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## **AGM**

**The Annual General meeting of the Carlton Residents Association** was held on 20 February 2017 at the Kathleen Syme Library and Community Centre (KSLCC).

The Annual report highlighted the areas in which CRA action has played a major part over 2016. The report can be accessed on the CRA website. <http://carltonresidents.org.au/about-us/#annualreports>

The most significant highlights were the establishment of the new Toy Library, opened in Cardigan Street, and a better outcome negotiated on the King and Godfree development.

In addition, two candidate forums were held, strategic planning issues were addressed and the Forward Planning Group developed a medium-term plan for the Association.

Of major importance has been the demolition of the Corkman/ Carlton Inn, as many planning anomalies have been highlighted. This remains an on-going issue in which CRA is active.



**The Guest speaker**, Mark Rubbo of Readings, spoke engagingly of his ‘Carlton Experience’ from the time his family moved to Melbourne in the fifties. His first venture, when 22, was ‘Professor Long Ears Music Shop’, selling records in Elgin Street.

Mark took over Readings from Ross and Dorothy Readings in 1972, moving up and down Lygon Street over the years. As Mark said, “the 70s were great times, with more money available for the arts and the number of university students increasing rapidly.”

Mark kept reminding the audience that ‘Carlton Changes the world’, ‘Carlton is the Centre’.

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### Planning

#### *Heritage Review – City of Melbourne* Amendment C258 to the Melbourne Planning Scheme

The City of Melbourne Heritage Review proposals are scheduled to be exhibited in March this year. **If you are interested in all things concerning Heritage [or some!] ... buildings, streetscapes, precincts etc ... this review is for you.**

There are several components of this Review:

- The large Carlton Heritage Precinct has a new Statement of Significance
- All the Heritage Places that were previously graded as A, B, C etc have now been given new classifications, and
- There are two new Policies to guide the City when assessing: proposals to demolish heritage places, additions to heritage places and new buildings in heritage precincts.

The public exhibition of Amendment C258 (which also includes the West Melbourne Heritage Review) will be broad and extensive. According to the City of Melbourne, there will be ample opportunity for the community to understand the proposals and ask questions, via information sessions and other methods, and to inform submissions.

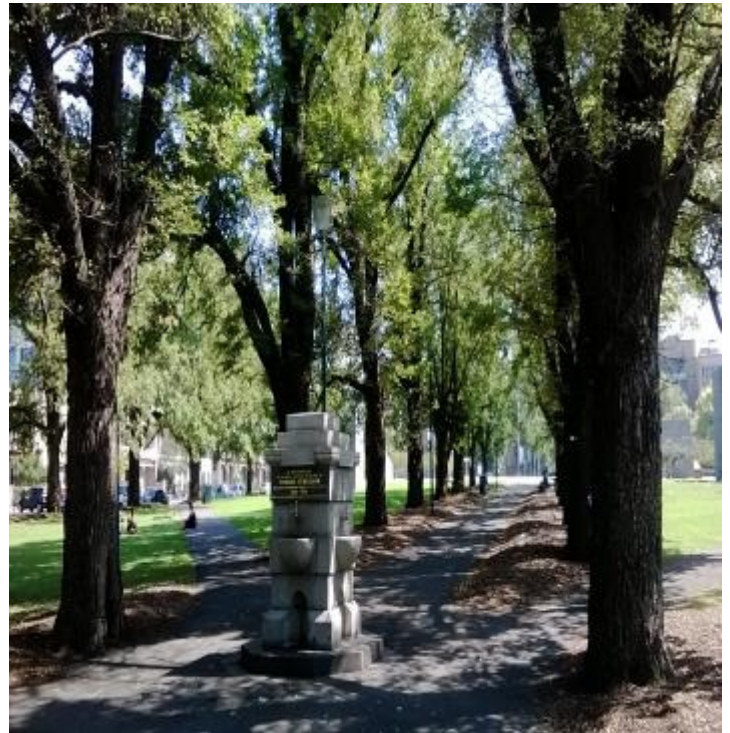
Following the exhibition, there will be opportunities to address the Future Melbourne Committee and make submissions to an independent planning panel. Council will consider all submissions and may make changes to the Amendment before deciding whether to seek final approval from the Minister for Planning.

