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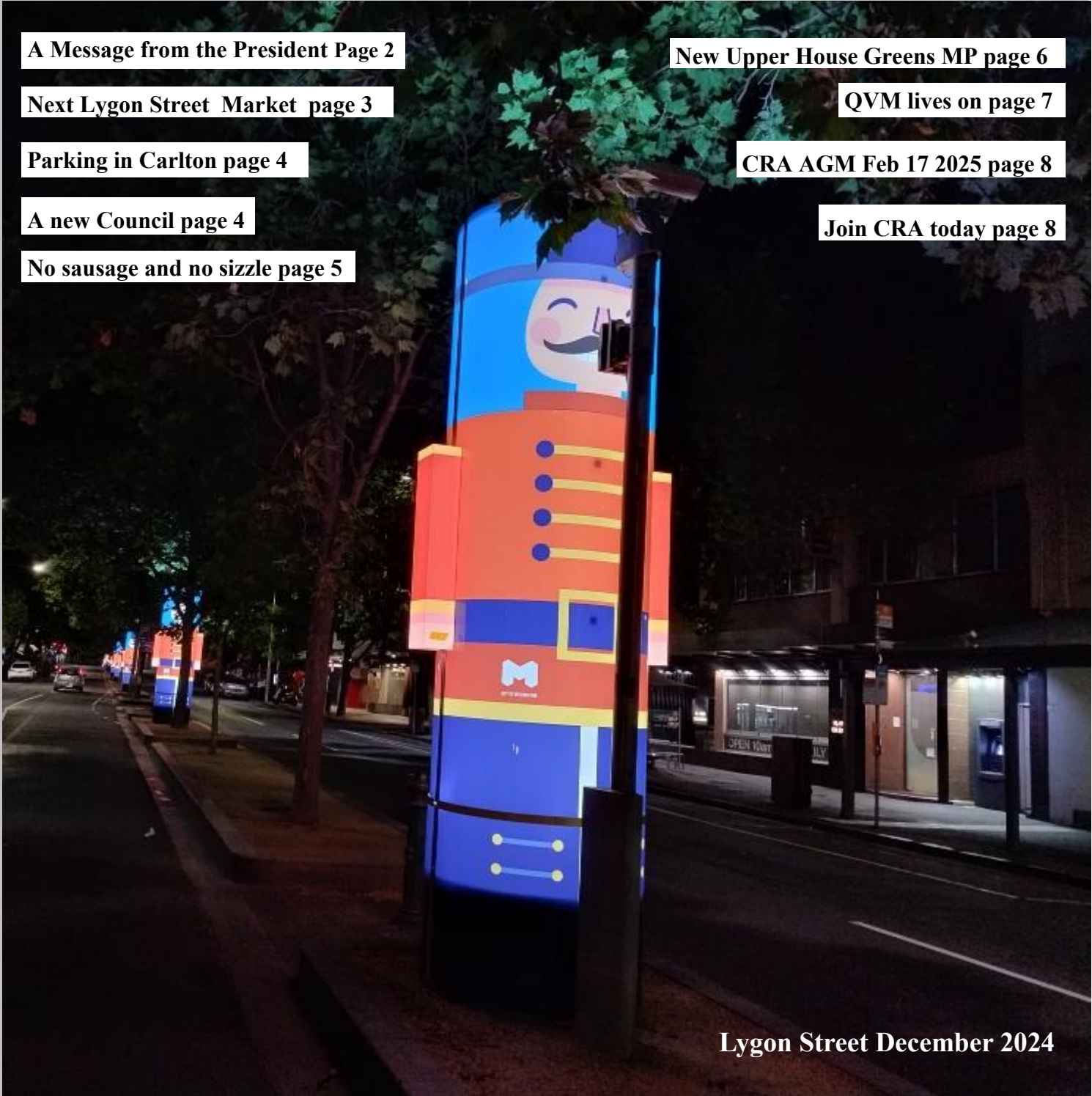
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A Letter from the President—Trish O’Loughlin

Dear Residents of Carlton,

As we approach the close of 2024, I want to reflect on the year that has passed and share some of the key challenges and achievements that have shaped our community. It has been a year of hard work, dedication, and resilience, and I am proud of all that we’ve accomplished together.

