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Changes in Queensberry Street

As many people will be aware, there are major works in Queensberry Street right now. It is the Melbourne Metro Rail Authority (MMRA) that is responsible for the works.

Some residents will have received notices about the details of what's happening.

The Queensberry Street works are all related to the construction of the Parkville underground station at the intersection of Grattan Street and Royal Parade.

A major consequence of this work is the temporary necessity to divert through traffic in Grattan Street, to Queensberry Street.

It is the City of Melbourne that is normally responsible for these streets. MMRA put its plans for Queensberry Street to City of Melbourne at the end of April, following two information sessions it offered to the public on 31 January and 1 February, 2017.

The City of Melbourne has had little say in the reconfiguration of Queensberry Street traffic, due to the MMRA not being an authority in the conventional sense, but an integral part of the Victorian Government's super-Department of Economic Development Jobs Transport & Resources. So there is a lot of clout behind MMRA's wishes and intentions.

Representatives of CRA met with the City of Melbourne and MMRA executives and experts on 5 May, 2017, just one working



Queensberry Street make over in progress

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day before median strip trees were lopped. Four trees will be totally removed.

Let's look at what's actually at stake. For a five year period, till early 2022, in order to facilitate Parkville Station construction, four-lane Grattan Street will be closed between Royal Parade and Leicester Street. The traffic from Grattan Street is being diverted to Queensberry Street.

Queensberry Street will be reconfigured from two lanes to four. To achieve this without removing the latter's new bicycle lanes, it is necessary to remove the entire stretch of 106 median strip parking spots... this in a street where parking is already at a premium. Hopefully the resulting upheaval can be addressed to some extent by:

1. re-diversion of traffic into and from Grattan Street at its intersections with Bouverie and Leicester Streets which connect with Queensberry Street
2. minimum disruption of routes and stop placement for buses using Grattan Street,
3. installation for eastbound traffic of "local use only" or "no left turn" signs into streets crossing Queensberry Street between Swanston and Rathdowne Streets, with particular attention to Drummond Street.
4. provision of new parking alternatives close by to replace the 106 lost spaces
5. noise and air pollution abatement measures to render Queensberry Street more hospitable for its growing number of residents.

What can you do?

- Contact the appropriate authorities to seek written City of Melbourne confirmation of its commitment to return Queensberry Street to its existing two lanes (one lane each eastbound and westbound) and median strip parking
- Assist in the efforts of the CRA to address these issues by contacting CRA at carltonresidents@gmail.com
CRA is a strong supporter of the Melbourne Metro scheme, but not at the unnecessary or unthinking cost of Carlton residents.

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Corkman/Carlton Inn

This heritage listed pub, formerly known as the Carlton Inn, was illegally demolished by developers over the weekend of 15/16 October.

In a very short time - this



became this:



Historically significant buildings are a legacy that we leave for the future generations, to build their strong sense of connection and identity. We need to understand the past to move confidently into the future.

Carlton has a history that creates a strong sense of community and our heritage buildings help in this process. The illegal demolition of the Carlton Inn (Corkman Irish pub) shocked many among us out of our complacency. We came forward together to express our dissent on the tearing down of our heritage without any wider consultation with the community.

We can no longer take the protection of our historic buildings for granted.

The legal battles continue.

A rebuild has been proposed but this is not the only solution?

As a community what do we want for this site?

Your voice, your input, and feedback are needed.

Let us know what you would like to see here.

How can we use this site to create a stronger sense of community, culture and history?

Let's not be silent spectators of any more such incidents that can take away our heritage.

The outcome must not allow the developers to gain from their actions!

Stronger policies are needed to protect our cultural heritage.

Send your ideas to carltonresidents@gmail.com

The City of Melbourne Heritage Review

Charles Street, Carlton

According to the Precinct Statement of Significance for Carlton, this short street, which runs off Kay Street, is rather special.

In the words of the Draft Statement, we find the following description: *The private re-subdivision of the early Government allotments also gave rise to some narrow streets and smaller allotments, as occurred for example in Charles and David streets. Charles Street is distinguished in this context as a narrow street with bluestone pavers, and a high proportion of intact modest cottages.*

So far so good. But, how has this special street fared in the heritage grading review? According to the 2016 Inventory of Heritage Places, all the buildings in Charles Street, with the exception of one B Grade Heritage Place, were given a C Grade classification. According to the current Heritage Policy, they "... Demonstrate the historical or social development of the local area and/or make an important aesthetic or scientific contribution."