The exhibition will run for a period of 6 weeks. All owners of properties currently in a Heritage Overlay, all owners of properties in West Melbourne, resident groups, heritage groups and all other relevant stakeholders will receive a letter and/or email notifying them of the details of the public exhibition.

Further information about Amendment C258 and the Council's heritage program can be found online at [melbourne.vic.gov.au](http://melbourne.vic.gov.au). If you have any questions, please contact Maree Fewster, Senior Strategic Planner at [maree.fewster@melbourne.vic.gov.au](mailto:maree.fewster@melbourne.vic.gov.au) or on 03 9658 9072.

**While the CRA Planning Group is intending to prepare a submission, given the scale of the task, members of the Association interested in heritage**

**matters should consider making individual submissions too. It will not be possible for the Planning Group to review all of the heritage issues addressed by the Amendment.**



*The Thomas Ferguson Memorial Drinking Fountain – University Square [Photo – Ewan Ogilvy]*

### *CoM Planning Applications*

Each month, the CRA's planning sub-committee considers the previous month's planning applications for the area of 3053 postcode taking particular note of:

- Overlooking or any other loss of amenity to neighbouring properties
- Loss of amenity to the wider surrounding area (bulk, aesthetics, car parking)
- Does the application conform to the Council's Planning scheme? (heritage and height constraints.)
- Internal amenity (chiefly in multi-dwelling developments).

### *The City of Melbourne Town Planning Permits Register*

provides information on the status of Planning Permit Applications. Searching is by application number or property address.

<http://www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/building-and-development/property-information/planning-building-registers/pages/town-planning-permits-register.aspx>

If you are aware of any potentially contentious development that you think may warrant attention, please contact the Planning Committee at:

[planningcra@gmail.com](mailto:planningcra@gmail.com)

