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Carlton Residents Association Forum - Meet the candidates for Lord Mayor



Meet the Candidates facilitated by Professor Brian Howe AO

Fourteen candidates nominated for the role of Lord Mayor. The wide range of views and experience among the candidates, including a number of new faces, attracted a large crowd to a Forum organised by the CRA on Monday 23 April at the Church of All Nations, Carlton.

Eleven candidates were present. Each person had a strict allocation of two minutes to present themselves and their policies followed by questions from the audience and finally a brief summary from each.

Sally Capp, current head of the development lobby group, the Property Council, spoke of her skills and experience for the role and the need to restore respect. She was not accepting donations from developers and proposed a residents' panel to consider planning issues at an early stage. Rohan Leppert, Greens member and Melbourne City Councillor since 2012, emphasised his Council experience, his knowledge as a local resident and stressed the need for good design in a rapidly developing city.

Sally Warhaft, broadcaster, anthropologist and freelancer spoke next on the need for the independence of the outsider to challenge stale ideas. Saving the character of Queen Victoria market is central to her campaign. She was followed by Allan Watson Carlton businessman who emphasised cleanliness, safety, homelessness and the Queen Victoria market.

Jennifer Yang emphasised her experience as two times Mayor of the City of Manningham. She proposed an expenditure review, cutting red tape in licences for business, addressing homelessness and providing crisis accommodation for women and children victims of family violence. Katie Sfetkidis, artist, emphasised art as a basis of social change and good design.

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She also noted the need to change the voting laws to give residents the same vote as business.

Gary Morgan, businessman with a long history in Melbourne and a veteran of Lord Mayoral campaigns had one main message –the need to preserve the character of Queen Victoria Market. Nathalie O’Sughrue, resident and business coach nominated listening to people as top priority and spoke of issues of homelessness, and drug and alcohol violence.

Michael Burge, psychologist in private practice, emphasised health, well -being and connectedness, over-development of the city and his skills in determining issues and problems.

Ken Ong, businessman, Melbourne City Councillor from 2008-2016 and candidate for Lord Mayor in 2016, emphasised his experience on Council and his understanding of the complexity and range of issues including issues of liveability planning and heritage. Finally, Bruce Poon of the Animal Justice Party spoke of his fight against animal cruelty and his commitment to being effective.

Question time gave residents the opportunity to identify their concerns: the Queen Victoria Market project; closing city streets to cars to reduce congestion; housing affordability; planning and design issues including protection of heritage; equal voting rights for residents; Council- State Government relations and the need for transparency of governance by Council. A question on preferences recognised that preferences may determine the outcome where there are so many candidates.

In their summaries all candidates expressed a strong commitment to working with residents to protect the strengths of the city. A great outcome for the CRA.

Just announced:

Sally Capp has been elected Lord Mayor of Melbourne

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Traffic, Transport, Parking and Noise Abatement

Kindly note this update to last March's issue of Newsflash.

Collection of household and industrial waste takes place in the context of the Victorian Environment Protection Authority's guideline no.1254. The sanctioned collection periods have been adopted by the City of Melbourne's health department. concerned among other things with the noise arising from these operations. The meaning of "industrial" seems to extend to the waste of the hospitality industry, that is, retailers such as cafes, pubs and restaurants.

Domestic refuse:

The guideline states for domestic refuse that "Collection of refuse should" adhere to "the following criteria" and be "restricted to the hours (below)" ...

One collection per week:

Monday to Saturday... .. 6.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m.
Sundays & Public Holidays ... 7.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m.

Two or more collections per week:

Monday to Saturday... .. 7.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m
Sundays & Public Holidays ... not at all

Industrial waste:

The guideline is more generous for industrial waste, which seems to extend to the hospitality industry retailers such as cafes, pubs and restaurants. It states, on the condition of avoiding annoyance to residents, that early morning collections should be limited to non-residential areas, and otherwise restricted to the times below...

One collection per week:

Monday to Saturday... .. 6.30 a.m to 8.00 p.m.
Sundays & Public Holidays ... 9.00 a.m to 8.00 p.m

Two or more collections per week:

Monday to Saturday... .. 7.00 a.m. to 8.00 p.m.
Sundays & Public Holidays ... 9.00 a.m. to 8.00 p.m.

The foregoing EPA schedule of recommended collection hours, endorsed by the City of Melbourne's health department, is out of kilter with the City of Melbourne's negatively expressed by-laws 12.10, 12.11 and 12.12 which state that waste must not be collected in the "central city" nor any other "area prescribed by the Council" between 11.01 p.m. and 5.59 a.m. on the following day.