Carlton Conversations:

A Success

We also saw the continued success of the Carlton Conversations. This has been a way to meet together socially, as well as having a prominent local resident give a talk on their career and share a meal together afterwards. This program has also provided a social platform for residents to voice their concerns and share ideas. The feedback we’ve received has encouraged us to continue this next year.



*Trish O’Loughlin , with
the Caprioli family Bev, Debra, Lara
Carlton Conversations 19 November*

[Inner City News some history of University Café](#)

Carlton’s Cleanliness and Lygon Street Improvements

Our efforts to maintain a clean and green environment in Carlton have been ongoing, and I am pleased to report that the area is looking better. Significant strides have been made improving the cleanliness of our streets, with more frequent waste collection and initiatives to encourage responsible waste disposal. Changes to parking still remains a challenge.

In addition to this, improvements to Lygon Street have been a key focus this year. We’ve collaborated with Carlton Inc. to start the Lygon St. Market on the 1st Sunday of the month and are making exciting plans for Lygon Street to be a more enjoyable and accessible place for all. It’s heartening to see the positive changes taking root after the disaster of Covid, with the street becoming once again a hub of activity for residents and visitors alike.

Challenges in Affordable Housing Advocacy

However, not all has been easy. One of the most significant challenges we’ve faced in 2024 has been advocating for affordable housing. With the increasing demand for housing in our area, the need for accessible, affordable options has never been more urgent. We are fighting to ensure that affordable housing remains a priority in local development plans, but the path has been fraught with obstacles. We remain committed to finding solutions that work for everyone.

Watching for Inappropriate Development

Alongside these priorities, we’ve had to remain vigilant in monitoring inappropriate development within Carlton. The challenge of protecting our community from developments that do not align with our values has been ever-present. Whether it’s through advocacy, planning controls, or public consultation, we continue to work hard to preserve the character of Carlton.

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Protecting Heritage Controls

Ensuring that our heritage protections remain strong has been a critical focus. We've been closely watching proposed changes to heritage controls in Carlton to make sure that the distinctive architecture and cultural significance of our area are preserved for future generations. This ongoing effort requires careful attention and dedication, as we strive to balance development with the preservation of what makes Carlton so special.

Juggling Our Five Top Priorities, these shape the direction of our work.

- 1. Retaining a HERITAGE FEEL & CHALLENGING inappropriate development**
- 2. Improving the GREEN ASPECT of parks and streetscapes.**
- 3. Improving the SAFETY, MOBILITY and WALKABILITY of CARLTON.**
- 4. Minimising TRAFFIC and NOISE.**
- 5. Advocating for AFFORDABLE HOUSING in the community.**

Juggling these priorities has been no small feat, but our determination to maintain a balanced approach has been key in ensuring that no area is neglected.

Welcoming Our New Lord Mayor and Councillors

One of the highlights of the year was the appointment of our new Lord Mayor, Nick Reece and MCC Councillors. His leadership has been a welcome addition to our city, bringing fresh perspectives and



Trish O'Loughlin (CRA), Lord Mayor Nick Reece, Adam Ferrante (Makers Market), Sergio Alderuccio (Calrton Inc)

a commitment to addressing the issues that matter most to us here in Carlton. We look forward to seeing how his vision will continue to shape our community in the four years ahead.

In conclusion, while 2024 has brought its fair share of challenges, it has also been a year of achievement. We have made progress, but as always there is still work to be done. As we look ahead to 2025, I remain optimistic about the future of our community and excited about the possibilities that lie ahead.

I want to give a huge thank you to our Committee and the Planning Committee for your continued support and engagement. Together, we will continue to make Carlton a better place for all.

Wishing you all a joyful and peaceful Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Warm Regards, Trish O'Loughlin.



**Next
Lygon
Street
Market
Saturday
February 8 2025
Argyle Square**



Mobility

Parking

Aurora Scott is an Engagement officer @ City of Melbourne working with the parking team. She attended the October Committee meeting and has offered the following information regarding parking in Carlton.