One of the major objectives of the heritage review is to convert the previous A to D letter Heritage Grades to a new system that includes just two Grades: Significant and Contributory. In the case of Charles Street, the heritage consultant has chosen to convert all but one of these C Grade Heritage Places to the new lower Grade of Contributory. The CRA is concerned that this conversion outcome has departed from the translation principles that were agreed to by the Council in 2014. The translation principles that have been adopted by other experienced heritage consultants.

Does it matter? In the Council's view, the revised Heritage Policies will provide strengthened heritage protection for those Heritage Places categorised as Contributory. I say "tell them they're dreaming!"

Before deciding on an application for full or partial demolition, or to alter the fabric of a significant or contributory building, the Council will "... consider, as appropriate" among other matters, the assessed significance of the building. In this context, there is no way that a C Graded Heritage Place that has been translated into the new lower Grade of Contributory will have greater protection under this scenario.

While the D Graded Heritage Places of old may have been the "poor cousins" on the protection ladder, they have now been joined by most of the former C Graded Places.

Ewan Ogilvy

This opinion piece reflects the personal view of the author; it may not reflect the views of the CRA.



1 to 7 Charles Street



9 to 13 Charles Street



2 to 14 Charles Street



24 Charles Street

Carlton Police Station - an inside view

The CRA campaign to save the historically significant Carlton Police Station in Drummond Street was largely successful, though CRA's hopes for it to be acquired for community purposes were not achieved. However, it did not fall to developers and it was purchased by an institutional buyer. It has been again offered for sale in May 2017.



The heritage value of the buildings has been adequately described in terms of their historical, scientific and architectural properties but little has been said about their interiors.

A small but relevant photographic archive has now been acquired by CRA which shows many of the interior architectural features of the rooms, stairs and landings. Though not of great importance in terms of decoration or craftsmanship, some elements are worth

preserving as examples of historical taste development. Paintwork throughout the interiors is bland and institutional but beneath the outside layers may be the colours of earlier times. The chemical constituents of these earlier layers may be of interest.

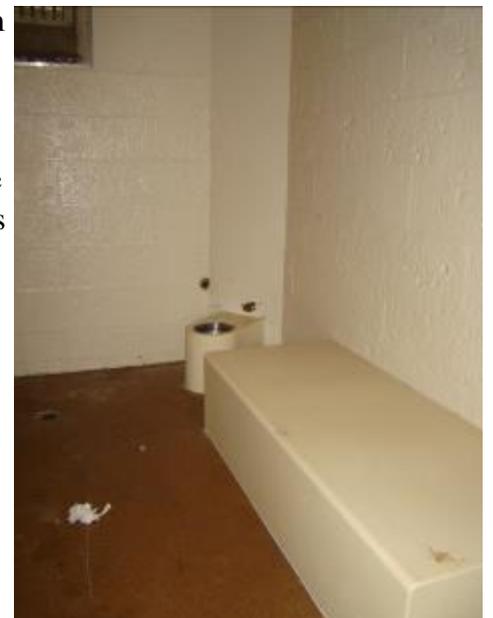
Woodwork inside the buildings comprises skirting boards, doors, architraves, floorboards, stairs and their banisters, newels and balusters. Some of the skirting boards are deep and most of the doorway architraves are made using multiple mounts. Footings to some of the architraves have been crudely altered. The doors themselves are simple panel doors but the dimensions of their quartering need to be measured to determine their style, even if simple.



Each building has a stairwell with balustrade and handrail. One of these is plain and simple, the other is more decorative and with some design quality. This latter comprises modelled newel posts and turned balusters, and the handrail finishes at the bottom in a coil.

The cell block, built of substantial bluestone dressed blocks, includes the minimal fittings of the individual cells such as beds and some with toilets. While these fittings are not fit for contemporary use, consideration could be made for the complete preservation of at least one of these early examples of Victorian detention

facilities. The cells are fitted with the Tobin Tube ventilation system which is an early example of cooling system development, and is also the reason that the building has scientific significance on the Heritage Register.





Notable also is the substantial internal iron entrance gate to the cell corridor.

There are no examples of decorative plaster or pressed metals in ceilings, ceiling roses or covings.

Eight open fireplaces were used for heating. Two have plain but marble surrounds

while the others are timber. Four of the cast iron inserts had been removed during the early months following the relocation of the police staff in 2010 and when the building was empty with no security fence in place. Copper piping and radiators were also removed at that time.