The only exception prescribed and published by the City of Melbourne to the EPA times, relates to waste collection in what its by-law 12.12.(b) calls "central city", otherwise known as inner city restricted areas or "hot spots" where the City of Melbourne has declared that waste collections may be undertaken (for longer than EPA hours each day), from 6.00 a.m. to 11.00 p.m. beyond which times an absolute curfew exists. This area is bounded by Spring Street, Spencer Street and along La Trobe, William and Peel Streets to Victoria Street, and therefore does not concern Carlton residents unless any part of their locality is declared a prescribed area under by-law 12.12.(a).

Residents may still contact Mr Tom Berehe of the City of Melbourne on 03 9658 8819 and the corrected e-mail address tom.berehe@melbourne.vic.gov.au. or otherwise, contact our own Traffic, Transport, Parking and Noise Abatement working group's convenor, Lester Levinson on 03 9347 8771 and 0418 314 379 or lester.levinson@gmail.com who has already had initial success in getting rubbish collection firms to change their collection hours without needing to involve the Council or the EPA.

APP No./ADDRESS	DETAILS OF WORK/CRA INTEREST
Previous Applications Carried Forward –	
TP-2016-798 197-235 Bouverie St (220-234 Leicester St) Objection	This is the Graduate House Development. Partial demolition of existing terrace houses and the construction of an 11 storey building at the rear. The Applicant has submitted a revised design in response to CoM criticism. CRA thinks the new proposal was hardly an improvement on the original and, rather than being recessive and in sympathy with the significant heritage facades of the existing buildings on the site, it appears to be making an “architectural statement” CoM Processing.
TP-2016-1031 10 Magenta Place Objection	Permit issued by CoM was appealed by an objector(s), CRA was not party to this appeal. VCAT has subsequently upheld the CoM decision and issued a permit.
TP-2017-616 4-12 Leicester Place Objection	Demolish existing building, construct a 15 storey residential hotel. CRA considers this application is an inappropriate development for this site for numerous reasons. Refer to objection CoM Processing.
TP-2017-714 47-49 Nicholson St Objection	Partial demolition and new additions to create 3 dwellings. CRA believes that the proposal dominates the adjoining heritage properties and the needs to be more respectful in character and scale. A revised design submitted is only a marginal better. CoM Processing.
TP-2017-761 623-645 Swanston St Objection	Lincoln House (Melbourne University) a 13 storey mixed use development. An amended submission, in response to CoM and objector issues, has addressed some of CRA’s concerns, but heritage and height are still troubling. CoM issued NOD to approve .
TP-2016-903 179 Grattan St Objection	Demolition of existing dwelling and construction of an 8 storey plus roof terrace mixed use development. CRA believes that the application fails to respond appropriately to the heritage attributes of the area. CoM Refusal appealed to VCAT by Applicant. CRA will make a submission to VCAT, but has yet to decide whether it will appear.
TP-2017-828 500 Swanston St Objection	Demolition of existing CFMEU building and the construction of 17 - 18 storey development for student accommodation. The Applicant appealed to VCAT on the grounds that CoM failed to make a decision within the prescribed 60 days. CRA appeared at VCAT for a compulsory conference with CoM and other parties. A permit was issued after the applicant agreed to the CoM conditions including the removal of 2 storeys.
There have been 19 applications since the March Newsflash and 2 new objections generated.	
TP2018-59 6-10 MacArthur Pl Objection	Part demolition and alterations to 3 existing dwellings, construct 3 storey addition at rear with basement car parking in excess of allowable maximum. CRA concerns principally relate to heritage issues.
TP-2017-637 195-197-Palmerston St Objection	Demolition of the existing dwelling and the construction of a new 3 storey dwelling. CRA concerns relate to heritage issues. Applicant appealed to VCAT on the grounds that CoM failed to make a decision within the prescribed 60 days. CRA has lodged a submission with VCAT but has nominated not to appear.
<p>We still await further information on ten other applications. Refer to <i>Summary of Reviewed Applications</i> on the CRA website for details of these or any of the applications above. http://www.carltonresidents.org.au/cra-2012/planning-committee-monthly-summary-of-com-planning-applications-for-3053/</p>	

Planning

Heritage

National Trust Advocacy Toolkit:

This is a free online resource created by the National Trust of Australia (Victoria) to support individuals and communities to advocate for the protection of places of cultural heritage significance.

The Trust has worked with heritage experts, planners, lawyers, and communities across Victoria to develop advocacy guides covering key areas of heritage planning.

The Advocacy Toolkit will continue to grow and evolve, along with the challenges we face in the recognition and conservation of our heritage places.

