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**DOC Delicatessen - 330 Lygon St, Carlton
generously donated a large box filled with DOC goodies**

Members nominating a new member were in the draw



*Vince from
DOC
Delicatessen
draws the
winner.*

*Many thanks
to DOC for
this
donation*

**Margaret Rode was the lucky winner ! Congratulations Margaret.
Margaret has donated the box, as part of the CRA Twilight party raffle.**

**Bottega Tasca Wines - 321 Lygon St, Carlton -
Donated half a dozen bottles of Italian Prosecco**

**New, nominated
members were in
the draw**

*Fabian from
Bottega Tasca
draws the
winner.*

*Many thanks to
Paul
of Bottega Tasca
for this donation*



Wayne Fitzgerald was the lucky winner! Congratulations Wayne.

Planning - Heritage

The City of Melbourne Heritage Review—December 2021 update

According to a City of Melbourne Media release (issued 18 November 2021) the City is moving to protect one of the city's oldest and most cherished neighbourhoods, with the release of the final **Carlton Heritage Review**.

More than 20 new sites in Carlton have been identified for heritage protection, including the much-loved Lincoln Square, the Chinese Church of Christ and a former manufacturing building at RMIT University.

Heritage portfolio lead Councillor Rohan Leppert said the Carlton heritage review is the latest in a series of independent expert reviews to identify and protect the city's heritage.

'We've been stepping up our protection for sites of significant heritage value to Melbourne, providing certainty and clarity to landowners, businesses and the community,' Cr Leppert said.

'As Melbourne continues to evolve and suburbs like Carlton attract more attention from developers, businesses and new residents, it's important that the Melbourne Planning Scheme reflects what is valued by the community. The Carlton Heritage Review will soon go to public exhibition, to ensure that proposed heritage protections meet public expectations.'

Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece said Carlton's unique history and character deserve the strongest level of heritage protection.



Former Children's Hospital Administration Block – 15-31 Pelham Street

'Everywhere you turn in Carlton there are architectural jewels and historic places, such as the site of the former Children's Hospital Precinct on Pelham Street.

Established in 1876, this was Victoria's principal hospital for children and paediatric care for almost 90 years.'

It is expected that this public exhibition will commence in February 2022, but for those CRA members with a commitment to Heritage, most (if not all) of the documents that will be exhibited in 2022 may be downloaded from the City of Melbourne website:

<https://www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/about-council/committees-meetings/meeting-archive/pages/Future-Melbourne-Committee-16-November-2021.aspx> (Agenda Item 6.3)

Most of the important files are included in the download Parts 2, 3 and 4.

Part 2 of 4 includes the Methodology Report, and the Thematic Environmental History (from p.47)

Part 3 of 4 includes the Revised Statement of Significance for the Carlton Precinct (from p.345), and

Part 4 of 4 Attachment 5 (from p.121) the Permanent Protection Files Am C405

Navigating these documents presents quite a challenge; there is considerable repetition, and some of the important files are 'split' between two parts (for example, the Citations for the Existing Heritage Places are spread over Parts 2 and 3). These Citations include Statements of Significance for the 'Individual' Heritage Overlays, which are also filed separately in the Permanent Protection Files (Am C405).

Further, the Revised Statement of Significance for the Carlton Precinct repeats much of the content from the Thematic Environmental History. For residents wanting to track how the Heritage Places have translated from the former letter gradings into the new Significant/Contributory Grading System will be disappointed. Unlike the West Melbourne Heritage Study, there is no comprehensive table that tracks ALL the grading translations.

From an initial assessment of this Carlton Heritage Review, the outcome can be summarised as:

The Good; the Not so Good and the Challenging.

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The Good

Many of the obvious gaps (highlighted in previous CRA Submissions) have been filled. For example, the former Hospital Buildings on Pelham, Rathdowne and Drummond Streets have now been formally recognised, and the Review has included citations for Carlton's historic squares.

The Not so Good

The Inventory now includes some quite contentious additions. For example, the former Royal Women's Hospital Car-park on Cardigan/Queensberry Street has been formally recognised. Some residents will be wondering how any place that is SO disrespectful of its fine-grained heritage context (Dorrit St) can justify a Significant Heritage Grading.

