

NEWSLETTER UPDATE5th November, 2012

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COUNCIL ELECTION RESULTS

Dear Resident,

Congratulations to Andrew Bond who was elected as our Junction Ward councillor last weekend. In a very close race, he defeated the incumbent John Middleton (Green) by 28 votes, but only after receiving 69% of the preferences from Dick Gross (Labor).

The new Council consists of 3 councillors from the Unchain organisation, 3 CAPP/Labor councillors and Andrew Bond (Liberal) who ran as an independent.

Mr Bond is the National Sales Manager for Carman's Muesli. As a member of the Liberal Party we are hoping that his inclusion in the new Council's composition will lead to greater cooperation with the State Liberal Government and better outcomes on issues of concern to all of us. Unchain has already expressed similar sentiments.

We now intend to move quickly to urge the newly elected Council to address the Strategic Planning void that exists at St Kilda Road south and The Junction, both of which have been the cause of so much angst in recent years. To this end we will be writing to the new Mayor (to be appointed this week) and to all councillors, to once again emphasize the serious threat to the future of our community, due to the outgoing Council's failure to act on this critical issue.

We have Councillor Bond's support on this and (while we won't be calling him 007 just yet!), we do hope to finally get those in authority to take appropriate action in the current financial year. **It would obviously be a major achievement for the incoming Council to quickly address the community's concerns, especially as their predecessors would not!** We'll keep you posted.

NOW, with the elections out of the way, we can revert to the business of providing you with news updates of relevance, plus our usual Work In Progress report on projects in the pipeline.

We think you will agree that the momentum is finally swinging in our direction so,

PLEASE READ ON!!!

JAAGStKilda Steering Committee

STRENGTH IN NUMBERS

METROPOLITAN PLANNING STRATEGY

Many of you will not have seen the following message from our State Govt Member for Prahran, Clem Newton-Brown, this week and we thought you should have an opportunity to respond, should you wish to do so:

“**Dear resident,**

The Victorian Coalition Government has just announced the release of a discussion paper called "Melbourne, let's talk about the future." This discussion paper looks at nine key principles that will guide the formulation of a new Metropolitan Planning Strategy.

Chaired by Prof. Roz Hansen, the Ministerial Advisory Committee has prepared the paper after a series of consultations with various stakeholder and community groups.

Constituents, members of community groups or any other interested party can make submissions on the topics and issues raised in the Discussion Paper.

Links to the Discussion Paper and submissions page can be found at:
<http://www.planmelbourne.vic.gov.au/home>

I look forward to your input to ensure that planning in our local area is aligned with community expectations.

Yours Sincerely,

Clem NEWTON-BROWN MP

Member for **Prahran**

Given the significant issues facing the future of our community, we will be making a submission on JAAGStKilda's behalf. Our objective will be to alert the State Gov't of the pressure being applied to Port Phillip Council to address the Strategic Planning issues for St Kilda Road south and The Junction.

We will claim that the outcome for both of these areas is critical for consideration as part of any guide to forming a new Metropolitan Planning Strategy for Melbourne, as well as retaining Melbourne's title as "the World's most liveable City".

“LEGO TOWER” SITE UP FOR SALE!!!

After a concerted effort to prevent a planning permit being issued for this 18 storey “lego tower” to be built at 2 St Kilda Road, only to have VCAT approve one, we were surprised to see that a “FOR SALE” sign had been placed on the site last week at the Developer's instructions!

Please refer to our website at www.jaagstkilda.com for more details.

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WORK IN PROGRESS

1. Planning Applications:

- a. **23 Wellington Street** – A planning application for 2 major promotional illuminated sky signs on top of this building. Council Delegate refused a permit on 15/10/12.
- b. **74 Wellington Street (backpacker housing)** – VCAT Decision –After many years of complaints arising out of the inappropriate use of the shared backpackers house at 74 Wellington Street, St Kilda, VCAT issued an Enforcement Order on the 23/10/2012 for the owner to, within 6 months, cease the use of the premises as an accommodation/rooming house/backpackers. The Order includes specific guidelines of operation during the 6 months prior to it ceasing, on 10th April, 2013.
- c. **20 St Kilda Road** – A planning application was approved by Council Delegate on 29/10/2012 for a Tattoo shop (relocating from 46-52 St Kilda Rd) with dispensation for car parking. The approval is subject to conditions which include deletion of the above verandah illuminated sign 'SIMONWILSONTATTOO.COM' and the two TATTOO illuminated signs to the two sides of the verandah to be changed to be non illuminated.
- d. **126 St Kilda Rd** – update on Panning Application for backpackers. Now awaiting a VCAT Hearing date, which most likely will be mid next year. (Application lodged with VCAT June, 2012 and can take 10 months for listing). Councillors at the CPP Statutory Planning meeting on the 19th September, 2012 unanimously voted against. Council will therefore inform VCAT at the Hearing that had it (Council) been the deciding body, it would have refused the planning permit.
- e. **30 Punt Road, Windsor** – Application for a 17 storey high rise to be heard by VCAT on 19 November 2012 before two members, with a time estimate of 4 days. JAAG representatives will defend our objections at this Hearing.
- f. **60-64 Punt Road, Windsor** – A new planning application by Pace Development for 6 storeys with shops at ground level, plus 47 dwellings above, 52 car parks and some dispensation for car parking. This planning application is now to be considered by the Planning Officer at Stonnington Council.

2. **JAAG BBQ** – Have you marked your diaries for Sunday, 9th December, 2012 from 12.00 noon to 4.00 p.m. at the park on the corner of Crimea St & Charnwood Rd.? More details later, but please ask your friends and neighbours to mark their diaries also.

AND as always, if you have nearby friends or neighbours who share our concerns for the neighbourhood we live in, you can now direct them to our website to register online at ,,,,,,....

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