Currently five guides have been produced:

Advocacy Guides –

- No. 1: Nominating a place or object for inclusion in the Victorian Heritage Register
- No. 2: Objection to an application for a permit to change a place or object included in the Victorian Heritage Register
- No. 3: Objecting to an Application for a Planning Permit for properties covered by a Heritage Overlay
- No. 4: Appealing a Permit Decision at the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT)
- No. 5: Heritage Overlays and Planning Scheme Amendments

Access the guide at:

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/advocacy-toolkit/>

Community News

Pick My Project

Your community. Your decision.

Help build a stronger community

Pick My Project is a community grants initiative, with \$30M available to fund local projects. Come up with an idea, vote for your favourites and make your community an even better place to live.

Ideas could include things like upgrades or funding for sporting and recreation activities, improving health and wellbeing, innovation and technology, community arts or cultural projects, or ideas that improve community and bring people together.

Get talking, spread the word and start thinking about your great idea

All you'll need is a project idea to improve your neighbourhood and an eligible partner such as a registered community organisation, school or local council to help deliver your idea.

Submit your ideas from May 2018. Winning projects will be announced in September 2018.

Find more information <https://pickmyproject.vic.gov.au/>

In case you missed it . . .

La Mama

Carlton icon destroyed by fire



*Liz Jones at the scene
Photo by Bridget McDonnell*

In the early hours of Saturday 19 May, fire destroyed the La Mama building in Faraday Street.

The La Mama chief executive Liz Jones, who has been involved with the theatre company for some 40 years, was reported as saying, "the building is completely gutted, and I'm completely gutted."

When Newsflash was going to press little was known about the cause of the blaze but staff members at La Mama have vowed to continue. The performance that was scheduled for the night of the fire was moved to the nearby Kathleen Syme Library and Community Centre.

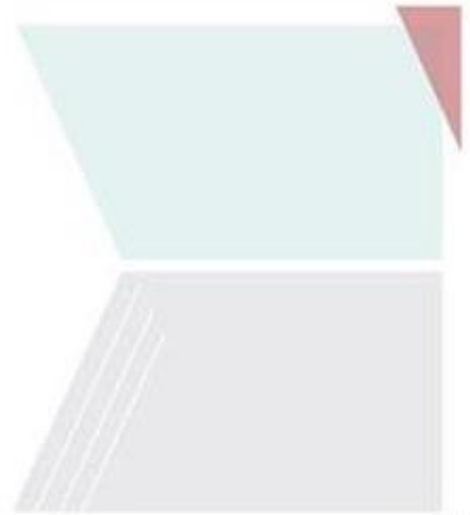
La Mama is a not-for-profit theatre that has been nationally and internationally acknowledged as a centre for cutting edge, contemporary theatre since 1967.

Carlton Central Learning Project

At Carlton Primary School



THE NEW CARLTON CENTRAL
LEARNING PRECINCT



Building great futures with early learning, education and family services

The [Victorian School Building Authority](#) (part of the Department of Education and Training) is delivering a \$10 million transformation that will enhance Carlton Primary School with 21st century flexible learning spaces.

[City of Melbourne](#) is providing \$4.9 million in partnership with the Victorian Government to bring education, maternal and child health, parenting services and playgroups under one roof.

[Carlton Primary School](#) and the City of Melbourne are also working in partnership with [Our Place](#) on the Carlton Early Years and Family Services Centre within the school. The early learning centre is currently taking [registrations](#) for 2019.

Construction and Design

The Victorian School Building Authority has completed preliminary works to prepare the site for redevelopment. Asbestos has been removed as has the outdoor bocce court.

The school's ground and second floors are under construction, and the students are based on level 1. The appointed builder, Building Engineering Pty Ltd, is upgrading internal infrastructure such as the school's telecommunications.

Preparations for the future concreting of the covered outdoor learning area, and installing the framework for the outdoor façade, will be underway in the third quarter of this year.

Construction is on track for this modernisation to be ready for students and the wider community by Term 1, 2019.

Below is a floor plan and design image. For more information, visit our [website](#).



For enquiries about Carlton Early Years and Family Services Centre, contact City of Melbourne:

P: 03 9658 9658 / E: CarltonELC@melbourne.vic.gov.au / W: melbourne.vic.gov.au/childcare

For enquiries about construction

E: vsba@edumail.vic.gov.au / P: 1800 896 950

Have you ever visited the Royal Historical Society of Victoria building?

The headquarters at 239 A'Beckett Street Melbourne are housed in the Australian Army Medical Corps Drill hall built between 1938 and 1939.



The Drill Hall

The Royal Historical Society of Victoria organises and hosts exhibitions throughout the year which showcase some of the fascinating items in its collection. The Society also exhibits travelling exhibitions from other organisations.

