

We need a Community Centre & Library in Carlton

Carlton has no Community Centre and no Library. Nowhere at all for the community to gather. Why are our needs ignored?

You will be aware that other ratepayers and residents in the City of Melbourne already have or will soon have such facilities:
- East Melbourne, North Melbourne, Southbank, Docklands.

The ideal building is NOW available. The vacant Kathleen Syme Centre (KSC), **cnr Cardigan and Faraday Sts**, represents a unique, once in a lifetime opportunity for the Council to acquire an ideally located architecturally significant public building (Carlton's first Primary School). This building meets all key criteria: it is available, central, large, stand-alone.

The good news is that our Council has agreed to purchase KSC for Carlton.

The bad news is that the University of Melbourne has already staked its claim with the ALP State government and plans to grab the KSC along with the rest of the Royal Women's Hospital site. This is a familiar pattern of University acquisitions in Carlton. So much for much touted protocols governing the disposal of surplus government assets!

The City of Melbourne strongly supports CRA in arguing the community should have first claim on the KSC over a business such as The University of Melbourne (a non rate payer)

It seems, however, that our local Member the Hon Bronwyn Pike, appears to disagree. All attempts by CRA and Council to persuade the ALP State government to allow it to purchase the KSC have stalled. Note that in other cities the State government has actually ceded surplus schools to Councils for community use.

To deny Carlton the KSC is contrary to former Premier Bracks' 2006 pre-election promise - a promise to partner with the Council to fund this project. The former Premier at least recognized the great social disadvantage present in 3053 and the value in providing community infrastructure.

What can we do? Plenty!

Please voice your annoyance at this injustice and lend the CRA and our Council support by emailing the responsible ALP State Government Ministers below. Tell them the Carlton Community urgently needs a community centre.

Email this simple message:

"We want the Kathleen Syme Centre as a Community Centre/Library for Carlton. Your State Government has the power to facilitate this project and you have a moral obligation to do so" (see website for email NOW)

THE CARLTON RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION INC.

CARLTON RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Our Community needs a focal point, a place for residents, traders, & visitors, a resource centre, a Library ...

- The Council has agreed to purchase the Kathleen Syme Centre for us, the Carlton Community.
- It seems, however, that our local Member the Hon Bronwyn Pike, appears to disagree.
- The ALP State Government plans to sell this ideal building to the University of Melbourne. WHY?

Please voice your annoyance at this injustice, email NOW!
see over page for more information ...

john.brumby@parliament.vic.gov.au

bronwyn.pike@parliament.vic.gov.au

daniel.andrews@parliament.vic.gov.au

tim.holding@parliament.vic.gov.au



The Carlton Residents Association Inc.

A0034345G ABN 87 716 923 898

P.O.Box 1140 Carlton Vic 3053

carltonresidents@gmail.com

www.carltonresidents.org.au