The Challenging

The incredibly small number of Individual Statements of Significance is both surprising and worrying. These Statements are intended to be the principal guide to the 'how' and 'why' a Place is regarded as Significant. For many (if not most) of our Significant Heritage Places, it will be impossible to ascertain from the Precinct wide



313 Drummond Street Masani Bistrot – One of many Significant Heritage Places in the Carlton Precinct without a Statement of Significance

Statement of Significance, the answer to these questions with any precision.

Ewan Ogilvy (this contribution may not reflect the views of the Association) 28 November 2021

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Find a membership form [here](#)

Volunteer as the CRA Membership Officer:

This is an urgent request:

If you are able to offer your services to CRA in this way please email:

carltonresidents@gmail.com

with subject: Membership Officer



A word from: Mary-Lou Howie
President, Friends of Queen Victoria Market Inc
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Are you feeling silenced, pressured, excluded from City of Melbourne (CoM) decision-making process because there is insufficient time to respond to matters that concern your community needs?

City of Melbourne constituents are given only two and a half working days to scrutinise agendas and attachments, often relating to major planning decisions, before Future Melbourne Committee (FMC). This gives little time to digest the material, assess the implications, contact and discuss with experts and neighbours, then compile coherent written submissions in the short-allocated timeframe. Often the documents exceed 100 pages in full.

Currently agenda papers are made available to the public on Thursday afternoon at 2.30pm on the week prior to the Council meeting. Deadline for submissions is 10am on the following Tuesday, the day of the meeting. Members of the community have work and private commitments that prevent us devoting the time required to give a properly considered response.

Friends of Queen Victoria Market are encouraging City of Melbourne (CoM) constituents to email CoM Councillors and the CoM CEO requesting that, in the interests of genuine community consultation, Council meeting processes allow 10 working days between release of Council documents and the deadline for constituent submissions. Such changes would actually support community engagement and result in better informed decisions by Councillors.

Contrary to the CoM “Draft Inclusive Melbourne Strategy 2021-31 for community engagement” unanimously endorsed at the Future Melbourne Committee meeting on the 19 October 2021:

‘Priority 3, Empowered, participatory communities: We want to encourage participation from all community members, ensuring that people feel heard and their needs are addressed.....People have the capacity to identify local needs and are empowered to lead change in their neighbourhoods. ... All people can participate in city decision-making.’ the community feels devalued and dismissed.’

The City of Melbourne's has much work to do in walking the talk in empowering and engaging their communities in decision-making.

If you wish to make contact as suggested above, the following email addresses are appropriate.

Lord Mayor Sally Capp: sally.capp@melbourne.vic.gov.au

Acting CEO, CoM, Alison Leighton: alison.leighton@melbourne.vic.gov.au

All Councillors have the same email pattern

City of Melbourne - Christmas, New Year Celebrations

Christmas in Argyle Square

Argyle Square's Christmas makeover (dotted with nutcracker soldiers, pretty festive lights, and even an icicle throne) makes it the perfect spot for a balmy evening movie and picnic with provisions from Lygon Street's famous delis, restaurants and gelateria.



AND

Christmas Cinema

Sat 4 Dec: National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation (M)

Sat 11 Dec: Elf (G)

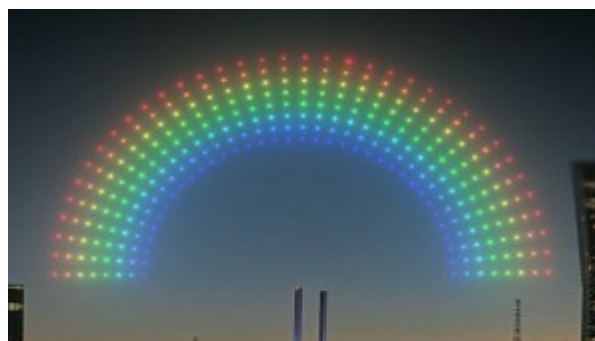
Sat 18 Dec: The Polar Express (G)

Read more [here](#)

Spectacular drone swarm coming to Melbourne New Years Eve

Lord Mayor Sally Capp says:

“With 350 drones lighting up the sky – this will be one of the first drone shows of this scale to ever take place in the southern hemisphere.” Read more [here](#).



From local councillor and Carlton Resident

Cr Dr Olivia Ball, writes:

Friends and neighbours,

I have just passed the one-year mark of my 4-year term as one of your elected Councillors at the City of Melbourne. Perhaps the most striking thing from my first year is how large and complex our local government is. I'm glad to be able to share news with you which hints at the breadth of Council activity in and around Carlton.

