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**Carlton remembers** 

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#### **State Election Candidates Forum:**



The Election Forum hosted by Church of all Nations and CRA

Four State election candidates accepted the invitation to attend the Forum on Monday 12 November.

Peter Hanlon (Independent), Jennifer Kanis (Labor), Ellen Sandell (Greens), Leo Close (Reason Party). Leo was an apology on the night.

The forum was opened and all were welcomed by Ivana Csar (CRA President). Sarah Howe (Moderator) explained the format of the evening.

Each candidate initially spoke for 10 minutes and after question time had 4 minutes as a reply.

#### In brief:

Peter has lived in Melbourne for 30 years after a broad international career. He explained that he is standing to make a difference. His party 'Mad as Hell' aims to address the need for change in Spring Street by enforcing honesty and integrity, looking at controlling expenditure, and working towards wellbeing for the community. He says a vision is needed to plan for the future. We must ask 'what will we look like in 2030?'

The Labor candidate, Jennifer Kanis is an experienced social justice senior associate and head of Maurice Blackburn's social justice practice. She has served as a Melbourne City Councillor and as an MP in the State Government. She believes that government matters and that the Labor party can achieve outcomes which make a difference in people's lives. She outlined the achievements of the current Labor Government and if elected made a commitment to delivering change and always listening to the electorate.

The current local member, Ellen Sandell, with a science background,

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became a politician through the frustration of seeing how politics deals with information from experts. She explained that although the Greens do not have a majority, they have been able to pressure government on many issues and will continue to work with the community to pressure for change. She has felt honoured to serve in the parliament over the past four years and sees the future as exciting with special emphasis on the environment and social justice.

Both Ellen and Peter supported the one person, one vote for the City of Melbourne. Jennifer explained that Labor had no plans to change the current situation but she would work within the government to look at the issue.

All candidates were concerned about issues relating to public housing, education – especially Early Childhood Education and planning, among other things.

## *Working groups* Traffic, Transport, Parking and Noise Abatement

On Friday 5 October, Victoria Police and the Environment Protection Authority repeated their exercise of Friday 18 May, 2018, flagging down noisy vehicles in Lygon Street and subjecting them to noise emission tests behind the Parco kiosk in Argyle Place South. CRA's representative at the Melbourne North Police-Community Consultative Committee's October meeting requested an informal report on the success of this initiative. CRA asked for details about on-the-spot fines and demands that drivers present their vehicles to EPA for testing of corrected exhaust systems. CRA also asked about where else and when this control has been conducted in the intervening months. The view was expressed that this seems to be too little, but never too late!

After representation to council CRA is pleased to report that the City of Melbourne has decided to erect a sign on the southern side of Pelham Street just east of Lygon Street, warning vehicles choosing to turn left at that intersection that in a few metres they will confront pedestrian crossing traffic lights. It is hoped that this will reduce the risk of vehicles turning at speed and unable to brake in time when the pedestrian lights are showing red for vehicular traffic.

# IT'S TIME TO JOIN CRA

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**OR**, for an EFT payment— CRA Direct Credit Details: Bendigo Bank, BSB: 633 000 Account No.: 146960570.

Please ensure all details are included for EFT membership payments.

## Planning

October 2016

Heritage

City Planning Issues 2018 – A Carlton Update – November 2018 The Corkman – demolished illegally on the 15



Temporary Controls, to require the re-construction "in facsimile" of the Corkman, were gazetted on 27 October 2016; they were scrapped when a new Incorporated Plan Overlay was gazetted on 18 October 2018. These Overlay provisions do not REQUIRE the re-construction of the former heritage place.

Meanwhile, the property remains a bomb site, with no clarity over its future.



Poignant Graffitti at the Corkman site

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#### 599-605 Swanston Street, Carlton – the former Beaurepaire Tyre Building



If properties adjacent to Heritage Places are excluded from Heritage Overlays, the Local Heritage Policies will have NO impact upon the envelope or architectural details of new developments on these properties. While it is possible for Design and Development Overlays to address this shortcoming, the outcomes in the

City North area, where DDO61 does include some heritage guidance, have been a disaster.

