



AGM held Monday 17 February 2020



**Guest speaker -
Lord Mayor Sally Capp**

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The following committee was elected to serve CRA for 2020:

President	Antoinette Sagaria
Vice-President	Farida Fleming
Treasurer	Philip Watts

There were no nominations for secretary

Ordinary members	Ivana Csar
	Margaret Rode
	Peter Sanders
	Lester Levinson
	Trish O'Loughlin
	Maria Teresa Sagaria
	Lyn Cracknell

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CRA 2020-Presentation by Lord Mayor, Sally Capp, at AGM

City of Melbourne Lord Mayor, Sally Capp, addressed an audience of approximately forty residents at the CRA AGM at the Kathleen Syme Centre on Monday 17 February 2020.

In a wide ranging presentation she spoke of actions taken to foster relationships with the Carlton community and to listen to the key issues identified by the community.

Mayor Capp described attempts to give residents greater access to services including:

- increased open space, such as University Square;
- agreements with the Neighborhood Learning Centre to provide more local employment services;
- liaison with the two major Universities to improve the quality of student accommodation and the local experience; and
- connection of international students and support for local efforts to revitalize Lygon Street.



The sad state of Lygon Street

The decline in local shopping strips is not confined to Carlton. The changing nature of the retail environment means cities need to plan for alternative uses. The City of London, for example, is preparing for 30% of retail space to change.

Mayor Capp supported the efforts of Carlton Traders Inc including free cinema in Argyle Square and the revival of the Carlton Festa. New lighting will be installed on the median strip from Queensberry Street to Elgin Street and research on commercial vacancy is underway.

The Carlton Heritage Review has just been completed by CoM planning officers and will soon come to Councillors for review and endorsement. The CRA will be notified as soon as CoM knows the review will be listed. A guide for heritage owners and a Heritage design guide has recently been endorsed by CoM. This will include advice on solar panels on roofs.

CoM liaises with the Police on safety and noise issues. A liaison officer from the Highway Patrol has been newly appointed, traffic and noise will be monitored more frequently along Lygon Street. Crime data remains stable year on year. CoM and Police work collaboratively on crime hotspots in the CBD.

CoM works with RMIT and the University of Melbourne as part of the Melbourne Innovation District project to

gain engagement and advantage for the community from the skills of these organisations. CoM sister city, Boston, has provided an example of success. The Carlton Collaborative Partnership also focuses on a University of Melbourne strategy for engagement and connection of international students in the community.

Mayor Capp told the meeting that the Corkman Hotel owners have now put in plans for reinstating the site as a park for the interim period as they were ordered to by VCAT.

Amendment C278 regarding access to sunlight in parks is now being considered and residents can make submissions to the panel.

Residents are also able to make submissions to the seven year review of the Royal Exhibition Building and Carlton Gardens.

Questions followed:

- Public housing and the fact that many of these buildings are not appropriate to deal with the challenges of climate change.

Mayor Capp described the Council's response including declaration of a Climate Emergency, reduction of fossil fuels emission by 53%, 100% renewable electricity, and the research that shows that 60% of emissions occur in City of Melbourne existing commercial buildings leading to a need to retrofit these buildings.

- Housing strategy and need for affordable housing. Mayor Capp referred to the Affordable Housing strategy and the question of a mandatory inclusion zoning which is under consideration. CoM recognizes the problem and the need for 5,500 affordable rental properties. If there is no action the figure will be 23,200 properties by 2050. The Queen Victoria project will have 20% affordable and 8% accessible housing. While housing and homelessness remains a responsibility of the State Government, CoM is committed to supporting the State Government in addressing these issues in all capacities that they can.

- Submission to CoM re noise and no action taken. Suggestion that cameras that monitor noise be installed.

Mayor Capp noted that CoM is always looking to innovate and trial new technologies.

- Climate emergency and how the community can work with the Council.

The council web-site will include advice to the community on ways to co-operate.

- Low quality of student accommodation and need to change the regulations.

CoM is working with universities on a web-site to rate student accommodation and is also working with the Minister for Planning to review the regulations.

- The number of bars and alcohol related businesses in Carlton and the detrimental effect on residents such as noise from bins in the laneway.

Mayor Capp encouraged the CRA to report all criminal anti-social behavior to the police, and all suspected permit or license breaches to the CoM. Cr Watts offered to speak with the resident.

Planning

Heritage

Heritage Review. Amendment C258 Melbourne Planning Scheme - Update

The CoM response to the Panel Hearing Report on this Amendment, prepared by council officers, was presented to the Future Melbourne Committee on 25 February 2020.

After some minor amendments, the Committee unanimously voted to adopt the response.

CRA is extremely concerned that the adopted response failed to address many of the issues raised by CRA in its various submissions. These included, but were not limited to, omissions, errors and inconsistencies in the inventory and instances of dubious strategic philosophies.