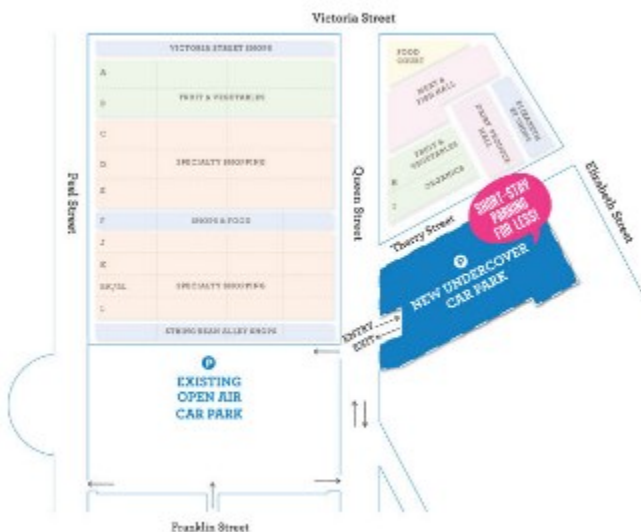
New libraries at the Vic Market

Bibliophiles and foodies will welcome two new libraries in the immediate vicinity of the Vic Market: one a short-term, food-themed 'pop-up' library to entice market visitors; and the other – further down the track – will be a new municipal library at the 'Munro' corner of Queen and Therry Streets.

Be sure to visit the 'Feed Your Mind' pop-up library open now until mid-2022 at 510 Elizabeth St opposite the market. It will host author talks, history walks, book clubs and workshops and boasts 1,400 brand new food-themed books and materials available to borrow. The library also features a 'Make-it Space' and equipment for on-site use and/or loan, such as sewing machines, laser cutters, badge makers, robotics kits, microphones and drawing tablets. The temporary library is a joint initiative of Council and the state government.



Market Square park



With an [undercover carpark](#) built to replace the open-air carpark to the south of the Vic Market, we have a rare opportunity to create new public open space for inner Melbourne. The new Market Square will transform a portion of the asphalt carpark on the Queen Street side into a temporary park (for approx. 2 years) brought to life with a rolling program of live music, community events and recreational activities.

2021 Carlton Heritage Review

A major objective of our Council Plan 2021-25 is to ensure heritage protection is complete and up to date. The latest heritage review covers Carlton, recommending 24 twentieth-century buildings for protection.

[The report itself](#) contains some fascinating local history and painstaking research, available on the Council website.

Shopfront 'activations' in and around Lygon St

The Lygon Street precinct is a priority as we support renewal and recovery after the pandemic which hit our hospitality businesses so hard. The City of Melbourne is partnering with the state government to 're-activate' Carlton's vacant shopfronts with new businesses, creativity and innovation.

[The activation programme](#)

[Activation of Lygon Street](#)

We are on the lookout for tenants wanting a low-cost, short-term or flexible arrangement of up to 12 months. Equally, if you are looking to fill a vacant space, get in touch: 9658 9658 or email nick@theplaceagency.com

Power Melbourne

Council has just adopted an ambitious new plan to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions. Having already reduced Council's own emissions by [76% over 8 years](#), in large part through the joint purchase of a wind farm, we now aim to wean Council operations entirely off fossil fuels by 2030 and achieve net zero emissions for the entire municipality by 2040.

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A key part of that will be a network of neighbourhood-scale batteries across the city to store the renewable energy we are harvesting, starting with existing municipal infrastructure like the solar panels on the roof of the Vic Market. The Council has allocated \$300,000 in this year's budget to pilot a community battery project we're calling 'Power Melbourne'.

Melbourne City Baths refurbishment



Restoration works to our heritage-listed City Baths are complete in time to reopen after lockdown. Australia's oldest public baths – a grand Edwardian Baroque building dating from 1860 – receives over 200,000 visits in a normal year. The timber roof, ornamental turrets and skylights have been refurbished, the zinc fish-scale tiles on the cupolas repaired, and the red brickwork tuck-pointed. The

reception has been upgraded to be fully accessible.