The DDO61 heritage provisions have had almost zero impact on new developments. For example, Table 2 of this DDO includes the following guidance:

- New buildings should step down in height to adjoining lower scale heritage buildings, and
- New buildings should consider retaining the traditional heritage street wall (as opposed to defining a new higher street wall) where appropriate.

The re-developed Beaurepaire Tyre site at the NW corner of Swanston and Queensberry Streets provides one recent example of the INEFFECTIVENESS of these DDO61 Heritage provisions.

#### 99 Cardigan Street Case Study



No 99 Cardigan Street is illustrated in this image; it is the three level building just north of the Lincoln Hotel This place, although likely to be of more recent construction than the C Graded Heritage Places to the immediate north, should have been included in a Heritage Overlay; it wasn't. There is nothing in the current planning controls [Heritage or Design and Development] that would prevent an entirely INAPPROPRIATE development at this location. Heritage Overlays and Heritage Policies have been used [and should continue to be used] to guide the development envelope [and architectural language] of NON-HERITAGE sites. Further, the appropriate curtilage for terrace rows should NEVER be defined by site boundaries; to do so would be inconsistent with the curtilage guidance included in Planning Practice Note 1

# The Issue of Social Significance - Jimmy Watson's 331-335 Lygon Street, Carlton



Established in 1935 by a flautist with a taste for red wine. Jimmy Watson's remains a Lygon Street institution, catering to an eclectic crowd of businesspeople, academics and students. To the shock of some the wine saloon had a radical face-lift in the 1960s. The nineteenth-century structure was altered beyond recognition by the unrepentant modernity of Robin Boyd's Mediterranean-inspired facade. Ironically, this once shockingly modern design is now embraced as an important part of the street's heritage. [Mahar, Caitlin "A Bohemian Main Drag Lygon Street" in Yule, Peter, Editor [2005] Carlton - A History, Melbourne University Press]

- This Heritage Place is located in the HO1 Heritage Overlay
- In the 1987 Heritage Places Inventory, Jimmy Watson's was graded "F" in recognition of the social significance of this Place.
- In the June 2016 Heritage Places Inventory this Place was graded "B"

In contrast, this Place is UNGRADED in the proposed 2017 Heritage Places Inventory. There is no record of this Place in the consultant's worksheet

By Ewan Ogilvy (these comments may not reflect the views of the Association)

APP No./ADDRESS		DETAILS OF WORK/CRA INTEREST
Previous Applications Carried Forwa	ard –	
<b>TP-2016-798</b> 197-235 Bouverie St Leicester St) - <b>Graduate House</b>	( 220-234 <b>Objection</b>	CoM has issued a permit for the revised design. A disappointing outcome in CRA's opinion.
<b>TP-2017-616</b> 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 <b>CoM Processing</b> .
TP-2017-714 47-49 Nicholson St	Objection	CoM issued a permit partially addressing CRA concerns.
TP-2017-761 623-645 Swanston St	Objection	CoM issued a permit partially addressing CRA concerns.
TP-2016-903 179 Grattan St	Objection	Applicant withdrew appeal against CoM refusal. Refusal Stands.
TP2018-59 6-10 MacArthur Pl	Objection	CoM refused permit, Applicant appealed. Awaiting VCAT hearing.
TP-2017-637 195 Palmerston St	Objection	<b>CRA has lodged a written submission but will not be appearing</b> . Demolition of existing dwelling, construction of a new 3storey dwelling Applicant appealed to VCAT that CoM failed to make a decision withir the prescribed 60 days. CRA lodged a written submission with VCAT but nominated not to appear. VCAT subsequently issued a permit.
There have been 69 applications since	e the June N	ewsflash and 4 new objections which were:
TP-2006-92/C 172-174 Faraday St	Objection	The Carlton Wine room sought to extend trading hours to 1.00 am in a General Residential Zone which normally restricts trading to 6.00 pm. <b>CoM issued a permit for the extended hours.</b>
TP-2018-228 19 Owen St	Objection	Alterations and additions to an existing dwelling. CRA considered that the initial and amended proposal were unsympathetic to the existing Owen St streetscape. <b>CoM issued a permit.</b>
TP-2018-449 23-31 Lincoln Square	e South Objection	Partial demolition of the existing heritage building and new construction totaling14 storeys for a mixed use. Discussions with CRA and CoM resulted in an amended design, which partially addressed CRA' concerns, however CRA believes that it still falls short in respect of heritage issues. <b>CoM processing.</b>
TP-2018-510 66 Palmerston St	Objection	Alterations and a 3 storey addition to existing dwelling. CRA 's concerns relate to overshadowing the adjacent pocket park and the eastern elevation which is unacceptably prominent when viewed from the park and the Palmerston/Canning Street corner. <b>CoM processing</b>

