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Melbourne City Council Elections 2020

Thank you Jackie

Dr. Jackie Watts has served as a councillor in the City of Melbourne for three terms. She has dedicated many hours to serving the people of Melbourne during this time. Working with residents, Jackie has been instrumental in establishing services such as the Kathleen Syme Library and the Carlton Community Toy Library while continuing to address the myriad of issues which arise in Council. CRA is disappointed that Jackie was not reelected.



Olivia Ball, newly elected to City of Melbourne Council

Olivia has lived, worked and studied in the City of Melbourne for most of her life. More information about Olivia is available [here](#)

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Working groups

Planning

Corkman pub developers found in contempt of court

Friday, 13 November 2020

The owners responsible for the illegal demolition of the Corkman Irish Pub have been found guilty of contempt of court following legal action brought by the City of Melbourne and the Victorian Government. The company and its two directors were found guilty of failing to comply with a Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT) order from May 2019 requiring them to clear the site in Carlton and make it available for public recreation.

[Read more](#)

Web Links for important projects

The World Heritage Environs Area and Related Studies

<https://engage.vic.gov.au/rebcgreview>

and <https://participate.melbourne.vic.gov.au/carlton-gardens-master-plan-review>

The Sunlight to Public Parks Planning Scheme Amendment C278

<https://participate.melbourne.vic.gov.au/amendmentc278>

Sustainable Building Design Planning Scheme Amendment C376

<https://participate.melbourne.vic.gov.au/amendment-c376>

Carlton Heritage Review

In 2018 community consultation was open from 17 September to 19 November, which asked the local community to share stories about what makes Carlton meaningful and distinctive.

This review, like the city wide Heritage Review, will require a Planning Scheme Amendment which should be formally exhibited. When the dates are confirmed, the following web link should be updated.

<https://participate.melbourne.vic.gov.au/carlton-heritage-review>

The Participate Melbourne website includes many other studies that may interest members of the Carlton community. Do check out the following link to review other projects:

<https://participate.melbourne.vic.gov.au/projects>

Traffic, Transport and Noise Abatement

HOW WELL ARE YOU SLEEPING ? -- *DIY vehicular noise abatement* (updating previous notices)

As we emerge from Covid-19 we note that the ability of Victoria Police to respond to the much increased deliberate vehicle noise seems to have weakened further. This is partly due to a lack of manpower – there is still a shortfall of some 3,000 officers. For residents of Carlton, the lack of action is also caused by a recent reduction in functions of the police station covering our area, located in Wreckyn Street, North Melbourne, in favour of centralisation in the Central Business District. If police cars are available from North Melbourne (and often they are not), it may take them half an hour to reach Carlton in heavy traffic on routes modified on account of Metro tunnelling operations. Long gone are the days when Carlton had its own police station.

Therefore, if you are bothered by noise of:

- exhaust-modified motorbikes, or
- souped-up sports/sedan cars and utes

that seem to be either doing a circuit in your vicinity, or parked adjacent to each other in large numbers as a possible preliminary to this, then - DO PLEASE PHONE Victoria Police.

The number is 03-8379-0800 menu item 2 at which you will be given the choice of (a) speaking with Highway Patrol or (b) registering the control task with the North Melbourne police station office, that will either allocate the job to an available car or will register it in turn with 000.

If you decide to by-pass the above procedure by phoning 000 direct, be warned that this is emergency service, with a circular process to follow. (We will publish any advice from Victoria Police that can simplify this process).

But please do not leave it to your CRA committee members to ring Victoria Police. In joining CRA, you have made an unwritten commitment to act for Carlton community benefit: it is your responsibility! And several calls by different people will count much more than a tired call always from the same person.

When it comes to noise, your CRA Committee and working group members work hard to pursue these matters:

- attending regular Police-Community Consultative Committee meetings
- agitating on noise abatement with the City of Melbourne, the Environment Protection Authority, VicRoads and members of the State Parliament
- making common cause with other resident and community organisations also affected by the hooning problem
- pursuing action from the City of Melbourne to a Proposal on Vehicular Noise Abatement we presented to it in December 2018 (contact us on the e-mail address below for a copy).

Like you, CRA committee and working group members have jobs and families.

So please do your bit – Don't be shy.

However: if your gripe is waste collection vehicle noise outside regulation hours or the noise of construction material delivery and debris clearance after dark, please contact us on carltonresidents@gmail.com, making sure to give us your name and telephone number for validation purposes and to discuss the problem.

Lester Levinson

Traffic, Transport, Noise Abatement Working Group

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Safe City Camera Programme

City of Melbourne's Safe City Camera Program (SCCP) Audit Committee

As part of the City of Melbourne Safe City Cameras Program (SCCP), closed circuit TV (CCTV) surveillance cameras are installed throughout the city. The cameras help to create a safer environment and reduce crime levels by deterring potential offenders and helping in crime detection.

At the commencement of the SCCP, the City of Melbourne established an external Audit Committee whose functions are to:

- provide an independent review and checking mechanism for the camera program that ensures that it meets the requirements of its Protocols and Operating Procedures
- promote public confidence in the camera program by ensuring its operations are transparent to the public and under ongoing independent scrutiny and review
- recommend action that will safeguard the camera program against abuse.

