



The Carlton Residents Association Inc.

Newsflash

To: CRA Members From: Sue Chambers, President

Re: The Latest News Date: 4 January, 2005

NOTICE: 2005 Membership Forms are included

Dear all

What a memorable Christmas season 2004 has been. Who will not link this Christmas season with the disastrous, incomprehensible tragedy of the earthquake/ tsunami that swept away the lives and livelihoods of so many from 12 nations around the rim of the Indian Ocean? The universal compassionate response has been unprecedented. Compared with the September 11th tragedy, the current natural disaster has the potential to have a greater positive long-term impact on how people relate to each other, and how governments provide sustainable neighbourhoods across nations. That is the challenge! Caring communities, and safe and nurturing neighbourhoods, are so important for all people.

If one can look back beyond the disaster, the last few weeks have been eventful, prior to the quietness of Carlton over Christmas. It was pleasing at our annual Christmas Party at La Mama Theatre to congratulate and welcome the Lord Mayor and Councillors of the new Council (see MCC photo below).



The new Councillors are from left to right: Cr Catherine Ng; Cr Brian Shanahan; Cr Carl Jetter; Cr David Wilson; Deputy Lord Mayor Gary Singer; Cr Peter Clarke; Lord Mayor John So; Cr Fiona Snedden; and Cr Fraser Brindley. More details on the new Councillors may be seen at <http://www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/info.cfm?top=190&pg=1317>

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At our party, **Lord Mayor John So** toasted the association. **Peter Sanders**, one of our most esteemed and long-standing contributors also gave a generous and thoughtful speech reflecting on our association and future directions. I also thanked **Greta Bird** in particular for being Acting-President during the election period.

We look forward to a positive working relationship during the next four years, and had our first experience at the Planning Committee meeting in the Christmas week, when the planning application for the **Lemon Tree Hotel** was considered. We were pleased that the new Councillors listened to the many representations from immediate neighbours and CRA urging Councillors to refuse the application to redevelop the Lemon Tree Hotel as a hotel. CRA argued that the residential 1 zoning of the site meant that the hotel use was a discretionary use, and that any such use should meet the needs of the local community. We argued that the proposed use did not meet these conditions given the close proximity of many similar establishments in Lygon Street and the well-articulated local community objections that such a development would have a negative impact on residential amenity. Councillor Brian Shanahan proposed, and Cr David Wilson seconded, the motion to refuse the application. Cr Brindley and Cr Clarke also voted for a refusal (with Cr Clarke mentioning that he had changed his views during the presentations). Cr Carl Jetter and Cr Fiona Snedden voted against the motion. Cr Catherine Ng did not take part in the decision due to a conflict of interest, and the Lord Mayor and Deputy Lord Mayor were not present. This resulted in the Council's refusal motion being carried, much to the relief of the many objectors. Throughout the meeting, the new Councillors listened carefully and asked questions of the presenters. So, on the basis of that long meeting on three planning issues, it seems like the omens are good, and that a fair hearing on planning issues may be expected to be had from the new Council.

CRA will be supporting at VCAT the Council's refusal of an application to demolish one of the few weatherboard heritage houses in Carlton (**864 Swanston Street**) and replace it with a three storey student accommodation complex. Don Chambers will be presenting a heritage report on behalf of CRA. Don and I attended the final meeting of the **MCC Heritage Advisory Committee** before Christmas, and we were very pleased to see the final draft for the new statements of heritage significance for the MCC neighbourhoods that the heritage consultant has been working on with the Committee for several years. There will be a consultation process on the new policy which if successful, will become part of the Melbourne Planning Scheme, and provide greater protection for Melbourne's heritage than presently exists.

World Heritage Act & Carlton Gardens Masterplan

There continues to be progress in the government's response to the World Heritage listing of the Royal Exhibition Buildings and the Carlton Gardens site. A bill was gazetted before Christmas. It sets out the framework for a Management Plan. The link is http://www.dms.dpc.vic.gov.au/Domino/Web_Notes/LDMS/PubStatbook.nsf/f932b66241ecf1b7ca256e92000e23be/6c348b93fd5f0c56ca256f71001f7a84?OpenDocument As well, the draft Carlton Gardens masterplan will go to a February Council meeting for a decision on its adoption. The document is available at <http://www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/rsrc/Images/ParksGardens/5-Carlton%20Gardens%20Bklt.pdf> We continue to work with other interested parties to make sure that the Carlton Gardens are upgraded consistent with their world heritage status.

Carlton History

You will not be surprised that copies of the Carlton History book have been selling well. There are discussions about the possibility of a reprint in a soft back cheaper edition. The book will also be considered for a community history award.