We still await further information on ten other applications.

Refer to *Summary of Reviewed Applications* on the CRA website for details of these or any of the applications above. <u>http://www.carltonresidents.org.au/cra-2012/planning-committee-monthly-summary-of-com-planning-applications-for-</u>3053/

At the beginning of each month, the CRA's planning sub-committee meets to consider the previous month's planning applications for the area covered by 3053 postcode. The committee is particularly alert to the following:

- overlooking or any other loss of amenity to neighbouring properties
- loss of amenity to the wider surrounding area (bulk, aesthetics, car parking)
- whether the application conforms to the Council's planning scheme, including heritage and height constraints.
- internal amenity (chiefly in multi-dwelling developments).

The City of Melbourne has an easy to use online search facility, the *Town Planning Permits Register*, which provides information on the status of Planning Permit Applications. Searching is by application number or property address. http://www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/building-and-development/property-information/planning-building-registers/pages/ town-planning-permits-register.aspx

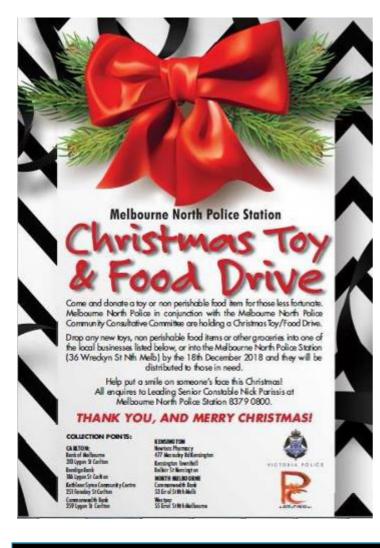
If you are aware of any potentially contentious development that you think may warrant attention, please contact the Planning Committee at: <a href="mailto:planningcra@gmail.com">planningcra@gmail.com</a>

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# Melbourne North Community Consultative Committee

- The mooted relocation of the Melbourne North Criminal Investigation Unit is going to proceed, resulting in its removal from the North Melbourne police station (which includes Carlton) and its merger with the city CIU. Having witnessed the closure of Carlton's own police station, it is difficult to see how this distancing of CIU detectives will benefit Carlton and the other affected suburbs of North Melbourne, Kensington and Parkville.
- Once again for Christmas, the Melbourne North Police-Community Consultative Committee is conducting a Christmas Toy & Food Drive. CRA members may be encouraged to donate non-perishable food and new toys for the P-CCC to make up into hampers and distribute once again to deserving families.

The P-CCC will place collection boxes by 1 December at KSLCC and three banks in Lygon Street: Bendigo Bank, Bank of Melbourne and Commonwealth Bank of Australia. The sooner donations are made from that date, the easier will be the task of the P-CCC to make up hampers and decide on distribution before Christmas.



## A New toilet

In early September the Council approved a new public toilet facility (cost \$400,000) for installation in the current financial year. at the corner of Lygon and Faraday Streets. The year-long community campaign to replace the existing historic facility, which closed last year, has come to fruition. Thank you to all who contributed.