The operations of the camera program are examined by the Audit Committee to ensure that the use of the cameras

- continues to be for designated purposes only
- complies with the protocols and procedures
- does not compromise the privacy and rights of the general public through any unauthorised use.

The Audit Committee provides a written audit report to Council on an annual basis. This report evaluates the operations of the camera program and compliance with the Protocols and Operating Procedures. More information and the Audit Committee's past reports can be found [here](#)

Margaret Rode Community Member
City of Melbourne's Safe City Camera Program (SCCP)
Audit Committee



Safe City Cameras

Associated Groups

Royal Exhibition Building (REB) and Carlton Gardens

Royal Exhibition Building Strategy Plan Review



We must never lose sight of the dome

The Community Consultation Summary Report is now available and is found under Supporting Documents at <https://engage.vic.gov.au/rebcgreview> – scroll down to the right hand side OR click this link to the [CRA website](#)

You can find out more about this important Carlton and Melbourne heritage building and its surrounds by accessing the following:

[This symbol of the past must also reflect our present and future](#)

Heritage places have the potential to inspire us to rethink the past towards more just and equitable futures. Heritage must always account for both physical and social fabric, reflecting the complexity and diversity of contemporary Melbourne. The Royal Exhibition Building could be a key historic landmark of post-pandemic Melbourne.

*Restricted Waste Collection Areas

**Restricted areas or 'hot spots' are zones within the central city, where waste collections may not take place between the hours of 11pm and 6am.*

The following City of Melbourne response on this issue was submitted by Jackie Watts:-

Increases in the number of daytime city users pre-Covid has presented challenges in how we can continue to service the essential waste needs of the city, without compromising the safety of pedestrians and daytime amenity, or increasing the impact of night-time noise on the residential population.

The range of projects that have recently been introduced to encourage people back to our city by increasing on-street dining and beautifying our laneways will add further strain for waste collection. Forcing waste collection to occur only during daytime hours increases risks for pedestrians, cyclists and other road users and adds further traffic congestion to our streets during these busy times. Laneway closures and other revitalisation projects currently underway will prohibit access to certain locations for waste collection during daytime hours.

We are currently working with the City of Melbourne waste contractors to look at innovative ways to reduce the noise impact of waste collection. This includes introducing electric vehicles which have very little engine noise and further rolling out our program of communal waste and recycling services, meaning that the number of bins stored in the public realm and number of times that these bins are collected is reduced.

In the new year we intend to begin a review of the application and scope for the restricted waste collection areas to assess whether they are still beneficial for the city. This review will consider the eligibility criteria of adding further locations, assess the need to add further locations, and will also assess whether the current areas should remain or whether the prescribed restricted areas should be removed entirely.

We do want to ensure that the residential population is not impacted by noise associated with late night waste collections. If this noise is having a detrimental effect on people's health, a request can be raised with our Health Services team to investigate the issue under the relevant provisions of the Public Health and Wellbeing Act.



The central city area and hot spot zones

IT'S TIME TO JOIN CRA OR RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

<https://www.trybooking.com/BMVJD>

OR, for an EFT payment—

CRA Direct Credit Details: Bendigo Bank,
BSB: 633 000 Account No.: 146960570.

Due to COVID-19 membership payment is via
bank direct debit or TryBooking EFT only.

**Please ensure all details are included
for EFT membership payments.**

Find a membership form [here](#)

CRA activities?

- writing and delivery of the Newsflash newsletter.
- regular E-Newsletter.
- assistance with scrutiny of planning objections, and follow up action if required.
- liaison between the community and the City of Melbourne, State Government and other community groups via CRA's active Working Groups.
- meet the Candidate Forums for elections.
- annual Christmas party for members and guests.
- CRA website

Please feel welcome to participate in CRA activities and to contribute your expertise via our Working Groups. Our committee meetings, on 3rd Monday of each month, are open to all members. Details on the [website](#).



Piazza di Natale

Fri 27 Nov - Fri 25 Dec

Argyle Square

Transformed for Piazza di Natale into a twinkling Christmas wonderland in the heart of Lygon Street. What better place to have a festive catch up on a balmy Melbourne evening?

City of Melbourne (CoM) Reactivation and Recovery Plan

This plan has been developed to guide the city's re-emergence from lockdown. The importance of the plan couldn't be clearer, given the disruption COVID-19 has had on the functioning of the city as shown in the quote below.

Up until March 2020, Melbourne's central city had a daytime population of nearly a million people, Australia's fastest growing night-time economy and an annual Gross Local Product of more than \$104 billion.

The COVID-19 pandemic has had devastating health, economic and social impacts on Melbourne's businesses and communities. Severe and changing restrictions to stem the spread of COVID-19 have sharply disrupted the way Melburnians live and work, changing the very nature of our social fabric. Our city economy has been hit hard and the livelihood and well-being of so many has been significantly damaged.

