



Warrandyte Community Association

## WCA TOP TEN 2018

### 1. BE READY WARRANDYTE!

#### **Bushfire Insurance Forum**

Helped by the revelations in the 'Banking Royal Commission', our Forum on bushfire and other hazards insurance in November was a full house of over 250 residents. In our post-forum questionnaire, main speaker Denis Nelthorpe from Disaster Legal Help gained unanimous top marks for his presentation and Q & A session. For his and other presentations see: <http://warrandyte.org.au/be-ready/bushfire-insurance-forum/>

#### **Immersive Bushfire Experience**

Earlier in the year we collaborated with Emergency Management Victoria to host a pilot 'Immersive Bushfire Experience' for groups of up to 20 in a custom built trailer. (See <http://warrandyte.org.au/be-ready/immersive-bushfire-experience-we-need-your-help/>)

### 2. RIVERSIDE DEVELOPMENT'

Building has finally commenced on the 'Riverside Retirement Housing' project to build five units in West End- First Street. It is a local development involving many WCA members. The Warrandyte Community Retirement Housing Cooperative began as a sub-committee of WCA, becoming incorporated as a Coop when it initiated the award winning 'Creekside' development in Harris Gully Road. The Coop hopes to complete building Riverside before the end of 2019. (see <http://warrandyte.org.au/creekside/>)

### 3. AWARDS!

#### **Val Polley OAM**

Congratulations to Val Polley on her award of an OAM (Medal of the Order of Australia) after a lifetime of service to the Warrandyte community. Val was a founder of the WCA and prominent as a planner, former mayor, environmentalist and stalwart of the Warrandyte Historical Society. So well deserved!

(See <http://warrandyte.org.au/2018/07/03/australia-day-honours-for-val-polley/>)

#### **Market Trophy**

The Manningham Perpetual Trophy was awarded to the Warrandyte Riverside Market Board of Management on Australia Day 2018. The Board of Management is a sub-committee of Rotary Warrandyte -Donvale and includes Warrandyte Community Association, the Warrandyte LIONS, the Warrandyte Community Church and the CFA. (See <http://warrandyte.org.au/warrandyte-riverside-market/>)

#### **Market Money**

While we are on the market and awards - the return to the Warrandyte community in awards, grants, donations and jobs created from the Warrandyte Riverside Market in the financial year ended 2018 is a fantastic \$153,355!



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#### 4. SUPREME COURT WIN!

WCA was a respondent in a Victorian Supreme Court landmark decision in the case of Phillip Mannerheim Holdings Pty Ltd v Nillumbik Shire Council in November. It is a huge victory for all the ordinary people in Victoria who care for their neighbourhood and community. The developer subsequently withdrew from the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT) hearing.  
(see <http://warrandyte.org.au/2017/12/19/supreme-court-win-a-victory-for-ordinary-people/>)

#### 5. SAVE THE GREEN WEDGE

##### **Nillumbik Green Wedge Management Plan Review**

The WCA together with the Friends of Nillumbik and Green Wedge Protection Society is actively campaigning to maintain the Nillumbik Green Wedge against concern that Nillumbik Council will weaken it. (Sign up for regular Bulletins here [savethegreenwedge@gmail.com](mailto:savethegreenwedge@gmail.com) : see website [greenwedge.warrandyte.org.au](http://greenwedge.warrandyte.org.au))

##### **Manningham Planning Amendment C117**

WCA has concerns that this will open up commercial 'uses' in the green wedge in Manningham. We have called on Council to reconsider C117 and will continue to liaise with Manningham on this amendment by participation in the Planning Panel.  
(see: <http://warrandyte.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/Manningham-C117-WCA-panel-submission.pdf>)

#### 6. "WARRANTYTE IS AWESOME!!"

Comment on the 'Writer's Wall' at the WCA gazebo at the Warrandyte Festival! Folks chalked up a range of comments despite cancellation of the Saturday festivities. We are doing our bit to keep it that way:

##### **Lion's Park Redevelopment**

The WCA, together with other community groups, contributed to the Manningham Council plan to upgrade the site and improve community recreational facilities.

##### **Old Dairy Site Redevelopment**

With the Warrandyte Historical Society, WCA is contributing to discussions on how best to manage the old Dairy site which is of historical significance but which fell into disrepair.

##### **Bike Path**

Discussions with Manningham Council continued on the bike path from Beasley's to Warrandyte.

##### **Jumping Creek Road**

WCA also contributed to the planning panel advising on the upgrade of Jumping Creek Road.



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## 7. RING-ROAD NORTH EAST LINK FORUM

To enable discussion and inform residents about Ring Road options, WCA created the North East Link Forum together with the Park Orchards Residents Association and the Donvale Residents Association, to provide a forum for discussion and input on the proposed NE Ring-Road Link.

(see <http://warrandyte.org.au/2017/08/15/north-east-link-authority-wca-notes-on-the-n-e-link/> )

## 8. HELPING RESIDENTS WITH PLANNING

WCA also supported local residents who expressed concerns about several local developments:

### **VCAT Win in Brumby's Road**

The Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal has determined that no permit be granted for a Residential hotel, Vineyard, Orchard & Winery in 46-52 Brumby's Road, South Warrandyte. The application had been refused by Manningham Council and the appeal to VCAT was opposed by WCA in support of several local residents affected by the proposal.

(See <http://warrandyte.org.au/2017/06/12/wca-submission-brumbys-road-south-warrandyte/> )

### **Keen Avenue**

Despite a comprehensive submission, VCAT rejected our submission to limit the Keen Avenue development to 8 rather than 9 blocks and preserve some large trees.

(See <http://warrandyte.org.au/2016/11/15/objection-to-application-to-subdivide-8-20-keen-ave-warrandyte-pl16026256/> )

### **Husseys Lane**

A pre-existing subdivision enabled an inappropriate development in Hussey's Lane despite concerns from near neighbours.

### **McMANSIONS!**

Following a huge development in Webb Street, a WCA sub-committee is liaising with Manningham Council to research and clarify the planning controls applying within the Neighbourhood Residential Zone on the Manningham side of Warrandyte to encourage building design which harmonises with the neighbourhood character of our community.

(see <http://warrandyte.org.au/2017/08/22/the-emergence-of-mcmansion-scale-dwelling-construction-in-warrandyte/> )

### **Bourchiers Road**

Locals and visitors were outraged when Nillumbik Council blocked river access to the swimming hole at the end of Bourchiers Road. Access has now been permanently restored.



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## **9. WARRANDYTE BRIDGE**

Widening the bridge has been a controversial issue. WCA worked alongside VicRoads to improve their 'community engagement' process. We convened an independent forum to inform residents who were left confused by the VicRoads process. We also pressured VicRoads to convene an Urban Design Advisory Panel to add beneficial features. (see <http://warrandyte.org.au/2016/09/27/warrandyte-bridge-community-forum/>)

## **10. COUNCIL & STATE ACTIVITY**

### **Yarra River Action Plan**

WCA is represented on the Birrarung Council with oversight of the Yarra River Protection Act.

### **Plan Melbourne**

Besides Regular meetings with Councils and councilors, WCA participated in a planning session with Manningham Council as part of their contribution to the 'Plan Melbourne' strategy.