While it may be disappointing that internal features of the buildings are few and rather plain, it needs to be understood that this was, after all, not a home but a working police station. Its significance lies in its Italian Romanesque exterior and its relationship with the Court House across the street and the Post Office around the corner in Elgin Street.

The external fabric of the building is in urgent need of attention in terms of preservation and conservation. Brickwork and woodwork is decaying, and leaking guttering and downpipes are causing water damage. A small section of roof ridge was addressed last year but it was a patch job rather than the required replacement.



The two buildings date and their design became a template of new police stations for Richmond, Geelong and Kyneton.

It is to be hoped that any alterations to the interiors of the buildings, dating from 1878 and 1890, would take care to preserve/restore the few existing features. And further we can only hope that the buildings might be restored to their original proud and uplifting elegance of the early days of policing in Melbourne.

Jeremy Hill

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APP No./ADDRESS	DETAILS OF WORK/CRA INTEREST
<p>Previous Carried Forward – TP-2015-742/A 86-94 Pelham St. Objection</p> <p>TP-2016-798 197-235 Bouverie St (220-234 Leicester St) Objection</p> <p>TP-2016-864 10-20 Drummond Place. Objection</p> <p>TP-2014-1011/A 377 Cardigan St Objection</p> <p>TP-2016-1031 10 Magenta Place Objection</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. Applicant has re-applied for a variation. CRA has objected to any relaxation of the mediated permit conditions.</p> <p>Melb University- 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. CoM processing.</p> <p>Construct 2 new dwellings. CRA concerns relate to urban design and heritage issues. Amended design submitted which satisfied objectors concerns, all objections were withdrawn and permit issued.</p> <p>Clyde Hotel Proposed roof top bar. CRA concerns relate to trading hours and noise. CoM issued permit with conditions which largely addressed objectors concerns.</p> <p>Change of use (from warehouse) and construction of 6 storey residential building, subsequently amended to propose 5 storeys, CRA's initial concerns that proposal exceeds preferred height limit of 4 storeys and no street setback combined with carparking and overshadowing issues still hold.18 Objections initially, subsequent number not yet known. CoM processing.</p>
<p>There have been 41 applications since the last Newsflash which generated 7 new objections. TP-2016-1047 121-131 Cardigan St Objection</p> <p>TP-2016-1128 232-234 Faraday S Objection</p> <p>TP-2017-64 191-197 Grattan St Objection</p> <p>TP-2017-83 299 Lygon St Objection</p> <p>TP-1998-331/A 198-204 Faraday St Objection</p> <p>TP-2017-85 198-208 Queensberry St Objection</p> <p>TP-2017-188 123-125 Bouverie St Objection</p> <p>There are 11 applications for which further information is awaited. Refer to CRA website for details in "Summary of Reviewed Applications."</p>	<p>4 to 10 storey student accommodation proposed. CRA's concerns relate to the excessive height of the 10 storey section, the proposal's impact on pedestrian amenity and some aspects of the internal residential amenity. Applicant appealed to VCAT on the grounds that CoM failed to make a decision within the prescribed time. CRA has lodged a Statement of Grounds with VCAT but will not be appearing at the hearing</p> <p>3 storey development plus basement, incorporating restaurant and residential uses. Local policy specifically discourages restaurant use in this location. CRA also asserts that the proposal is not an appropriate response to the existing streetscape. There are also internal amenity issues for the resident occupants. CoM processing.</p> <p>Prince Alfred Hotel - Major refurbishment involving alteration and additions increasing floor area. CRA submits that the additions fail to satisfy the current heritage policy and deficient in sustainability issues. CoM processing.</p> <p>Pidapipo - Install outdoor speakers on facade of building. CRA considers inappropriate. CoM processing.</p> <p>Criniti's– Install outdoor speakers on facade of building. CRA considers inappropriate. CoM processing</p> <p>Partial demolition of existing building and construction of 15 storey student accommodation. CRA has concerns relating to heritage and over development. CoM processing</p> <p>Partial demolition and construction of 13 storey student accommodation. CRA has concerns relating to height, heritage and student housing policy issues. CoM processing</p> <p>All CRA objections can be viewed on the CRA website.</p>

At the beginning of each month, the CRA's planning sub-committee meets to consider the previous month's planning applications for the area covered by 3053 postcode. The committee is particularly alert to the following:

- overlooking or any other loss of amenity to neighbouring properties
- loss of amenity to the wider surrounding area (bulk, aesthetics, car parking)
- whether the application conforms to the Council's planning scheme, including heritage and height constraints.
- internal amenity (chiefly in multi-dwelling developments).

