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CRA AGM was held Monday 21 February 2022

Once again the AGM was held over zoom. Not ideal, but still an opportunity to report to members with the Annual Report and the Financial Report. Thank you to those who attended.

The committee for the next 12 months was elected: Antoinette Sagaria (President), Trish O'Loughlin (Vice President), Lyn Cracknell (Secretary), Philip Watts (Treasurer), Peter Sanders and Blair Healy (Ordinary Committee Members). Thank you to these members for volunteering their time and service to the residents of Carlton. The Planning Committee welcomed Liz Pearce to the group.

The Annual Report can be found on the [CRA website](#).

The first meeting of the new committee took place on Monday 21 March.

Working Groups

Planning - Heritage

Heritage and Community: The Curtin Hotel

Known earlier as the Lygon Hotel and then the John Curtin Hotel, it is now the Curtin Hotel (the Curtin) but may soon be a pile of rubble following the entitled decision by its owner to sell. Yet another multistorey building is a probable future.

The Curtin is hardly an architectural gem but its heritage should be its saving. Until now it is unlikely to have been considered as having importance as a place or object. Lying in the shadow of the Trades Hall, its ordinary appearance belies the conversations, tears and laughter of some of the greats of national politics, the labour movement and the Labor Party.

Named after Australia's outstanding war-time leader, John Curtin was described by Gough Whitlam in glowing terms.

"If ever a man was born to lead this nation into a time of peace and in the paths of peace it was John Curtin. If ever a man was born to apply his vision of what Australia at peace could be, his vision of what Australia at peace should become in his time, he was John Curtin."

On a wall of the pub is a photograph of three Victorian premiers (Note: Shorten was not a premier so maybe the word 'leaders; would be better) (Bracks, Shorten and Andrews) having a beer in the Curtin around a photograph of one time habitué Bob Hawke, who gave away drink for Prime Ministership. This association of leading politicians endows the Curtin with characteristics of heritage which determine the importance of the place to the history and development of Carlton, Victoria and Australia.

Heritage is what the past has conceded to us, what we value in the present and what we choose to preserve for future generations. It adds character and distinctiveness to an area and enhances a community's sense of place. Heritage is a valuable property in the empowerment of local communities and encourages social and cultural life. New business and community development is motivated by an historical environment and links to the past sustain the maintenance of existing business and arouse the interest of new investors.

The Curtin is not just a pub. Its heritage is a light on the past and a beacon to the future. Carlton should encourage regeneration while identifying with colourful accounts of its local history. The argument is not just about heritage but the public benefit it affords to place, community and people.

Jeremy Hill
22/02/22



*Local residents Jackie Watts, Ian Bird, Philip Watts, Greta Bird and Jeremy Hill at the Curtin
Photo by Murray Enders*

Carlton Heritage Review

Carlton Heritage Review – Amendment C405 on public exhibition until 31 March.

It is the first comprehensive review of Carlton since the 1990s. The Review looked at a range of architectural styles from the 19th and 20th century and researched in detail the history of the buildings, streets and parks of Carlton.

You can access the Amendment Overview [here](#) and access all documents and make a submission through the Participate Melbourne page: <https://participate.melbourne.vic.gov.au/amendment-c405>

i-Heritage

The City of Melbourne's online database of heritage places is currently being updated. It provides details on individual buildings and contains properties included in conservation studies. Visit the site [here](#).

Heritage Review Update: Correction to December 2021 Newsflash Contribution

In the December update, it was noted that one of the challenging outcomes of the detailed Carlton Heritage Review concerned the paucity of Statements of Significance that had been prepared for those Heritage Places that had been designated as Significant.

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

Unfortunately, the image of the Masani Bistrot (313 Drummond St) did NOT exemplify this problem. Since this Heritage Place was included on the Victorian Heritage Register, it already had a Statement of Significance. Under these circumstances, there was no need for a new Statement to be prepared.



*Above: 170 Elgin St Carlton
– North West Corner of
Drummond Street. Former
bank c.1873*

*On the right: 331-335 Lygon
St Carlton – The Robin Boyd
facelift of Jimmy Watson's was
undertaken in the 1960's*



The following images do illustrate important Carlton Heritage Places for which no detailed (site specific) Statement of Significance has been provided.

La Storia is coming to Carlton (195 Cardigan Street)

CRA and City of Melbourne (CoM) objected to the original application for this development,



TP-2015-742, at 86 – 94 Pelham Street (Cnr Cardigan Street).

This is an area with a 4 storey height limit and significant heritage assets adjoining. VCAT issued a permit in August 2016, with minor concessions to CRA and CoM concerns.

For more information see the [CRA website](#): scroll down to 86 – 94 Pelham Street – TP-2015-742.

Community News

Local Councillor and Carlton Resident Cr Dr Olivia Ball writes

Friends and neighbours,

As always there is much going on in local government and much that is relevant to Carlton.