All exhibitions are located at the Drill Hall, and can be viewed 10am–4pm Monday-Friday. The [Past Exhibitions](#) page contains information about recent RHSV exhibitions. Enquiries to: office@historyvictoria.org.au or 9326 9288

Current Exhibitions at the Drill Hall

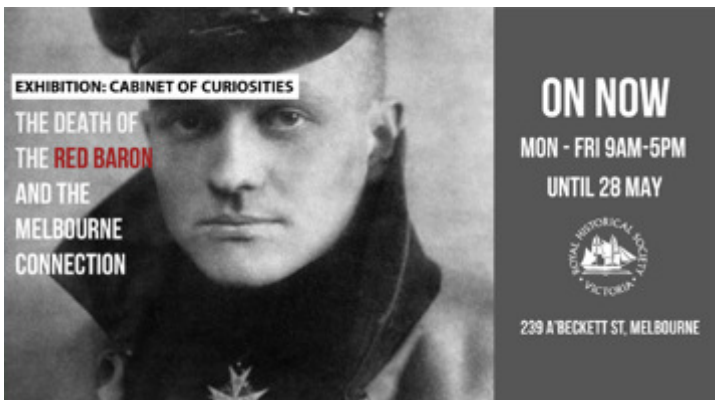
In the Main Gallery:

Vera Deakin's World of Humanity



In the Cabinet of Curiosities:

The Death of the Red Baron and the Melbourne connection



A message from Ellen Sandell: Government Must Fix Dangerous and Dodgy Buildings

Everyone should feel safe in their home. But a lack of government oversight has left many in the inner city, including Carlton, worried that they're living in homes with flammable cladding.

After a 2014 fire ripped through the Lacrosse tower in Docklands, the Victorian Building Authority found 51 per cent of Melbourne's newest high rises also had cladding that did not meet regulations.

The Ombudsman and Victorian Auditor General both released scathing reports into the issue, but the Andrews Labor Government has not acted fast enough.

It has been a year since we witnessed the awful Grenfell Tower blaze in London, which killed 71 people, including two Australians. It was fuelled by the same cladding found in the Royal Women's and Royal Melbourne hospital.

The City of Melbourne says at least 17 residential buildings are also unsafe, and that's just the tip of the iceberg.

The Victorian Building Authority recently issued a product safety alert to builders and surveyors that flammable cladding cannot be used in residential buildings above three stories, bringing Victoria's regulations into line with the Australian Building Standards, and some money was in the state Budget to increase compliance inspections.

But all this doesn't help the owners who are now having to take financial responsibility for fixing unsafe buildings and homes they bought in good faith, believing the buildings met safety regulations. Owners Corporations are having to take on all the risk, when it was a failure of Government regulation and building surveyors (which have been privatised) that caused the problem in the first place. And if owners and owner's corporations are unable to take this burden of risk or unable to afford safety improvements, then residents could be required to leave their homes.

Instead of pushing this risk onto residents and owners, the Government should urgently step in and fix these flammable buildings, and then recoup the costs from developers or those responsible for the problem. Governments have far more ability than residents or owners to accept this risk, put up the capital to fix buildings, and recoup the costs later on.

Building surveyors should also be brought back under public control.

If you have concerns about your home's building standards or the standard of development in Carlton, get in touch with my office at office@ellensandell.com

Ellen Sandell
State MP for Melbourne



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Are you proud of where you live?

Carlton is changing

Increasing pressure on Carlton requires our vigilance.

Working together for Carlton:

- make sure your CRA membership is current
- volunteer for a working group, interesting challenges are guaranteed.

Working Groups:

Forward Planning: facilitating a plan to guide and stimulate CRA activity with a 2016-2018 time frame.

Parklands and Streetscapes: promotes CoM Greening Policy and has lobbied MCC Planning Committee for increased Median Strip Greening.

Planning: reviews town planning applications relevant to postcode 3053 for inappropriate development.

Traffic, Transport, Parking and Noise Abatement: aims to reduce noise pollution, such as that generated by garbage collection and excessively noisy vehicles, especially in Lygon Street.

And that's not all:

Read more on the CRA website:

<http://www.carltonresidents.org.au/cra-2012/>

Update your membership [here](#)

Carlton Neighbour Day 2018

Sunday 25 March 2018

Some 600 people attended the day set up in Faraday Street, outside Kathleen Syme Library and Community Centre. They enjoyed the play zones, live music, craft and technology workshops, petting zoo, information stalls, delicious food and amazing Bukjeh art performances and the Long Lunch.

Special appreciation to Carlton Primary and Carlton Gardens Primary schools for engaging students in the Carlton Neighbour Day Community Art Prize.

Thank you, on behalf of all the organising partners - Carlton Residents Association, City of Melbourne through its Kathleen Syme Library and Community Centre and the University of Melbourne, to all those who participated to make the day a success.

