

## **NEWSLETTER UPDATE**

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**Dear Resident,**

It's been three months since our last newsletter and we hope you're getting used to visiting [www.jaagstkilda.com](http://www.jaagstkilda.com) for regular updates on what's happening with the various projects we're working on.

The website enables us to keep you informed on events as they occur, rather than disturbing your daily routine with multiple newsletters. AND don't forget, you can contact us by using the web's "contact us" tab to pass on any matters of concern you believe we should be aware of.

Right now though, there are a few items we like to pass on to you, so please..... READ ON,

Best regards,

**JAAG Steering Committee**

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### **VCAT Knocks Back Tower Development at 30 Punt Road!**

St Kilda and Windsor residents were extremely relieved at the end of August by VCAT's "no permit" decision for a 14 storey residential tower on the corner of Punt Road and Albert Street Windsor. This signalled the end of a worrying two year trend where other developers have successfully won permits to impose a number of 'marker' buildings on the St Kilda Junction Area. Visit [www.jaagstkilda.com](http://www.jaagstkilda.com) for more details.

### **2 St Kilda Road – Signage Dispute Resolved**

Council received in excess of 20 objections to the planning application for a Major Promotional Sign and lighting. The application was amended by the developer who then applied for a "temporary display of vinyl promotion signs on a construction site hoarding and associated lighting". The latter was approved at a Council meeting on the 20/8/13. The permit is subject to 3 signs (2 facing St Kilda Road and 1 facing Wellington Street), all less than 18 sqm on the hoarding. The permit was approved subject to some important conditions:

- a) The lighting is to be halved and subject to technical conditions about light spillage,
- b) There must be no flashing, intermittent or changing colour lighting and,
- c) Importantly, the permit expires after 2 years or whenever the building is finished, whichever is earlier.

### **3 St Kilda Road – Application to increase Tower from 26 to 28 Storeys!**

Port Phillip Council has received an application to amend an existing planning permit for a 26 storey building of 272 dwellings, shop floor space and artist’s studio on this site, to 28 storeys of 328 dwellings, retaining the shop floor space and artist’s studio, with a request for additional car parking dispensation.

As objectors to the original proposal approved two years ago by the Minister for Planning, Matthew Guy, JAAG will be kept informed of the process of the new application which is currently at Appeal at VCAT. Watch [www.jaagstkilda.com](http://www.jaagstkilda.com) for updates as to Public Advertising of this new Planning Application.

### **11 – 15 Wellington Street – Car parking dispensation application for “Food & Drink” premises in new “Allure” building.**

As residents move into the recently completed 10 storey residential “Allure” building, the developers have applied to Port Phillip Council for additional car parking dispensation in relation to a “Food & Drink” premises to be located in the 3 vacant ground floor tenancies. JAAG has expressed its concern to Council over the proliferation of applications for car parking dispensation in our area, which constantly increases congestion in our streets. We are closely monitoring this situation so again, watch [www.jaagstkilda.com](http://www.jaagstkilda.com) for updates.

### **Streetscape Upgrade for Marilton Crescent**

Following consultation with **Marilton Crescent residents**, Council has proposed new tree plantings “to maximize canopy cover and provide seasonal and a more vibrant landscape”.

The works which are now underway includes:

- Removal of existing unpopular Lilly Pillies
- Planting of Callistemon (Kings Park Special Bottlebrush) below overhead powerlines
- Planting of Pistacia Chinensis (Chinese Pistachio) elsewhere on the street

### **Prompt Response from Port Phillip Council & Police**

We were very impressive last week with two examples of prompt responses by the PP Council and local Police to separate requests for assistance.

The first of these involved the premises at 117 Wellington Street being vacated by a tenant (understood to be a call centre operation), which resulted in a huge load of office papers,

garbage and furniture being dumped in the car park. A call to the PP Council Assist number prevented a very strong wind from spreading the rubbish all over the neighbourhood. Council operatives quickly responded by removing the rubbish and cleaning up the mess within 24 hours. This service can be accessed by e-mail to [assist@portphillip.vic.gov.au](mailto:assist@portphillip.vic.gov.au) or by phoning Council on 9209 6777.

The second example involved a call being place with the Prahran Highway Patrol to complain about dangerous and illegal right hand turns being made in Crimea Street by an increasing number of vehicles. This action resulted in over a dozen drivers being booked by police soon after 4pm the same day and maybe that saved a life or two.

Many thanks to those responsible from the PP Council and the Prahran Highway Patrol, for two jobs very well done.

## **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](http://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](mailto:info@jaagstkilda.com) with the details requested on the form AND, we’ll do the rest.**

**Strength in Numbers**