The CoM plan outlines seven initiatives to rebuild the city economy and the livelihood and well-being of the community. There are two immediate actions identified as a priority:

- 1) public health and well-being and
 - 2) reactivating the city.
- These will be the focus over the next year. After that, the CoM will concentrate on building economic resilience, expanding equal opportunity and access, transforming spaces and buildings, and strengthening community participation and aligning actions with all levels of government



Full details are available in the fifty-page document available at the City of Melbourne website [here](#)

Carlton Kitchen Library - sharing the cooking and community joy!

Carlton Kitchen Library is your local community library that can support your latest cooking projects. The library includes over 300 items including cooking appliances, bakeware and zero waste events kits with cups, cutlery, and bowls. Borrow the appliances you want to try, but don't want to buy. The library is co-located at 480 Lygon Street with the Open Door Community Hub (at the base of the public housing estate).

Membership

The library offers

- a yearly membership (\$40 or \$20 concession),
- business membership(\$50/year), and
- one-off event memberships (\$20).

You can sign up to become a member on our website. We ask all members to complete two 2-hour volunteer shifts per year (Covid-19 restrictions permitting) to help us keep the library running smoothly.

For November/December we are offering a free one month trial membership to celebrate our 1st birthday!



Delivering during COVID-19

With restrictions still in place for community spaces, the library is currently offering a free delivery service to

those living within 10km of Carlton. We deliver every Friday between 9AM-12PM

Workshops and Community Meals

The library also runs bi-monthly workshops and seasonal community meals. Find us on Facebook and Instagram to keep updated with our events and offers.



Volunteering and donating

Once we reopen the library to the public - if you are interested in volunteering we would love to hear from you. We will also recommence taking donations of appliances and equipment – always get in contact before bringing donations in!

How to get involved

Visit our website to browse our inventory and sign up as a member. To create a membership, click 'Create Account' in the top right corner. From here you can pay for a yearly membership, or take part in our 1-month free trial. For any enquiries contact julia@cultivatingcommunity.org.au or call 9429 3084.

Visit: <https://carltonkitchenlibrary.myturn.com/library/>

Cultivating Community

Carlton Kitchen Library is managed by Cultivating Community, a Melbourne based not-for-profit organization supporting opportunities and access to healthy, affordable and culturally appropriate food through food and gardening programs.

Learn more about Cultivating Community at cultivatingcommunity.org.au



Melbourne's Christmas Festival



[Christmas Square](#)

Fri 27 Nov-Fri 25 Dec
Christmas Square

[Christmas Projections](#)

After Dark
Fri 27 Nov-Fri 25 Dec
Princes Bridge

[Santa's Big Workshop](#)

Sat 28 Nov-Thu 24 Dec
Christmas Square

Compost Hub is officially re-opening-Carlton Neighbourhood Learning Centre (CNLC)

After a long period of closure to prioritise the safety of our community, we are happy to finally announce the re-opening of our Compost Hub. You are now welcome once again to deposit your food scraps at CNLC to save it going to landfill and so we can sprinkle compost in gardens across Carlton.

This free community initiative at CNLC has been reducing food waste in the local community since 2018. Residents can bring their food scraps to CNLC to be recycled into nutrient rich compost for use in the community garden. We also have from time to time seedlings to purchase & compost bags available for \$5 when we have excess compost.

CNLC Compost Hub Opening Times (from Wednesday 18th November):

Wednesday/Thursday (10am-4pm) - Bins located inside the garden gate, please do not empty your food scraps directly in to the compost hub bays anymore

All other times (24/7) - Bins located outside of garden, by CNLC front entrance.

The code for the bin on corner of Princes St is **3054** – please remember to lock it up again to avoid rubbish contaminating our food scraps.

In order to support the safe reopening of our compost hub, and maintain a COVID-Safe environment at CNLC, please follow these new procedures:

1. Ensure Physical Distancing

- Enter from back/side gate (located on Station Street). Please do not enter the CNLC main building at any time
- Maintain at least 1.5m separation from others at all times.

2. Where to put your scraps

- Do not deposit your food scraps directly in the compost bays
- Pour your foods scraps in to the purple bins situated inside CNLC's back gate.

3. Practice Good Hygiene

- Please wash/sanitise your hands before and after using our Compost Hub
- There is sanitiser and gloves for you to use if you need
- If you feel unwell, please do not visit CNLC or use the Compost Hub.

4. Wear a Face Mask

- All CNLC visitors and Compost Hub users must wear a face covering at all times during their visit, as per public health advice. Please wear your mask appropriately and correctly.

5. Register & Sign in

- Please register at info@cnlc.org.au or at www.cnlc.org.au before attending the Compost Hub for Covid contact tracing purposes.

- If your visit to CNLC is more than 15 minutes, as per government guidelines, you will need to 'sign in' by recording your details on the sheet provided.
- Contact tracing is a legal requirement for the government to be able to notify you in the event of a positive case of Coronavirus at CNLC.

If you have any feedback or suggestions, please let us know.

Thank you for your efforts to keep our community safe. And happy composting!

CNLC 20 Princes St, Carlton North