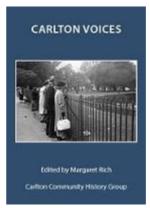


Toilet 137

# Pop up house parties - where is this issue heading?

There have been many incidents in Carlton causing damage and fear to residents. CRA would like to hear about problems experienced. Please contact The Secretary at : <u>carltonresidents@gmail.com</u>

#### **Carlton Voices'**



A new publication, edited by Margaret Rich, published by the Carlton Community History Group was recently launched at the Carlton library (Rathdowne St). It is an edited and illustrated collection of stories which reflect the immense diversity of our local history. More information is available at: http://www.cchg.asn.au/

#### **Research the History of Your House**

An initiative by CoM to provide assistance for individuals to research the history of their properties.

Access more details at: <u>http://www.carltonresidents.org.au/</u> <u>cra-2012/heritage/#househistory</u>

The contact person is Ivy Tran, Librarian at the Kathleen Syme Library.

#### And for other ideas:

https://www.prov.vic.gov.au/explore-collection/exploretopic/researching-your-house

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#### **PastPort**

Also recently launched, a new website called, **PastPort**, a collaborative project between the **University of Melbourne**, **Deakin University**, and **City of Yarra**, funded by the **Australian Research Council.** 

It allows the public to discover the history and memories of Yarra (which presumably includes Carlton North) and to contribute and upload their own stories, photos and memories of Yarra.

#### For more information:

#### https://www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/news/2018/10/26/pastport

#### To access pastport:

https://pastport.com.au/citizen/splash/yarra



## **Community Conversations –** Carlton and Parkville Summary

This conversation was held on Wednesday 12 September 2018 at Kathleen Syme Library and Community Centre.

The following information is extracted from the full summary, which can be accessed on the CRA website Community News page.

#### http://www.carltonresidents.org.au/cra-2012/community -news-2/

City of Melbourne representatives included: Lord Mayor Sally Capp; Councillor Jackie Watts; Lindy Tan, Liaison Officer, Lord Mayor's Office; Eamonn Fennessy, Manager Placemaking and Engagement; and Sam Cremean, Community Engagement Partner (scribe).

People from across Carlton and Parkville were invited to express an interest in being part of the session.

25 community members were selected from across Carlton and Parkville, representing a cross section of residents, workers and business interests.



Lord Mayor Sally Capp with the community members

The Lord Mayor facilitated a conversation with community members and posed a series of questions, including:

- What do you love about Carlton and Parkville?
- What are the emerging issues and opportunities in Carlton and Parkville?
- What can the City of Melbourne do better?

These questions prompted a rich conversation on many different topics. Community members spoke with great passion about what they loved about Carlton and Parkville including but not limited to:

- the diversity within the community;
- the parks and community facilities such as Kathleen Syme Library;
- the unique heritage character of Carlton;
- proximity to amenities and services; and
- a sense of community amongst residents and local businesses.

Community members identified a number of emerging issues which included:

- the need to balance development while retaining the heritage character of the area and to protect much valued places ..... from future infrastructure development and the impact of events.
- a desire to better understand the University of Melbourne's development plans through improved consultation processes.
- governance and the role of the City of Melbourne in advocating and partnering with other levels of government and stakeholders such as the University of Melbourne to represent the interests of the local community.
- the need to address barriers to long term employment for international students and disadvantaged members of the community.
- concerns that support and programs such as the International Students Welcome have generally declined in recent years, while student numbers are growing.
- concerns that the Parkville Gardens (former Commonwealth Games Village site) is undergoing further high rise development, however, lacks community facilities.

#### The Lord Mayor:

- affirmed the Councillors' commitment to be more involved at a local level and be seen within our community.
- and said she will endeavor to facilitate the local community voice in planning decisions, supported by Council officers.

#### What next?

• The City of Melbourne will investigate the establishment of an international student's forum event.

