

NEWSLETTER UPDATE

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Dear Resident,

We hope you enjoyed the holiday season and welcome to this year's first edition.

One of our main goals for 2013 is to work with our newly elected Port Phillip Council to ensure that appropriate strategic planning guidelines are firmly established for St Kilda Junction and St Kilda Road South in order to protect their future development.

In a new strategy, we'll also be expanding JAAG communications to the wider community through the establishment of our new website, www.jaagstkilda.com. As people get to know the issues involved, we hope they'll be encouraged to register their support for the work we do.

Increasing our membership base from just over 250 will be our second major goal for the year!

To keep updated with our progress and the latest news affecting your area. We recommend that you visit the website on a regular basis. When doing so, we invite you to use the "contact us" tab to make suggestions and raise any issues of concern you may have, directly with us.

We'll continue to use this newsletter format for members only to keep you updated on in-house activities and to provide you with regular "Work in Progress" reports as always – see next page.

We very much look forward to your continued support throughout the year.

Best wishes for 2013,

JAAG Steering Committee

WORK IN PROGRESS

1. Jaagstkilda.com – Introducing a community service

A new trial feature on our website is an opportunity to promote local community and/or interest groups such as gardening, book clubs, walking groups etc., as a community service and as a way for us to interact with one another.

The first of these is an article appearing on the Home page under the heading, “Getting to know your local JAAG Businesses”. Steve Miller has been a supporter of JAAG for some time, so check him out and give him your support if you can.

We’d be interested to hear from anyone who has any ideas on how we may further develop this concept. Simply click on the “contact us” tab if you have an article you’d like us to consider, or to tell us what you think. A prerequisite for inclusion in this section of our website is that you must be a registered member of JAAG. See the “membership tab” for a registration form. AND, why wouldn’t you, it costs absolutely nothing!!!

2. Planning Applications

30 Punt Road, Windsor – application for a 17 storey development

This application for a permit was refused by Stonnington Council (SC) and taken to VCAT by the Applicant. JAAG attended the VCAT hearings held last year and the Directions Hearing at VCAT on the 7th February, 2013 where it was ordered that another 4 day Hearing would be held from the 17th to 21st Jun to review new plans. JAAG members will be active objectors in support of the SC’s earlier refusal to grant a permit.

Refer to www.jaagstkilda.com for more details.

23 – 27 Wellington Street – 2 major illuminated roof top sky signs

The refusal by Port Phillip Council of an application for 2 major illuminated “sky signs” on the roof of this building has been referred to VCAT by the Applicant. JAAG members have lodged objections and now await a date for the VCAT Hearing.

25 Alma Road – 8 storey development

A new planning application for an 8 storey building was refused last year by the PPC. The Applicant has taken this matter to VCAT. A full 3 day VCAT Hearing has been scheduled from 25/3/2013, when a number of local residents will defend their objections.

126 St Kilda Road – application for backpackers permit

This planning application for a backpackers was refused by PPC and has been referred to VCAT. A 1 day VCAT Hearing date has been set for 20th March 2013. Local residents will be attending to defend their objections.

61 Wellington Street – Conversion from a 2 – 4 storey commercial building

A new planning application was lodged with PPC late last year and public advertising has taken place for the proposal of a 4 storey commercial building by adding 2 storeys to the existing 2 storey commercial structure. It is the intention to use this building for offices and to include a small cafe on the ground floor. The application includes dispensation for parking. JAAG have made the point to Council that the proposed plans do not provide adequate on-site car parks in an area where street parking is in high demand. We now await a decision from Council.

35 Wellington Street – application for 5 storey mixed-use development

A new planning application has been lodged with PPC for a 5 storey mixed-use development at this address. The proposal, which is currently being publicly advertised, comprises of commercial use on the ground and 1st floors and 14 dwellings over the remaining floors with 26 on-site car spaces. The application seeks approval for a reduction in car and bicycle spaces, a variation to the design standards for car parking and a waiving of the loading bay requirements. We'll keep you informed.

4 Upton Road – application for a permit for the sale of packaged liquor

A new planning application has been lodged with PPC to use the existing commercial building at 4 Upton Road for the sale of packaged liquor in association with a wine import and distribution company. The building is located in the small service road section of Upton Road adjacent to the Milk Bar on the corner of Wellington St & Upton Road. This application is currently being publicly advertised. Please let us know your thoughts by using the “contact us” tab on our website – after all, we exist to represent your views.

3. Marilton Crescent streetscape

Council letters are being sent to residents proposing the upgrade of the streetscape in Marilton Crescent. Residents will have the opportunity to select one species of tree from a selection of four different types of street trees suggested by Council. We look forward to seeing this new and improved streetscape in Marilton Crescent.

4. Traffic and Parking

The design of the Wellington Street children's crossing has now been completed and will now be used as the basis for consultation with St Michael's School and Vicroads. However, construction cannot commence until 2013/4, subject to Vicroads approval and funding.

Membership made Simple

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 by following these simple steps:

- 1. Print a copy of this newsletter for handing to them.** The newsletter will give them a good understanding of what we are currently working on and, of course, it includes these steps.
- 2. Suggest they go to our website at www.jaagstkilda.com** to find out more about us and to get the latest news..
- 3. Encourage them to click on the "Membership" tab to download and complete a registration form. Then follow the delivery instructions, OR just send us an e-mail to info@jaagstkilda.com with the details requested on the form AND, we'll do the rest.**