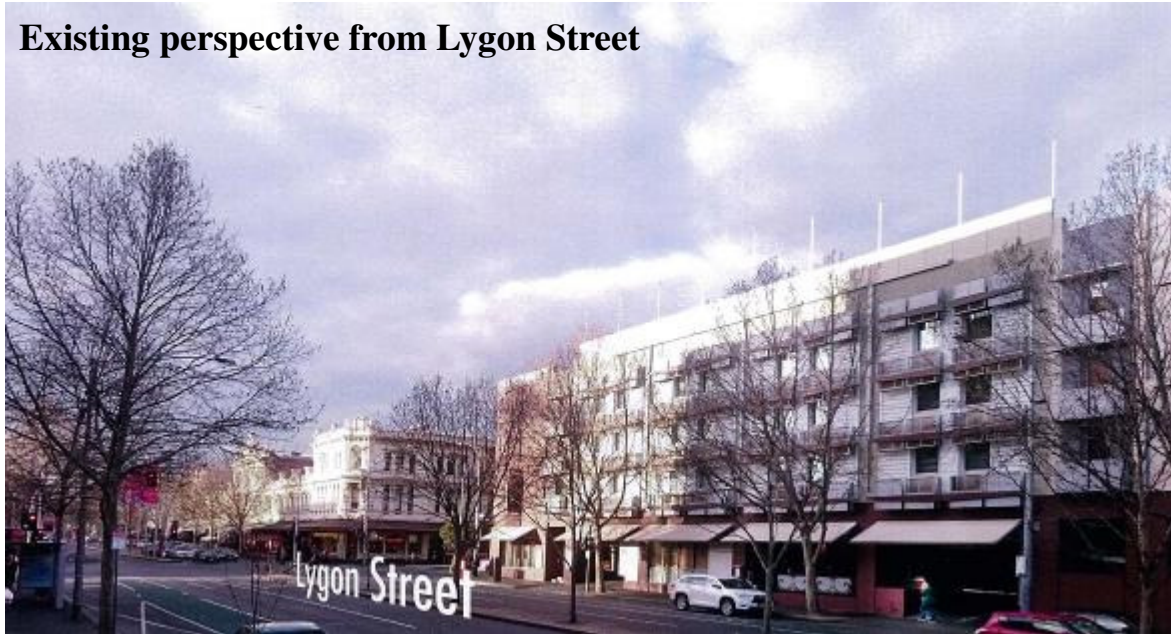


APP No./ADDRESS	DETAILS OF WORK/CRA INTEREST
<p><b>Previous Carried Forward –</b>  <b>TP-2015-583 391-395 Rathdowne St</b>  <b>Objection</b></p> <p><b>TP-2015-742/A</b> 86-94 Pelham St.  <b>Objection</b></p> <p><b>TP-2016-474</b> 435-439 Cardigan St  <b>Objection</b></p> <p><b>TP-2016-510</b> 163 &amp; 165 Canning st  <b>Objection</b></p> <p><b>TP-2013-736/A</b> 152-154 Queensberry St</p> <p><b>TP-2016-798</b> 197-235 Bouverie St  (220-234 Leicester St) <b>Objection</b></p> <p><b>TP-2016-825</b> 16-32 Leicester St</p> <p><b>TP-2016-864</b> 10-20 Drummond Place.  <b>Objection</b></p> <p><b>TP-2014-1011/A</b> Clyde Hotel 377 Cardigan St  <b>Objection</b>  <b>Further information awaited on two:</b>  <b>TP-2016-735</b> 152 Lygon St (Mawal Restaurant)  <b>TP-2016-1007</b> 86 Neill St</p>	<p>*CoM issued NOD to grant permit which largely addressed CRA’s concerns however, applicant appealed permit conditions. A VCAT mediated permit was issued.</p> <p>*8 Storey mixed use in a 4 storey preferred height DDO with heritage implications. A mediated VCAT outcome resulted in a permit for 7 storeys with accompanying setbacks. <b>Applicant re-applying for a variation. CRA awaiting details.</b></p> <p>*Additions to existing student accommodation. CRA is comfortable with conditions imposed by CoM ‘s NOD, however adjoining resident appealed decision. <b>CRA is not participating in VCAT hearing.</b></p> <p>*Demolish two dwellings and construct two new dwellings in an existing level 2 heritage streetscape. CRA requested that a heritage report be sought. <b>CoM has issued a permit</b> satisfied that the proposal met the appropriate heritage guidelines.</p> <p>*Seeking amendments to existing permit for change of use for floors 1-10 from dwellings to serviced apartments. CRA has no concerns. <b>CoM has issued amended permit.</b></p> <p>*Melb Univ. Grad House. Part demolition and construction of 12 storey student accommodation. CRA is of the opinion that the demolition is excessive, the proposed 12 stories to the rear is an over development of the site and the facade treatment is unsympathetic to the heritage precinct. <b>CoM processing.</b></p> <p>*Demolish existing 6 storey car park and construct student accommodation. This is located in the city north capital city zoning and CRA had no grounds for objection. <b>Permit issued.</b></p> <p>*Construct 2 new dwellings. CRA concerns relate to urban design and heritage issues. Objection lodged. <b>CoM assessing.</b></p> <p>*Proposed roof top bar. CRA concerns relate to trading hours and noise. <b>CoM assessing.</b></p> <p>*Alterations to existing retail tenancy. <b>CoM awaiting information.</b></p> <p>*Partial demolition and additions to existing dwelling. <b>CoM awaiting information</b></p>
<p><b>November - (26 to 30) 2 Applications -</b>  No objection as yet. Further information awaited</p>	<p>Refer to CRA’s website for further details</p>
<p><b>December - 14 Applications One new objection.</b>  <b>TP-2016-1031</b> 10 Magenta Place</p> <p>Further information awaited on four.</p>	<p>*Change of use (from warehouse) and construction of 6 storey residential building. CRA concerned that proposal exceeds maximum height limit of 4 storeys and no street setback combined with carparking and overshadowing issues. <b>CoM processing.</b></p> <p>Refer to CRA’s website for further details</p>
<p><b>January - 6 Applications to 13 Feb -</b>  No objections</p>	<p>Refer to CRA’s website for further details</p>
<p><b>February - 6 Applications - No objections as</b>  yet. Further information awaited on four.</p>	<p>Refer to CRA’s website for further details</p>

# THE DOWNTOWNER STORY

## Without CRA, this

Existing perspective from Lygon Street



## could have become this,

Proposed perspective from Lygon Street



### A battle well worth fighting

**The proposal:** Demolition of existing building and construction of a 17 storey residential building (greater than the 8-storey height in Design and Development Overlay (DDO) Schedule 44), and use of the ground floor for retail premises and place of assembly with a reduction in car parking requirement.