The parking improvements to Carlton precinct were rolled out from August 2024. The changes are not ‘set and forget’ and will be reviewed within a year to make sure the new parking conditions are working well.

Have your say

You can have your say anytime, for any neighbourhood in the City of Melbourne on the [Participate Melbourne Parking reviews](#) page where the survey can also be accessed

The feedback goes to reviews and to the working group in order to track the progress in Carlton

- * [No Parking signs](#): pick up and drop off
- * [Accessible Bay map](#)

Scroll down on the following pages to access information for Carlton

- * [Better Parking](#) page has information on:
 - [Parking and Kerbside Management](#)
 - [Parking Improvement Works](#)
 - [Neighbourhood Parking Reviews](#)



Always check the signs when you park to see what conditions apply.

Email is the most direct contact method.

Aurora Scott contact: parkingstrategy@melbourne.vic.gov.au

Topical Issues

City of Melbourne - CoM - your closest level of government

Cr Dr Olivia Ball, local resident and City of Melbourne Councillor

Friends and neighbours,
I am delighted to be back to serve my community for another 4 years on Melbourne City Council. Here we are on the day the new Council was sworn in, in the old chamber at Melbourne Town Hall.



*From left to right: Andrew Rowse,
Raf Camillo,
Owen Guest,
Roshena Campbell,
Davydd Griffiths,
Nick Reece,
Mark Scott,
Gladys Liu,
Kevin Louey
Olivia Ball
(Phil Le Liu was absent)*

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What can I tell you about the new Council? Six councillors are returning/re-elected, while 5 are new. Four of last term's councillors did not recontest.

Only 3 out of the 11 are women; down from 4 last term and 5 the term before.

As you will surely know, Nick Reece (ALP) was elected Lord Mayor of Melbourne, with Roshena Campbell (Lib) elected Deputy Lord Mayor. Two further Councillors were elected on the Team Reece ticket: 'father of the house' Kevin Louey and Vic Market trader Mark Scott.

All remaining 7 councillors are each from separate tickets competing in the election:

Owen Guest (Lib), myself (Greens), Gladys Liu (Team Kouta), Phil Le Liu (Team Wood), Rafael Camillo (Gary Morgan), Andrew Rowse (Independent) and Davydd Griffiths (ALP).

We were welcomed to Country with a smoking ceremony by Wurundjeri elder Uncle Colin Hunter, and sworn into office on 19 November, and will hold our [first Council meeting of the term on 26 November](#). We have 8 days of induction training as a Council. We can hope the City of Melbourne's motto holds true: *vires acquirit eundo*, 'we gather strength as we go' (borrowed from Virgil's *Aeneid*, 19 B.C.E).

A new history of the City of Melbourne

At this milestone when we are focussed on the future of Melbourne, may I commend to you the latest history of the municipality. Written by independent professional historian Dr Amanda Lourie, it's a 50-page truth-telling [submission to the Yoorrook Justice Commission](#).

The truth commission is not just for First Nations Victorians to commit their experiences to the public record. It's also an opportunity for institutions to re-examine their history and their impact on the First Peoples of this place.

Before federation in 1901, before the founding of the colony of Victoria in 1851, the City of Melbourne was the first colonial government in the place known as narm on Wurundjeri and Bunurong Country. Amanda has dug into public archives and unearthed lesser-known events in the history of Melbourne Town Council – which soon became Melbourne City Council – from its first meeting in a pub in 1842, to the present day.

I don't think anyone has written this history before, so it's likely no-one has hitherto known all the events recounted in this document. It's something all Melburnians should know.

Olivia is a human rights professional and passionate Carlton local

No sausage and no sizzle - 2024 Melbourne City Council Election.



It was not that long ago we lined up at a local polling booth to cast a vote for our preferred local council candidate. Waiting in the line was for many distracted by a sausage in a slice of bread provided at minimal cost by a local club or organisation.

It raised funds, satisfied the hunger and took time off waiting in the line. The democracy sausage as it became known in the 1980's satisfied the hunger for democracy.