Council meeting in Carlton

On 15 February, Melbourne City Council was delighted to meet in Carlton, in ‘Melbourne Connect’ (pictured), the new Melbourne Uni building on Swanston, Grattan & Cardigan Streets where the Women’s Hospital used to be. It was the first time in living memory Council has met outside of Town Hall.

The occasion was actually a meeting of the Future Melbourne Committee (FMC), which is a delegated committee of Council composed of all the councillors, whose purpose is primarily to consider planning matters. On 15 February we also looked at [key issues and projects for Carlton](#), which I would encourage you to have a look at.

As usual, all public Council and FMC meetings are broadcast live online, with captioning, and are available as a recording afterwards, as a permanent, publicly accessible record of what’s going on in Council. All meeting dates, agendas, minutes, livestreams and recordings are available here: www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/about-council/committees-meetings/Pages/committees-meetings.aspx

M Pavilion in University Square



One thing that you won’t find in the Carlton ‘projects’ summary (above) is the proposal by Melbourne Uni to move a former ‘M Pavilion’ – an architect-designed, open-sided structure – into University Square for up to 10 years. This is not in the masterplan for University Square, but was approved by Council (FMC) in December.

Pictured here as it stood in Queen Victoria Gardens in 2019, with its white tensile membrane roof and concrete paver floor, the pavilion will not host live music, but be used for exhibitions, lectures and the like.

If you haven’t been to this year’s M Pavilion, it’s in the Queen Victoria Gardens opposite the NGV until 24 April. Check out the program of workshops, talks, performances and other great events, many of them free: mpavilion.org/program



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Distant Things Appear Suddenly Near

In the meantime, University Square is host to an art installation by Irish sculptor Sean Lynch, commissioned especially for this location. Called *Distant Things Appear Suddenly Near*, the ‘immersive’ artwork brings together a collection of items which ‘speak to the power of objects to revive memories and understandings of place.’ Lynch has combed through Council’s storage depots, selecting historical lampposts and bollards, combining them with contemporary traffic cones, a replica façade of the Corkman Irish pub which stood facing the park until it was illegally demolished in 2016 and elm logs that once grew in the square but were felled in 2017. It also incorporates the work of Iranian-Australian artist Hossein Valamanesh, whose 1997 public artwork *Faultline*, originally located on a bank of the Birrarung, had ended up in storage.



The installation will remain in the Square until mid-2023. Hear Lynch talk about this work here: dtasn.art

Food relief guide

Every year Council surveys around 3,000 local residents, students, visitors and workers, both by telephone and online, asking about a range of social indicators in order to understand our community and its needs. We have been shocked by the increase in food insecurity, rising from 1 in 4 people before the pandemic, to 1 in 3 in 2021.



Food insecurity can take a number of guises: reducing or skipping meals to make food go further, resorting to very cheap food with poor nutritional value, or worrying about not having enough food. At its worst, it means running out of food and not having enough money to buy more. Relying on food relief is itself a sign of food insecurity.

There are various community organisations which ‘rescue’ surplus food from going to waste, and others that provide food parcels and/or fresh meals to people who would otherwise go hungry.

Council has a role in supporting these agencies in their important work and ensuring people know where to find food relief when they need it. [Guide to where you can find food relief](#)

If you run a community food program in the City of Melbourne and want to be listed in the guide, or if you notice a listing needs updating, please [get in touch](#).

Council also helps subsidise community meals and offers grants to social enterprises. Find out what’s available [here](#).

Call to raise Jobseeker

Food relief is a symptom of food insecurity, not a solution. That’s why in this election year, the City of Melbourne is calling on the federal government to raise Jobseeker and all income support payments to a level above the poverty line.

Jobseeker (previously called Newstart) was raised to support people through the first year of the pandemic – lifting an estimated 470,000 Australians out of poverty – but the payment was cut again in 2021 to well below the poverty line. This choice by the Government left over a million more people living in poverty than in March 2020, including tens of thousands of children.

[Economist Matt Grudnoff](#) says the coronavirus supplement was the single most effective of any anti-poverty policy measure. “This shows that whether to leave Australians to live in poverty is a government choice.”

Find out more: raisetherate.org.au

Italian Festa
3 April 2022



Argyle Square
10am to 9pm

Carlton community update from your State MP Ellen Sandell

New bike lanes for Royal Parade and Flemington Road

For several years, I've been advocating loudly to the State Government to fix the bike lanes on Royal Parade and Flemington Road. They are some of the most unsafe bike routes in the inner city, with bikes squished between moving vehicles and parked cars, and a high rate of awful injuries and accidents.

These are important routes for people getting to and from the CBD from Kensington, Flemington, North Melbourne, Parkville, Carlton, and further afield. We know that safer bike lanes mean less congestion on our roads so it's easier for both cars and cyclists to get around, and cycling is good for our health and environment too.



In my last few meetings with the Treasurer and Transport Minister, I have given them fully-costed plans for proper separated bike lanes on these roads and asked that they be funded in the Budget. Therefore, I was so pleased to see that the State Government recently announced Royal Parade (southbound) and Flemington Road have been earmarked for pop-up bike lanes.