CRA had hoped that this amendment would better identify and protect our heritage assets.

If adopted unchanged, it will create greater uncertainty and less protection than currently offered and will compound planning disputes even further.

The CoM response will now be submitted to the State Government for its consideration.

Details of CRA's submissions to this lengthy process assiduously prepared by Ewan Ogilvy, can be viewed on the [CRA website](#).

Topical Issues

A Message from Ellen Sandell

Victoria to finally get 'cash for cans'

For many of us, it's been a rocky start to 2020. I've certainly felt sad, worried, frightened and angry as I've watched bushfires ravage our communities, forests and wildlife.

It can be hard to focus on the positives and have a sense of optimism for the future, but I think it's really important that we celebrate positive news as much as we can, and that's what I'd like to do here. So rather than talk about loss, I'd like to talk about a recent success we've had in addressing Victoria's waste crisis.

As many of you will have seen, after a decade of work from the Greens and community groups, Victoria is *finally* set to get a 'cash for cans' scheme.

South Australia has had one for decades.

Every other state and territory - except Victoria - has one, too (or a plan to start one).

This has been a long time coming: the Greens first began campaigning for a 10c refund on bottles and cans back in 2009, led by our western suburbs MP Colleen Hartland. In fact, we have introduced 'cash for cans' bills into Parliament four times since then!

Last year when our recycling system collapsed, the Victorian Greens and I re-introduced our 'cash for cans'

legislation, stood with environment groups on the steps of State Parliament demanding action, and started a Parliamentary Inquiry into the waste crisis.

The inquiry saw more than 50 industry experts, environmental groups and councils unanimously support a refund scheme in Victoria and we made sure it was a key recommendation of the inquiry. The only group opposed to it? The Victorian Labor Government.

But now, after campaigning inside Parliament and in the community, we've finally managed to change their mind.

We know these schemes work. They boost recycling rates, raise money for community groups and reduce litter in our parks and waterways, protecting birds and marine animals.

Independent costings from the Parliamentary Budget Office, found that our plan would create over 500 jobs in Victoria, nearly double our bottle and can recycling to 80% and raise \$244 million in funds that the government could reinvest into other waste reduction programs.

I am thrilled that all this effort from the Greens and the community has finally paid off. A special thanks to Boomerang Alliance, Cash for Containers Victoria, and all the other people and groups that have pushed for this outcome.

While we don't yet know the details of the scheme, I will continue pushing in Parliament to make sure the Government gets it right. Currently we have indications that the Government won't start the scheme until 2023: three years from now! But we know there's no reason for this delay. We have legislation in Parliament that could be passed right now, and costed plans that could be implemented straight away.

Following our Parliamentary Inquiry, the government has also announced plans to introduce a separate household bin for glass and to introduce compost collection in our green waste bins, which are two more important steps to addressing the waste crisis. We know more is needed, including greater investment in our Victorian recycling industry by building factories to process more plastics, glass, tyres and paper locally. I'm glad we're off to a start, and we'll keep working on it.

Ellen Sandell

Greens State MP for Melbourne

PS If you're interested in hearing more about this issue, or if you have something else you'd like to speak to me about, please feel free to email me at office@ellensandell.com or call my office on 9328 4637.



Don't miss this occasion.

**From 19 to 29 March
Melbourne Food and Wine Festival
at Queen Victoria Market**

**Entry is free with free events
and food to buy.**

QUEEN VICTORIA MARKET
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New trader facilities - heritage and planning applications

View the permit applications

Visit [Heritage Victoria's website](#) to view the full application and details on how to make a submission. Submissions close Wednesday 11 March 2020.

Like to know more?

Visit the renewal team every market day from 12pm to 1pm. You'll find us on Queen Street in front of the Meat Hall.

Or get in touch via email (gvmrenewal@melbourne.vic.gov.au) or phone on 9658 9658.

Visit the website [here](#)

Feast for Freedom

We know that good food feeds the heart and soul and sharing a meal together reminds us that we are one family, one community and one people. So being a part of Feast for Freedom is not only a delicious discovery of different cultures and cuisines but a wonderful celebration of what unites us.

It's also a great way to show your support for people seeking asylum, raise funds to support our programs and be the change you want to see in the community.

<https://feastforfreedom.org.au/>



Spanish Minstrels perform in Lygon Street

Six minstrels from Tuna of Zamora University, Barcelona, entertained patrons on Lygon Street.

Extraordinary !

They were visiting Melbourne to perform at various festivals.

Walks in the city

Docklands Harbourside Art Trail

There are dozens of public works dotted around Docklands.

Discover them with a map from the [Melbourne Visitor Hub at Town Hall](#).

Or get the free app (available for [iPhone](#) and [Android](#))

Discover other walks [here](#).

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