**CRA objected** on the grounds of: excessive scale, height & bulk, current planning controls being ignored, heritage issues, urban design & overshadowing major pedestrian precinct. Refer to the CRA website for details of the application and objection.

**CoM received 60 objections** and refused this application. The developer lodged an appeal to VCAT. Submissions were presented by CRA, the Romanian Orthodox Church and eleven residents, several of whom are CRA members. CRA is grateful for the support offered by the individual objectors, many of whom attended for four or five days.

**VCAT upheld the Council decision to refuse a permit**

**and this,**



**could have become this.**



### Traffic, Transport, Parking

#### *Too much noise*

**If you are bothered by noise,  
let CRA know!**

**CRA activities** may often seem to be focussed on the visual: a concern for preserving historic buildings and maintaining streetscapes and skylines. In fact, CRA has also been constantly concerned about noise pollution, particularly in the form of exceedingly loud music from commercial establishments.

There is, however, a growing concern about noise, over and above the burr of regular vehicular traffic and the necessary sirens of emergency vehicles.

This newer concern is in the context of Carlton acquiring a bigger and bigger residential population. Growth in population has been stimulated by extensive building of apartments. These, and existing residences, are inhabited by ordinary human beings who go about their daily work, study and tourism, and have a requirement for unbroken sleep at night -- or by day if working shifts.

Investigations have started aimed at seeing how the excessive noise of motorbikes and souped-up motor cars can be eliminated. If you have worthwhile suggestions for solving the noise issue, please let us know. Maybe you have witnessed phalanxes of motorbikes dragging off at traffic lights with thunderous noise that makes a mockery of the word "muffler"?

This sort of anti-social behaviour is at its most visible in Lygon Street where motorbike riders and sedan "petrol heads" like to put their subculture on display.

But many other streets are affected by these noise-makers as well.

The Herald Sun reported on this issue in December 2016.

If you are lucky enough not to be troubled by this voluntary noise (some streets are so far miraculously untouched), you could still be grappling with late night noise caused by rubbish collection vehicles rumbling down lanes in close proximity to your apartment or home. And not all loud music venues have been brought under control.

We would like to hear your story on unwanted, unnecessary noise, and to seek your support.

**If you are troubled by noise, please let us know. A small working group has already met and we are looking at a range of possible approaches from here.**

[carltonresidents@gmail.com](mailto:carltonresidents@gmail.com)

### **IT'S TIME TO JOIN CRA**

Join online via the following link -

<http://www.trybooking.com/NTQA>

**OR**, for an EFT payment—

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

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

If you love Carlton but do not reside or own property in postcode 3053, please join as a 'Friend of Carlton'.

### *Associated Groups*

#### **Melbourne North Community Consultation Committee (PCCC)**

PCCC has received a number of grants (about \$4000) and donations (eg \$900 from City of Melbourne) towards the school camp programme which Nick Parissis organises. The first 2017 camp will be held in April and others will follow later.

#### **Other news:**

- The Police and Clinical Emergency response programme (The PACER program): involves a mental health clinician paired up with a police member to respond to mental health issues and patients once first responder police units have attended. This frees up police time but also provides quicker and more thorough responses to people suffering from a psychotic episode. The program runs for 7 days per week from 2-10 pm. Part of this program has also involved further training for police members in regards to mental illness. A long term goal is for every major hospital to have a PACER unit operating



## Community News

- Motor cycle noise is a major issue which it requires further action by the Victorian Parliament
- Comments are sought from organisations and persons regarding the future focus of PCCC. Possibilities include: neighbourhood watch, youth crime and issues for young people, increasing congestion in housing areas and police action on this, the youth justice system- our contribution and involvement, combating places being used as drug distribution sites

### Current concerns for Carlton:

- Increase in theft from motor vehicles, thefts around Grattan St and the high rise housing, in car parks and from letter boxes, mobile phones are a special target.
- Pedestrians who do not follow the rules when crossing roads.

