



**MEMBER MICRO NEWS UPDATE: 6 November 2015**

## **HAVE YOUR SAY – ON COUNCIL’S PROPOSED WELLINGTON STREET UPGRADES**

A number of JAAG members will have received this week a letter from the City of Port Phillip about proposed upgrades to Wellington Street, inviting them to view and comment on the proposals via [www.portphilip.vic.gov.au/haveyoursay](http://www.portphilip.vic.gov.au/haveyoursay) by 18 November.

The JAAG committee encourages JAAG members with an interest in the street to view the proposals and comment, even if they did not receive a letter from Council. Some members of the committee have been involved in the development of the proposals, including through a workshop with Council Officers, and their views on the proposals may help members in deciding on their own responses to the Council.

### **Upton Road Intersection**

The committee members concerned strongly support the proposal for the reasons given by Council and because funding is available for it to be completed by autumn next year.

They do, however, consider that the proposal could be made more effective by lengthening the planting on the north west side of the intersection to make it more difficult for drivers to access the road bridge by doing an illegal right hand turn right from the street and driving through the private driveway of the corner apartment block at 69 Wellington Street (as drivers currently do).

### **Dandenong/Chapel Street Intersection**

The committee members strongly support Option 1 as the more comprehensive solution for pedestrians, cyclists and drivers. In particular, it will provide a wider pathway to be shared by pedestrians and cyclists, and (unlike Option 2) enable a two way cycle lane through to Chapel Street.

### **Median Street Planting**

The committee members support the proposal to widen the current median strip to 2 metres in the interests of pedestrian safety and the planting of trees in it. However they consider that if trees are to be planted in the median they be of a deciduous variety and think that the planting of Zelkovas (which are currently in the nature strips) would provide better flow to the streetscape and enable illumination of public street lighting during winter. They are opposed to the planting of spotted gums or other eucalypts, given their tendency to drop branches and leaves and their inability to withstand pollution.

### **Kerb Outstands**

The committee members strongly support this proposal on the basis that it will slow the current traffic and otherwise promote road safety with better sightlines. They consider that the proposed kerb outstand on the east side of Robertson Avenue should be extended to prevent the current practice of parking in the 'No Standing' zone on this steep slope.

They also consider that the kerb outstands proposal should receive priority after the Upton Road intersection but before the other proposals.

### **School Crossing**

The committee members strongly support keeping the crossing for use before and after school hours.

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