Melbourne City Baths is on the corner of Swanston, Franklin and Victoria Sts. Opening hours and fitness offerings: www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/community/sports-recreation/melbourne-city-baths/

Melbourne is coming back to life!

There is so much happening in Melbourne as we spring back to life. My three best tips to keep pace with all that's going on:

- Subscribe to a weekly email of events, discounts and offers at Whats On Melbourne: whatson.melbourne.vic.gov.au Scroll down to enter your email address.
- Sign up for notifications from 'Participate Melbourne'. Council is always keen for your views on what we're doing and planning: participate.melbourne.vic.gov.au
- Get yourself vaccinated: 3 times! Whether you've had AstraZeneca or Pfizer, we are now told it's a 3-dose vaccine, so book in for your third dose six months after the date of your second. [Some people are eligible earlier](#). Ask at your GP or phone **1800 675 398** any day between 8am-8pm. Press 0 for an interpreter.

Community News

Carlton community update from your State MP Ellen Sandell

Stunning new facilities at Carlton Primary School

It was such a pleasure to tour the newly built campus of Carlton Primary School recently. The school boasts an incredible amount of natural open space for kids to run and play in and even has a vegie patch and bush classroom so that students can learn outdoors surrounded by Australian native plants.

The school underwent a complete rebuild in 2019 and the new classrooms, sports facilities and playground equipment are state of the art. This is such a fantastic local school and with the new campus now open, I can't wait to see how much it will grow as people discover the new and upgraded facilities.



Ellen touring the new Carlton Primary School grounds with the school's Principal Julie Large.

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Ellen speaking at a protest outside the Park Hotel in Carlton.

Free the Park Hotel prisoners

The treatment of the asylum seekers being held inside the Park Hotel in Carlton is unfathomably cruel. After eight years in detention, at least 21 of these people have now been diagnosed with COVID and have been provided very inadequate medical care. COVID safety protocols have been very lacking, despite repeated warnings to the Government.

I know that this is not how the Carlton community wants to see

refugees and asylum seekers treated. I've asked the Victorian Government to urgently advocate to the Federal Government in the strongest possible terms to release these people from this hotel prison immediately, and I will continue to advocate for better treatment for refugees and people seeking asylum in our state.

Have a safe and happy holiday season

Wishing everyone a safe and happy summer. After the year (2 years!) we've had, I hope that everyone is able to spend some time with loved ones, celebrate, relax and rejuvenate in whatever way makes you happy.

Get in touch

My team and I are always available to help. If you have any questions or feedback, please get in touch at office@ellensandell.com

Some local history - from the Carlton Community History Group

Banks and Banking in Carlton

Carlton now has five bank branches located in a short stretch of Lygon Street, near Grattan Street. With the advent of online banking and, more recently, the impact of the COVID 19 pandemic, these remaining operational branches may well suffer the same fate as other "bricks & mortar" branches that have closed in the city and suburbs. However, Carlton has some wonderful surviving examples of former bank buildings and they can tell stories of the boom and bust days of banking in the 19th century.

Open the link to read the newsletter: <http://www.cchg.asn.au/newsletter23.pdf>

This Newsletter is produced and distributed four times a year. Each edition highlights a different topic relevant to the history of Carlton. If you would like to be put on the mailing list, email the Carlton Community History Group at cchg@v7mail.com or visit our website www.cchg.asn.au

Other topics:

Carlton 83 Years Ago – The Bank Job
Gas Lighting in Carlton

The Salvation Army in Carlton
The Munster Arms now Dan O'Connell

The Fight for a Park

To wet your appetite

Walter John Wheatley and William Herbert Jensen had plans to rob the North Carlton branch of the English, Scottish and Australian Bank (E.S. and A.), on the corner of Nicholson and Richardson streets. The would-be robbers chickened out at the last minute and no money was stolen but, after a tip-off to police, both were arrested and charged. Wheatley and Jensen made two crucial errors that sealed their fate: they involved Mrs Stella Smith in their escape plan and they were carrying homemade bludgeons.

The initial hearing was held at Carlton Court in September 1938, then the case proceeded to the Court of General Sessions in October. In an unexpected turn of events, the trial was aborted after a member of the public approached a juror and spoke to him about the case. Judge Stretton discharged the jury, but apportioned no blame to the juror, who was the innocent victim of another person's action. At the retrial held in November 1938, both men were found guilty of conspiracy to rob the E. S. and A. Bank.