

NEWSLETTER UPDATE

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A NEW LOOK and A NEW WEBSITE!!!

Dear Resident,

The masthead on this newsletter presents a new face for JAAG. This includes a stylized orange star as an identifiable logo representing the five roads meeting at St Kilda Junction.

Also, in response to numerous community and media requests, we have just developed our inaugural JAAG website, which can now be viewed at.... www.jaagstkilda.com Simply click on the tabs provided to find your way around and because it's still a work in progress, we invite you to use the "contact us" tab to submit any constructive comments you may have.

These two initiatives follow a decision we've taken to fight back after our bitter disappointment at VCAT's recent approval of the appalling 18 story "lego" tower at 2 St Kilda Road. As a first step, we need to present a more professional image and create greater awareness of JAAG and its objectives with the media and the general public, to become a voice of greater influence.

The website will assist us to manage the increasing number of projects constantly being tackled by JAAG and provide a valuable reference point for all media outlets. At the same time it will keep you and over 250 of your fellow JAAG members informed on the latest developments as they happen. It will also keep the general public better informed and we'll use our motto, "Strength In Numbers", to encourage online registration to grow our membership base.

When viewing the site, we ask you to remember that JAAG is an unfunded, voluntary organization. We have therefore, been restricted to using a modestly priced website platform at our own expense, which does impose some limitations on our creative presentation.

The second phase of our "fightback" strategy relates to the Council elections on the 27th October. **This will be critical to the future of our Junction Ward, so please read on for IMPORTANT REMINDER !!!**

JAAG Steering Committee

COUNCIL ELECTIONS – 27th October, 2012

We can no longer accept the impact of Council's ongoing failure to strengthen the strategic planning guidelines for St Kilda Junction and St Kilda Road south, which in turn is resulting in VCAT granting permits to Developers, to the detriment of people who live and work in the area.

That's why the upcoming Council elections are the most important we have faced in years and we must keep electoral pressure on Council to take action on this important issue!

JAAG is not a politically motivated organization, but we have asked the six candidates nominated for election in our Junction Ward to provide answers to five key questions of importance to all of us. We'll let you have complete details, together with each candidate's response in a special "election" issue of Newsletter Update, towards the end of next week.

We won't influence your decision in any way, but we do want to place you in a position to decide who will be the best candidate to represent our interests in the future.

In the meantime, let us remind you:

- The election will be held on Saturday 27th October and voting for the Junction Ward will take place at the following Polling Places on the day:
 - **Mac.Robertson Girls' High School**, 350 – 370 Kings Way, Melbourne
- AND
- **St Kilda Town Hall**, 99A Carlisle Street, St Kilda
- Early voting is now possible between 9am and 5pm weekdays at the **Port Phillip Council Election Office**, 1st Floor, 19-25 Raglan Street, South Melbourne AND, from Monday 15th October at the **Port Melbourne** and **St Kilda Town Halls**.
- Postal Vote requisitions can be downloaded from:-

<https://www.vec.vic.gov.au/files/PostalVoteApplication-PortPhillip2012.pdf>

NOTE: VOTING IS COMPULSORY FOR RESIDENTS UNDER 70 YEARS OF AGE!

END OF YEAR BBQ

Following the success of last year's annual BBQ, please save the date for this year's BBQ and we'll send an invitation to you and your friends and neighbours, closer to the time.

Date: Sunday 9th December, 2012 from 12 noon to 3pm, or thereabouts!

Venue: Park on the corner of Crimea Street & Charnwood Road.

Strength in Numbers