Moore

Parkville Association President

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Events

Christmas dinner – Monday 10 December

The Association's Christmas dinner will be held at Naiughtons at 6.30pm on Monday, 10 December 2018. Mark this date in your diary now as seating will be limited. More details in November.

Cuppa for Kids – Tuesday, 30 October

The Parkville RCH Auxiliary is holding a 'Cuppa for Kids' between 11.00am and 1.00pm on Tuesday, 30 October at the Fundraising Resource Centre, Level 2, 48 Flemington Road. Details are available from and RSVP to Jan on 0402 046 148 or Cathy 0421 468 039.

Heritage and planning matters

Trinity College proposal, 29 – 37 Royal Parade (corner Morrah Street)

The planning permit application for a 5 level building (3 above ground and 2 below) was withdrawn by Trinity College on Friday, 5 October. At that stage almost 60 objections had been lodged with the Council in response to the distribution of the Association's flyer opposing the proposed development and in advance of the 'yellow notice' being placed on the site.

Council officers had indicated that they would be recommending that no approval be given for demolition of A grade heritage fabric among other concerns about the proposed development.

The letter from the Archbishop of Melbourne confirming Trinity's withdrawal of the planning permit application is included on the next page.

Conservatorium of Music to leave Parkville

As indicated on its website, the Conservatorium of Music will be leaving Parkville to be co-located with their colleagues and peers at the Victorian College of the Arts at the heart of the Melbourne Arts Precinct – see <https://finearts-music.unimelb.edu.au/about/campus/southbank-campus-redevelopment>

These plans raises questions about the future of the heritage protected former houses currently used by the School of Music on the west side of Royal Parade. The Association will endeavour to communicate with the Planning section of the University of Melbourne about its planning and construction activities that may impact residents of South Parkville and beyond such as the recent unannounced closure of Tin Alley for several months.

Parkville National Employment and Innovation Cluster

The Association will soon be meeting with officers of the Victorian Planning Authority in relation to resident involvement in the preparation of a Strategic Plan for this Cluster – see <https://vpa.vic.gov.au/project/parkville/>.

The Association considers consultation with local residents is necessary in relation to issues such as traffic and parking, construction impacts, and operating impacts such as noise and emissions to air (as is the situation with the BIO 21 development).

Ievers Reserve flood mitigation proposal

No further information has become available since the well-attended Council consultation meeting at University College in August. The Association has contacted Council about the potential noise levels from pumps which would be similar to ones already installed in Lincoln Reserve.

Council officers advise that in Lincoln Square the irrigation system (and therefore the pumps) operate every night except Sunday from 10pm. Council is planning to undertake some noise level monitoring prior to further design works later this year.



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THE MOST REVEREND DR PHILIP FREIER
ARCHBISHOP OF MELBOURNE

16 October 2018

Dear Mr and Mrs Sullivan

Thank you for contacting me regarding Trinity's proposed redevelopment of its properties at 29, 33-35 Royal Parade.

The Warden, Professor Ken Hinchcliff, informs me that the College has withdrawn its application to redevelop these properties. This decision is based on further consideration of the College's need for educational facilities and also in recognition of the strong concerns of many in the Parkville community. The College is, as you note, a beloved part of the Parkville community and it seeks to continue to be a good neighbour.

Grace and peace in Christ Jesus

Yours sincerely

The Most Reverend Dr Philip Freier
Archbishop of Melbourne

Traffic and parking matters

Traffic counts underway in South Parkville

Council has installed traffic counters around the residential streets of South Parkville. Counting will be extended for a week to collect traffic volume information outside of school holiday period. The Association will be seeking a meeting with Council's Traffic Engineers to discuss the results of the traffic counts, the installation of new parking signs with the agreed revised time limits and the worrying increase in observation of peak period rat running through the area especially along lanes such as Jaguers Lane and along the levers Reserve lanes.

Residents Parking Permits

Several residents have sent copies of leaflets placed in letter boxes asking for parking permits and these people are willing to pay for their use. Melbourne City Council have asked the Association to remind all residents that the selling or renting of resident parking permits is illegal. Permits are for the use of residents and their visitors only. Council has ways of checking use and will do so where necessary. In the interests of all residents, we need to keep parking spaces for the use of residents and short term visitors.

Melbourne Metro updates

All is going well with the construction of the Parkville station by RPV. Discussions are now focussing on the design for the tram 'superstop' on Royal Parade just north of Grattan Street.

Communications

Website

The facelift of the Association's website (<https://www.parkvilleassociation.org.au>) has been launched with current content. Updating of content will be undertaken progressively.

Social media

The Association is increasingly active on social media – you are encouraged to follow it on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/ParkvilleAssociation/>) and Instagram (<https://www.instagram.com/parkvilleassociation/>).

Walking tour app 3

Walking tour app 3 has been released. This app covers the southern part of South Parkville. Any changes or additions should be emailed to parkvilleassociation@gmail.com.

New book by Peter Doherty

Local resident, Association member and Nobel Prize winner. Peter Doherty has recently published another book entitled 'The incidental Tourist'. Publishers MUP describe Peter's book as follows:

Join Nobel Prize winner Peter Doherty on his extraordinary adventures around the globe.

Doherty has kept a journal about the far-flung destinations his work has taken him to for more than thirty years. His observations and discoveries in *The Incidental Tourist* make for perfect armchair travel

Details of 'The Incidental Tourist' are available here:

<https://www.mup.com.au/books/the-incidental-tourist-paperback-softback>

Offer for new members – join now!!

New members are invited to join the Association now and have valid membership to the end of 2019.

MEMBERSHIP/DONATION FORM 2019 (NEW MEMBERS)

Name:

Phone: (H) _____ (M) _____

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