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- The City of Melbourne will continue to support Harmony Day and other events that promote cultural diversity in the area.
- The City of Melbourne will continue to support the African-Australian Partnerships Project and investigate further potential programs with African community organisations. The Lord Mayor plans to convene a meeting with key members of the African community from various areas of the municipality to further understand their needs.
- The City of Melbourne will continue to engage with the community on the future use and development of Royal Park and provide advocacy to the State Government.
- The City of Melbourne will continue to collaborate with the University of Melbourne and the Carlton Local Agencies Network (CLAN) to improve community engagement processes. The Lord Mayor will meet with the new Vice Chancellor of Melbourne University, Professor Duncan Maskell, to voice the community's concerns and need for early and tangible engagement.
- The City of Melbourne will continue to work with the Parkville Gardens Residents Association and development sector to understand emerging community needs for the area.
- The City of Melbourne will continue to support Neighbourhood Houses in the municipality including Carlton Neighbourhood Learning Centre.

#### A Message from Ellen Sandell State member for Melbourne -It's an honour to represent you

Melbourne is such a wonderful community, and I've thoroughly enjoyed working with you over the last four years. I'm excited to have been re-elected to do it again.

I'd also like to congratulate Dan



Andrews and Labor on their resounding return to government. I'm so pleased that tat his election, Melbourne and Victoria profoundly rejected a divisive politics of fear, and voted in favour of progressive policies instead.

I'd like to also extend my thanks to everyone who put their hand up to run in Melbourne, especially Jennifer Kanis. I admire her commitment to representing our community, and that she always made this campaign about ideas, not negative or personal attacks.

Thank you to the voters of Melbourne for putting your faith in me to represent you for another term. Thanks especially to everyone who got in touch with me to discuss ideas, concerns and thoughts about how we can make Melbourne an even better place to live.

Over the last four years, by working together, we've achieved a lot - from dying with dignity laws to a renewable energy target to political donations reform. Your ideas have helped shape my priorities in representing Carlton, and I'd like to touch on two parts of my forward-looking plan.

Time and time again, I've heard from Carlton locals that public transport is often overcrowded, unreliable, and inaccessible.

We have had some wins. Routes 1 and 6 have more trams, and more accessible stops were recently built. But this is not enough.

The Greens have put together a plan to upgrade our entire tram network for a 'turn up and go' system across Melbourne, which means trams at least every 10 minutes from 6am - 9pm, 7 days a week.

We have marked routes 1, 6 and 19 as priorities for this upgrade, which includes priority for trams at traffic signals, more accessible stops, and rollout of new high capacity trams.

We'll keep pushing hard for more improvements in this term of government.

We also need to reform planning to put the interests of our community first. For too long, big property developers with too much influence have been allowed to shape Victoria's planning system.

The Greens have long championed reform to political donations, and earlier this year, corrupting political donations from developers were capped at \$1000 per year. We'll keep working for further reforms, including banning donations from property developers and the gambling industry outright, and extending these reforms to local councils, as well as fixing the rigged voting system in the City of Melbourne.

We also need to provide the community with more certainty in our planning system. Our plan includes allowing for mandatory height limits. This would remove the uncertainty of discretionary height limits which is often gamed by developers.

Our plan also aims to restore the rights of the community in local decision making, including reforming the VCAT appeals process and re-introducing third party appeal rights. I will also keep working on the state-wide issues that are important to our community - protecting our environment, acting on climate change, and fighting to stop Labor's selloff of public housing land.

I always love to hear from the community, so if there's a particular issue that's affecting you and our Carlton community, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Thank you again to the Carlton community for putting your faith in me to represent you in Parliament. I'm committed to working with you, for a better future for all of us.

Ellen SandellState MP for MelbourneGet in touch at office@ellensandell.comor on 039328 4637.

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# **Carlton remembers Bourke Street attack victim, Pellegrini's co-owner, Sisto Malaspina**

Waterloo Street, Carlton, 28 November 2018



Below: La Mama lives on at the Courthouse