The polling booth at a local school, community centre or church was a community event even though it involved a personal and private vote for a preferred candidate.

The polling booth also required candidates to have local supporters to hand out how to vote cards in a last minute attempt to influence voters.

The sausage together with the polling booth were a very local thing! It became synonymous with democracy and built a sense of community.

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The recently held Melbourne City Council election lacked the sizzle. Only two thirds of votes were received and 5% were informal.

The general view was that the campaigns failed to interest voters and information on the Teams was limited to the Lord Mayoral candidate.

The campaigns also provided no vision for the city’s future nor policies that reflected the interests and needs of residents and local business.

The election however did shine a blinding light on the electoral provisions of the City of Melbourne Act and revealed their shortcomings and pitfalls.

During the election campaign it became pretty obvious that funding and preference deals provided the best insight into the motivation, credibility and suitability of candidates running for the Council and also skewed the result.

The source of election funding was hidden with most candidates declining to have the amount and source of their funding announced until 40 days after the election result.

No doubt the benefactors and the beneficiaries of the successful campaigns will be revealed in conflict of interest declarations in future council decision making.

The Age Editorial on 16 October 2024 called for reform of the City of Melbourne Act: ‘The ‘Voting system must change, It’s not a preference, it’s a demand’.

The editorial reported on the backroom deals and preference flows between candidates that it said could result in an unexpected Lord Mayor for Melbourne. ‘As The Age’s reports have made manifestly clear reform is needed. To do nothing is to cast integrity out the window’.

Then on October 19, 2024 The Age Editorial asked ‘Who’s the best for Melbourne? The Age cannot endorse mayoral candidates’.

It revealed that the leading Lord Mayoral Team leaders were unwilling to accept The Age’s invitation to reveal their campaign donors in real time. It went on to say that transparency in this campaign has been severely lacking, including for party membership. The complex flow of preferences it stated results in unexpected and unintended outcomes.

The election campaign has resulted in calls for a review and reform of the City of Melbourne Act and its electoral provisions.

We need electoral provisions that return the City of Melbourne to real democracy.

We need one vote one value, the reintroduction of Wards, attendance voting and the election of the Lord Mayor and Deputy Lord Mayor by the council.

The Carlton Residents Association is well prepared to represent the interests of its members and friends over the next 4 years with its ‘Agenda for Carlton’ providing a platform for its advocacy role to the Council.

[CRA Agenda for Carlton 2024 2025](#)

Meet your new Upper House Greens MP - Anasina Gray-Barberio

Ellen Sandell, State MP for Melbourne

I’m excited to introduce Anasina Gray-Barberio - our newest Victorian Greens MP.

Anasina works in social services across our diverse northern suburbs. She is incredibly proud of her Samoan heritage and is a strong and dedicated advocate for Pasefika communities across Melbourne, making sure their voices are heard on issues like health, education and climate change.

In November, Anasina became the newest Greens MP in Victoria - stepping in to replace Samantha Ratnam, who is running for Federal Parliament in the seat of Wills (which includes the suburbs of Brunswick, Coburg, Pascoe Vale, Fawkner, Glenroy and surrounds.)

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Anasina is going to be an incredible MP for the Northern Metropolitan Region and I'm excited for the community to get to know her.

"I'm very proud and honoured to be your new representative for Northern Metro," says Anasina. "I'm from the Pacific Islands and I'm so grateful to bring my passion and lived experience to Parliament to address the climate emergency that's unfolding in our Pacific region."



Anasina Gray-Baberio with Ellen Sandell

"The frequency with which climate disasters are happening everywhere,

including here in Victoria, shows that the climate crisis is already at our doorstep. Our people's survival is on the line. Their stories are important and need to be amplified."

Anasina's perspective and experience is crucial, especially as we continue to see the Labor State Government's alarming trend of approving new fossil fuel projects. With more than a dozen new gas projects in the pipeline, local communities are forced to fight off disastrous projects time and time again. Near Geelong, the local community is again having to fight a giant gas terminal proposed for Corio Bay - a project that has already been rejected once. The Greens are amplifying the community's opposition in Parliament.

