



Newsflash

To: CRA Members From: Sue Chambers, President
Re: The Latest News Date: 27 February, 2004

Dear all

Our AGM was a convivial meeting with a great deal of unanimity. Key recommendations were

1. Endorsement of the following CRA Committee decision:

"The Carlton Residents Association calls on the Melbourne City Council and the Department of Sustainability and Environment to recommend refusal of application 20040076 for a development of 544 units on the Eastern Precinct site on the grounds that the development fails to comply with Clause 43.02-5 Decision Guidelines. The bulk, proportion and scale of the proposed buildings are not in keeping with the character and appearance of adjacent buildings, the streetscapes and the area, including the heritage places to the north and east surrounding the site."

2. CRA to call on the Minister for Planning and Melbourne City Council to amend DD046 to set a height limit of 3-5 storeys to encourage sensitive new developments that met the design objective to respect the scale and form of heritage buildings in Faraday and Cardigan Streets. This recommendation endorses the CRA and National Trust Media Releases. These are attached (snail mail) or at
[www.carltonhttp://www.carltonresidents.org.au/Current/EasternPrecinct/EasternPrecinct.htm](http://www.carltonresidents.org.au/Current/EasternPrecinct/EasternPrecinct.htm).

Since our AGM Becton has given public notice on the revised development (see below). Submissions to the Department of Sustainability and Environment should be made before **11 March 2004**, although late submissions will be received up to when the Minister for Planning makes a decision. MCC will hold a special Planning Committee meeting on **Wednesday 24th March 2004** at 5.30pm. CRA members who are available to attend that meeting at the Melbourne Town Hall are encouraged to attend to demonstrate concern about the revised plan which is just 5% less in mass than the initial plan. As the flyer that Colin and Helen Macnamara prepared says, the planned development is **"STILL TOO BIG"**. Community support is needed to help get a more sensitive development for a key location in Carlton. You can help by

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- signing the petition at Readings,
- displaying a "Save Carlton" poster,
- letters to government representatives and the media (see Ian Bird's letter in this week's *Melbourne Times*),
- making a submission (either as independent or part of the CRA submission),
- attending/presenting at the MCC Planning Committee meeting.

Imagine Carlton with such a development. In my view, CRA plays a critical custodial role in handing on to the next generation a place to cherish and enjoy. If that is your view, now is the time to let the decision makers know that you value Carlton's heritage and local character.

Enough of that development! At our AGM we also viewed an advanced copy of the Carlton History book that we have tried to achieve for 5 years or so. It is a marvellous book with lots of interesting new information to dip into. We now have order forms that can be completed and left at Readings Bookshop. Orders placed before the Launch date (April 1st, 2004) will attract a 10% discount rate. The book is expected to be a great success, so hurry to place your order. You will also be receiving an invitation from MUP to the Launch, and can attend a MCC Melbourne Conversation session in the evening at Federation Square, based around the topic "Carlton Stories". There are likely to be five eminent speakers including David Williamson. George Negus may record some of the launch events for a program he is developing on David Williamson.

Lindsay Tanner MP made a very interesting presentation at our AGM, on the importance of relationships and the role governments can take in encouraging positive social relationships, particularly for child-adult relationships in our society. He referred to the shift in emphasis from economic to environment to social priorities. In answering questions Lindsay referred to the relatively resource-rich inner suburbs, and the weaker numerical basis for political influence of MPs in our electorate, compared with the greater need for infrastructure and the higher number of MPs in other Melbourne neighbourhoods. In this scenario, we need to think of solutions that will be of general benefit: in particular integrated transport systems and smart strategies that improve peoples' everyday living with little cost. The emphasis on building people connections and developing balanced and sensitive local strategies is very consistent with CRA's approach to neighbourhood. Barry Dickins also spoke at the meeting in support of the play on Squizzy Taylor that he has been writing. He would like to present the play in Carlton streets/houses. Members at the AGM were unanimous in their support for CRA sending a letter of support for funding toward Barry's play.

We thanked Colin and Helen Macnamara for their contributions to CRA (Colin as secretary). We are very fortunate to have two new Committee members, Jacqueline Ots and Anne Ritter who will cover the many roles Colin filled on our last Committee. We also thanked Peter Sanders for his substantial contribution to the Eastern Precinct case. When you get to read the Carlton History you will soon find that Peter has been defending/protecting Carlton since the 1960s: an extraordinary contribution! If you would like to read my lengthy President's Report for 2003, it will be available on our website, or you can let me know that you would like a hard copy: there are a few left from the meeting.

Best wishes



President

I tried to take some AGM people photos with varying success! A few examples are shown on the next page: but any offers of being CRA photographer are welcome.



Peter Sanders, Warren Green & Richard Standish



Ann Ritter & Colin Macnamara



Margaret Ericksen



Russell & Jane Houghton

Becton's Public Notice

Planning and Environment Act Regulations 1998 Form 3 Section 52(1)

NOTICE OF AN APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMIT

The land affected by the application is located at:	768-802 SWANSTON STREET, 250-270 FARADAY STREET AND 345-375 CARDIGAN STREET, CARLTON
The application is for a permit:	DEMOLITION, DEVELOPMENT AND USE FOR THE PURPOSE OF RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS, DWELLINGS, SHOP/FOOD AND DRINK PREMISES AND ASSOCIATED WORKS. WAIVER OF CAR PARKING REQUIREMENT
The applicant for the permit is:	BECTON CORPORATION PTY LTD C/ UrbisJHD Pty Ltd
The application reference number is:	2004/0076
You may look at the application and any document that support the application at the office of the responsible authority.	MINISTER FOR PLANNING DEPARTMENT OF SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENT PLANNING INFORMATION CENTRE, UPPER PLAZA NAURU HOUSE 80 COLLINS STREET MELBOURNE

The application may be inspected during office hours and is free of charge.

Any person who may be affected by the granting of the permit may object or make other submissions to the Responsible Authority, **Manager Development Approvals, Central City and Alpine, Po Box 500, East Melbourne Victoria 3002.**

Any objection must

- * **be sent to the Responsible Authority in writing,**
- * **include the reasons for the objection, and**
- * **state how the objector would be affected.**

The Responsible Authority will not decide on the application before:	11 March 2004
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If you object, the Responsible Authority will tell you its decision.

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