Membership Renewal

The time has come once again to send in membership forms for 2005. We are always looking for an increased membership which will make us more representative of Carlton residents, and bring more needed people resources to do more than we are able to do. If you know of any interested Carlton resident, do welcome them to join. Note, memberships run from January to December each year, and so **renewals should be paid by the end of January 2005**. A membership form is attached.

Nominations for 2005 Committee

Our constitution has Committee positions for President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and two Committee members, plus the possibility of co-opted members. If you would like to nominate yourself or another member for the Committee, please complete the attached nomination form and contact our **returning officer, Ian Bird** on 9347 1411. Nominations should be returned to Ian by Tuesday 18th January at 5pm. We are very keen to hear from members who might like to nominate for the **Secretary's position**.

Meetings for 2005: AGM will be on February 15th 2005

We have confirmed with the Royal Women's Hospital that we can again use the Kathleen Syme Centre for our Annual General Meeting **on Tuesday February 15th at 8pm (see attached Agenda)**. The earlier start of 6pm for meetings in 2004 did not seem to appeal to members, so in 2005 our meetings will be held at 8pm. Since MCC Council and Committee meetings will be held on Tuesday evenings, we have chosen dates that do not clash with those meeting times, and have generally found a Tuesday that will be satisfactory. Our Committee is considering options for meeting formats. Currently we are planning our AGM meeting in February, monthly Committee meetings, monthly Planning Group meetings, and our Christmas Party in December. If any issue requires a general meeting we can schedule a special general meeting, or have the issue discussed at a Committee meeting that interested members can attend and present their views. The provisional meeting schedule is: **Committee meetings:** January 18, March 15, April 5, May 17, June 14, July 19, August 16, September 20, October 18 and November 14. **Planning Group meetings:** January 11 and 31, February 28, April 11, May 2 and 30, July 4, August 1, September 5, October 3, November 7 and 28. Currently it is planned to hold Committee and Planning Group meetings at 8pm, at 244 Faraday Street.

Regards and best wishes for 2005!



Sue Chambers, President



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2005 Membership Form

Annual membership runs from January to December. Half-year membership runs from July. Renewals are due 1 February, 2005. Rates include 10% GST.

	Annual	Half-year
Single:	\$26	\$13.00
Family:	\$39	\$19.50
Concession:	\$13	\$ 7.50

Special members: Non-voting membership is available for individuals living outside postcode 3053 and who support the CRA's purposes. The same membership rates apply.

New/Renewal Membership Application

I apply to become a member/renew my membership of the Carlton Residents Association Ltd. I agree to comply with Rules of the Association.

Name*:.....
 Address:.....
 Phone: (home).....(work)
 Fax: (home).....(work)
 Email:

Signature:Date

Name*:.....
 Address:.....
 Phone: (home).....(work)
 Fax: (home).....(work)
 Email:

Signature:Date

Preference for Newsletter delivery: Email / Post

* Type of membership request. Include names of all adult members for family membership.

Payment enclosed: cheque/cash. (This document will be a tax invoice for GST when you make payment.)

Send to: Secretary, The Carlton Residents Association Inc., PO Box 1140, Carlton 3053.



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Nomination Form

Proposer

I..... being a financial member of The Carlton Residents Association Inc., wish to nominatefor the position of President/ Vice-President/ Secretary/ Treasurer/ Committee member for the year 2005.

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Signature Date

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I....., being a financial member of The Carlton Residents Association Inc, second the nomination of, for the position of President/ Vice-President/ Secretary/ Treasurer/ Committee member for the year 2005.

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Signature Date

Consent of Nominee

I....., being a financial member of The Carlton Residents Association Inc, consent to my nomination for the position of

President/ Vice-President/ Secretary/ Treasurer/ Committee member for the year 2005.

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Signature Date

Please return form to Ian Bird, Returning Officer, 9 Little Elgin Street, Carlton 3053.
Due 5 pm January 18th 2005



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Notice of 9th Annual General Meeting

Carlton Residents Association

To be held at 8.00 pm on Tuesday 15 February 2005

Room KSEC2, Kathleen Syme Centre, 251 Faraday Street Carlton

Agenda

- 1. Attendance**
- 2. Minutes of Previous AGM**
- 3. President's Report**
- 4. Treasurer's Report**
- 5. Membership fees for 2006**
- 6. Election of Officers and Ordinary Members of the Committee**
- 7. Statement submitted by the Association in accordance with section 30(3) of the Act.**
- 8. Other Business**