Community pressure is a powerful force for change. Recently, fossil fuel giant TGS pulled out of what would have been the world's largest seismic blasting project here in the Otway Basin, on Southern Sea Country, following immense community pressure. This project would have caused catastrophic harm to the marine environment to search for new oil and gas under the sea floor. Years of opposition from First Nations groups, ocean lovers, and the Greens has paid off.

But communities shouldn't have to do this work. Governments shouldn't be approving new fossil fuel projects in the first place. We are in a climate crisis. We don't need any more oil and gas. In fact, Victoria exports more gas than we could ever use.

Anasina's background as a community advocate and her deep understanding of climate issues will be an incredible asset as we continue to push the Labor government to prioritise people and planet, not fossil fuel profits.

Mary-Lou Howie - President, Friends of Queen Victoria Market Inc writes



Going into the festive season we are jubilant that Queen Victoria Market is open for business and car accessible. The car park is now fully open: Testing Grounds gone. Car park construction gone. Franklin Street exit open. We are hoping the new Council will open east-bound traffic on Franklin St from Peel St in early December.

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This back peddling has come about due to the Federal Government's intervention. A Controlled Action was declared that halted all Lendlease construction which was due to start in October. The Federal Government responded to our urging to step in to protect a National Heritage site, the Queen Victoria Market. Our voice has been heard. This does not happen often.

We congratulate Nick Reece becoming the new Lord Mayor. We look forward to a cooperative relationship with him regarding the future of our Market.

Queen Victoria Market offers a cornucopia for all Christmas needs at the lowest prices. The fruit and vegetables are the most diverse and freshest in Melbourne. The vibrant Market experience is a festivity all by itself. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Wishing you the very best for the festive season and Happy New Year from Friends of Queen Victoria Market.

<https://www.friendsofqvm.org>

www.facebook.com/friendsofqueenvictoriamarket

CRA AGM 2025

Date: Monday 17 February 2025

Venue: The studio Melbourne Connect, 700 Swanston St

Access the venue from Cardigan St or Swanston St –

The Studio is on ground level, on the north side of the open space

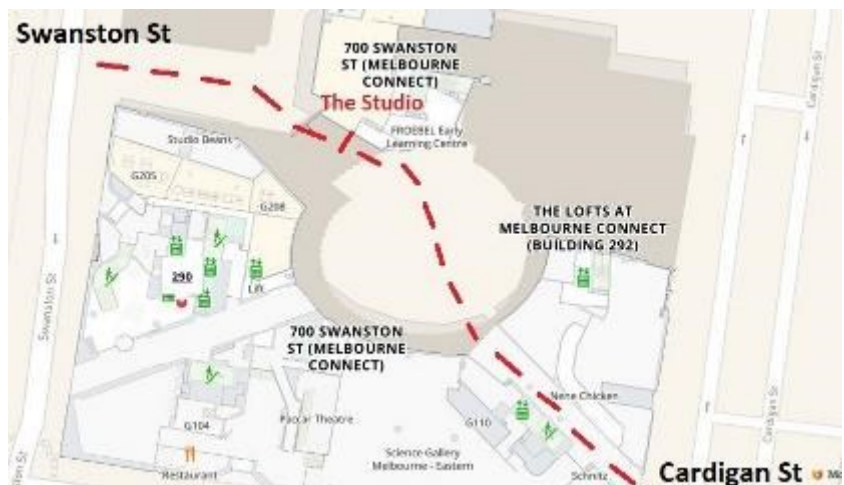
Time: Beginning 6pm and finishing by 7.15pm

Business:

Review CRA activities for 2024

Report on CRA proposals for 2025

Elect the committee for 2025



Renew your membership now to be ready to cast your vote at the AGM

<https://www.carltonresidents.org.au/cra-2012/join/>

CRA membership renew or join now:

Use Trybooking: <https://www.trybooking.com/CWHNC>

OR, for payment - CRA Direct Credit Details:

Bendigo Bank, BSB: 633 000 Account No. 146960570.

Please ensure all details, especially your name, are included for EFT membership payments.