## Community news

### Remembering the passing of two important community figures

#### Vale Julianne Bell

30 April 1940 to 27 January

2017

CRA honours the lifetime work and commitment of Julianne Bell. CRA had a long and active involvement with Julianne and her organisation, Protectors of Public Lands. Here is a link to her obituary in The Age: <http://www.theage.com.au/comment/obituaries/dedicated-defender-of-public-heritage-20170209-gu99s1.html>



Julianne addressing a Royal Park Rally 2013

#### Vale Bob Watts

4 April 1935 to December 2016

Bob, began his long working life in the shop in 1950, when hansom cabs were still seen in Lygon St. Bob used to say ‘the shop’s appearance distinguishes it from usual run of modern shoe shops: People enjoy a more traditional style of shop...it’s not sterile...people like the smell of leather and feel comfortable in homely surroundings’.

Generations of people return for the sense of continuity provided by Watts’ displays and interiors.



Watt's Corner Shoe Store

EVERYONE WELCOME  
MEET YOUR NEIGHBOURS  
ON CAR FREE FARADAY ST

NEIGHBOUR  
DAY <sup>25<sup>th</sup></sup> FARADAY STREET  
CARLTON

26 March 10AM -2PM  
2017

PLAY STREET  
STREET ACTIVITIES  
FOR KIDS

LONG LUNCH  
BRING A PLATE OF  
FOOD TO SHARE

ENTERTAINMENT  
LOCAL MUSICIANS  
AND BUSKERS

FOOD  
LOCAL SOCIAL ENTERPRISE  
CAFE (WILD TIMOR)  
AND OTHERS

COMMUNITY EVENT BRING YOUR OWN  
MUSIC/PIPS - CARLTON RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

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**Women's Clothing**  
**176 Elgin Street**

<http://www.eimaiclothing.com.au/>

Eimai (Greek for 'I am') opened in 2002 with the belief that all women should be distinctive and beautiful.

Viv posted this note in the window.



*eimai*

This is a message for the woman who tried to break my spirit...<sup>5</sup>

Who came into my store, looked at my clothes & said...

"I bought 6 garments for \$300 at "a chain store",  
and here I would only get one!"

**YOUR WORDS HURT ME.**

- Its not because  
you denied me the opportunity to respond

-Its not because-  
a child in a faraway place was  
paid 50c to make your garments

-Its not because-  
You undervalued my garments all made by me here in Carlton

-----ITS BECAUSE-----

Globalization has benefits, but the dark side of it means  
that we have a lack of diversity... i hear women complain..

"Its all the same".. every day

I don't wish to take over the world

All i wish is to design, create & make garments for women who  
appreciate what i do. I try really hard to carve a little niche here

in Carlton that emboldens women to feel amazing about  
themselves. I want each of my clients to make a grand entrance

into a room full of princess..

.where she is The Exception & NOT the rule.

-----I AM NOT PTY LTD-----

-----I AM LIMITED EDITION----

-----I AM VIV FROM EIMAI-----

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"Many great names have passed through."

Part of Mark's journey was the establishment  
of the Melbourne Writers Festival, which  
marks its 30th birthday in August this year.

A great passion for Mark is the Readings  
Foundation, established in 2009, starting with  
donations for share house ads posted in the  
window and growing to \$900,000 so far. It  
assists Victorian organisations that support  
the development of literacy, community  
integration and the arts.

"The face of Lygon Street is continually changing. Once there were the nuts and bolts of living – such as hardware, butcher shops - but as popularity rises so do rents. A great addition however has been the recently opened 'Readings Kids' a speciality children's and young adult bookshop right next to Readings Carlton."

What is good about Readings? Mark says "Books are my great love – there is a book about everything – people who love books are kind and generous and want to share their love of books with the world. The people at Readings do this."

Click the link to read more about Readings: <https://rosshoneywill.com/articles/how-mark-rubbo-killed-borders>



*Readings Kids, Mural by Marc Martin*