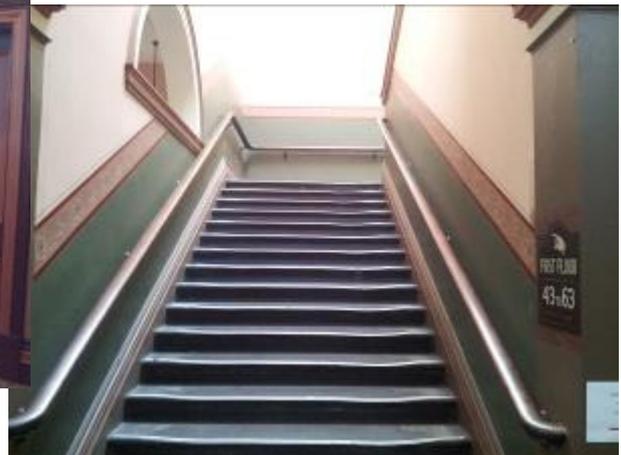
Go to the City of Melbourne online search facility, the *Town Planning Permits Register*, for information on the status of Planning Permit Applications, Searching is by application number or property address.

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

For any potentially contentious development which may warrant attention, please contact the Planning Committee at: planningcra@gmail.com



Trades Hall Historic Walk May 2017



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Melbourne North Community Consultative Committee (PCCC)

Report On Security

There has been a spike in storage cage burglaries in high rise apartment complexes and mail theft recently. Mail theft can lead to identity fraud, credit card fraud and other issues. The PCCC promote the following crime prevention strategies:

- Make sure storage cages are sturdy with a good quality padlock.
- Cover the cage so that the contents can't be viewed
- Keep a list of property in the cage and/or take a photo of unique or rare items.
- Make sure you are not tailgated as you enter the building or the car park.
- Make sure non-residents do not follow you into the secure building foyer.
- Report any doubtful non resident entries to the building manager or police via Triple Zero (000).
- Locate mail boxes in an internal secure area with either key, swipe or fob access.
- Ensure mail boxes are designed so people are not able to remove mail through the mail slot.
- Make sure you have a good quality padlock on your mailbox if it is not fitted with a lock.
- If possible don't have any banking documents or utility bills sent to you by mail. Rather, have the documents sent to you electronically.

Carlton Gardens – Royal Exhibition Building (REB)

Upgrade In New Hands.

Six years ago, we received the news that the Federal Government had contributed \$20m to be spent over four years, for the restoration of the iconic REB. Adam Bandt was instrumental in securing the funding much to the delight of the community.

Since then, local residents have been kept in the dark about plans to spend the money. But recent indications are that this is about to change, if the new CEO of Museum, Victoria, Lynley Marshall, has her way.

A meeting at the Museum on the eve of Easter, provided representatives of resident groups their first opportunity to meet Ms Marshall, and hear of her plans. They learned that the Museum's long awaited design for the REB renovation has been revised with controversial rooftop features removed. However, community support is needed if that design is to be embraced by Heritage Victoria and finally approved by the Minister in Canberra, without further delay.

CRA's hierarchy was strongly represented at the meeting.

Since the meeting, another welcome change of direction by the Museum was using the REB for tours celebrating the anniversary of the opening of the first Parliament by the Duke of Cornwall and York, heir to the British throne, on 9 May 1901.

CRA's committee takes the view that it is time to collaborate and focus on the future, rather than dwell on the past.



Argyle Square Winter 2017

Report from Ellen Sandell's Office *Inner City Schools Not Prioritised*

Ellen Sandell, State MP for Melbourne, has campaigned hard with the community for education funding for inner city schools. And we have had a win in the 2017 State Budget, with the government delivering on the promised additional \$9 million to complete the refurbishment of Carlton Primary School. But Labor's third budget shows that they're still not taking the urgent need for new schools seriously. The new Docklands school is still in the early planning stages and will only accommodate years prep to 6, while land for the proposed North Melbourne school has not yet been acquired.

This is bound to have a negative impact on families in Carlton. Local primary schools remain overcrowded, with the relief of the new primary schools nowhere in sight.

University High School will also seriously struggle in the near future. Despite the dearth of inner city high schools, it has received no extra funding in this budget to cope with surging demand.

We will continue to prioritise the needs of students in Carlton and Melbourne. An investment in our children's education is an investment in our future.

Callum Stewart - Office of Ellen Sandell, State MP for Melbourne

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OR, for an EFT payment—

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BSB: 633 000 Account No.: 146960570.

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