However, the plan is not final, and is open for community consultation before an ultimate decision is made. The Government also hasn't yet decided what 'treatments' they will use - that is, whether the lanes will just be painted green, or whether they'll be proper safe separated bike lanes.

Credit also goes to the City of Melbourne, especially our Greens Councillors Rohan Leppert and Olivia Ball (and previous Councillor Cathy Oke) who have worked hard to advocate for this. The City of Melbourne will actually be part or fully funding many of these bike lanes, with a decent chunk of money hopefully provided by the State Government.

To make these bike lanes a reality, we need your help! Please go to vicroads.vic.gov.au/pop-up-bike-lanes and tell the State Government we urgently need proper safe separated bike lanes on Royal Parade and Flemington Road.

How can we improve schools in Carlton?



Our community has some great local schools. I was pleased to recently tour the wonderful new facilities at Carlton Primary School, and I'm working closely with Carlton North Primary School on getting funding for some urgent repairs and upgrades.

Right now, I'm running a survey for parents to let me know what they love about our local schools, and what we could do to make them even better. I'll use this information to advocate to Parliament for the things our schools need.

If you're a local Carlton parent, I'd love to hear your thoughts: ellensandell.com/carlton-schools-survey

As always, if there's anything I can help you with, please get in touch: office@ellensandell.com.

News from Friends of Queen Victoria Market.

Luke Hilakari, Secretary of Victorian Trades Hall Council, has been appointed to the Queen Victoria Market P/L Board. Friends of QVM congratulate Luke on his recent appointment. He is a regular customer at QVM and knows many of the traders.

In a press conference defending the soon to close John Curtin Hotel opposite Trades Hall, Luke forcefully voiced his commitment to protecting Victoria's heritage, and reminded us that it was the Union Green Bans which saved the Vic Market in the 70s along with the City Baths, the Princess Theatre and other historic buildings. He reminded developers, who may be thinking of demolishing the pub, of the power of the unions to protect the hotel's social heritage.

A green ban is a form of strike action, usually taken by a trade union or other organised labour group, which is conducted for environmentalist or conservation purposes. They were mainly imposed in the 1970s, led by the old Builders Labourers Federation (BLF) (at the request of, and in support of residents' groups) to protect parkland, low-income housing and buildings of historical significance.

In 1973 Jack Munday coined the term "green ban" to distinguish them from the traditional union "black bans".

The BLF fought successful campaigns which became known as the green bans against development projects which it viewed as harmful to the built and natural environment of Sydney and Melbourne. They also took up other causes, such as Aboriginal rights, anti-war campaigns and support for pensioners.

The old BLF morphed into a large amalgamated union, the CFMEU. At the last City of Melbourne election, CFMEU's Elizabeth Doidge was elected as a councillor.



You can find the video clip of Luke speaking on the Friends of Queen Victoria Market's Facebook page by simply using our very new QR code and scrolling down to a post on 18 February. The QR code will take you directly to the Facebook site which now means you do not have to have a Facebook account to access our posts to get Vic Market news.

All for now.

Mary-Lou Howie

President, Friends of Queen Victoria Market Inc

www.facebook.com/FriendsofQueenVictoriaMarket



Luke Hilakari defends the John Curtin Hotel

Now is the time to renew your CRA membership or join:

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

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.

coffee machine technologies

Now in Carlton

We have a new arrival in Carlton, Coffee Machine Technologies, who have opened a gleaming polished showroom at the old Country Road site at the corner on Lygon and Faraday Streets, opposite King and Godfreys.

After looking for many months for the right site, the company moved its flagship Melbourne store from Docklands to Carlton in early February. As well as retailing its own full range of Italian and European coffee machines for both domestic and commercial purposes, it will also be offering from April 1st (after permits have been obtained), expert, barista brewed coffee, Italian style gourmet paninis and cannoli to all those demanding Carlton coffee “aficionados”.

Started in 2005 by John and Connie Colangeli, Coffee Machine Technologies are now Australia’s leading supplier of high-end coffee machines of all types, plus grinders and accessories. Importing direct from the manufacturers and they have all the very latest machines.



Over 30 brands are offered, including such famous names as Elektra (Italy), Rocket (Italy), ECM (Germany), Ditting (Switzerland), Saeco (Italy) and Gaggia (Italy).

In addition to selling equipment, they have an Australia wide team of technical experts to service, repair and refurbish all brands of machines. Service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Check out their website at –
www.coffeemachinetechologies.com.au.

Or go into the slick, well-lit showroom and meet Carmelo Corallo who will guide you through the many options and recommend the right machine for all your needs. More than 50 machines are on display and the choice is amazing.

Get the right advice on the right machine for you, no pressure, just expertise on everything you need to know about coffee.

So far there have been no responses to this urgent request to volunteer as the CRA Membership Officer:

To offer your services to CRA in this way please email:
carltonresidents@gmail.com