



Warrandyte
Community
Association



WARRANDYTE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Annual General Meeting – Thursday 12th September 2019

7.30 – 8.00pm Warrandyte Community Church

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

WCA TOP TEN 2019

1. ORDER OF AUSTRALIA AWARDS

Congratulations to Doug Seymour and Jan Davies on their awards of the Order of Australia Medal (OAM). They have both been involved with much community work in Warrandyte since the seventies and have made huge contributions to the environment and character of the township. (See <http://warrandyte.org.au/2019/06/18/australia-day-honours-for-doug-seymour-and-jan-davies/>)

2. RIVERSIDE DEVELOPMENT

Breaking News! Many WCA members are intimately involved with 'Riverside', the local retirement complex of five units built by the Warrandyte Community Retirement Housing Cooperative. It is now complete with residents moving in in September. This brings the Coop capitalization over ten units, including the established 'Creekside' complex, up to about \$8 million or more, a substantial investment on behalf of older Warrandyte residents and a huge contribution to the community.

Our thanks to the Coop Board who have invested a huge amount of time and effort into this endeavour. WCRHC began as a sub-committee of WCA, becoming incorporated as a Co-op when it initiated the award winning 'Creekside' development in Harris Gully Road, (see <http://warrandyte.org.au/creekside/>). WCA wishes the incoming residents a long and pleasant stay in the heart of the Warrandyte Community!

3. EXCITING NEWS!

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. Old Dairy Renovations Stage One is complete, with all dangerous materials removed from underground tank and asbestos in the old Dairy roof safely disposed of. The WCA together with WHS look forward to continuing their amicable design group with Melbourne Water and Manningham City Council to implement each stage of this exciting project for

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Warrandyte. Next stage is to remove wall structures and create an open space 3 brick high floor plan of the Dairy.

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. The Lions Park Masterplan Upgrade vital design plans complete and amicably agreed upon with WCA, WHS and Manningham City Council. The WCA is excited about the prospect of river access to open space for families, the disabled and all to enjoy with a clear and safe distinction between leisure area and parking with a Lions Club donated adult exercise area.

The Old Police Station - Currently used for DHS Emergency Public Housing in Warrandyte, which is a service provided to our residents and those surrounding our semi-rural suburb. The WCA are working with Police, DHS and Manningham City Council to continue this valuable service.

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

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

4. 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 <mailto:savethegreenwedge@gmail.com>: see website <http://www.greenwedge.warrandyte.org.au/>).

Manningham Planning Amendment C117 - WCA has concerns that this will open up commercial 'uses' in the green wedge in Manningham. Following Manningham Council's rejection of a Panel Report recommending against acceptance, WCA and other environmental groups have referred it to the Planning Minister where it is awaiting consideration.

5. BE READY WARRANDYTE!

We held another successful pre-bushfire season forum on 'Bushfire Insurance – Are You Covered? Guest speakers were Denis Nelthorpe, from [Disaster Legal Help](#) and Cheryl Meikle from the local [Bendigo Bank](#). Tony Murphy deputy CEO of [Emergency Management Victoria](#), updated on the current situation together with Helen Napier and Dean Graham, Emergency Management, Manningham Council. We also presented former EMV Commissioner Craig Lapsley with a certificate of appreciation. About 250 people packed the hall.

Full information and presentations including 'Pre Bushfire Insurance Advice' is available on the WCA website at <http://warrandyte.org.au/be-ready/bushfire-insurance-forum/>

The WCA continues to be represented on the MCC Emergency Management Resilience sub-committee. With new EM officers in both Manningham and Nillumbik it is important to retain corporate memory and consistency.

6. "WARRANTDYTE STARS"

Warrandyte Festival

The WCA have been involved in the very successful 2019 Warrandyte Festival and hosted a stall titled 'Warrandyte Stars'. The stall was visited by many people, including some of our local Councillors. Visitors commented on the chalkboard 'Writer's Wall' answering; 'What Are the Attractions and Benefits of living in Warrandyte'. There were many responses, but our most common comments were; The River, The Environment and The Community Spirit.

Warrandyte Riverside Market

The WCA is a member of the Market Committee of Management and contributes to the monthly market by organizing the 'Bump out' at the end and in other ways. Many thanks to all the 'Warrandyte Stars' who turn out in all weather to assist! Special thanks to the folk at RPM Hire and Manningham Council who provide the electronic sign advertising what is now the most successful market in the eastern suburbs. Last financial year it returned \$128,000 to the Warrandyte Community in grants, donations and jobs created!

7. RING-ROAD NORTH EAST LINK FORUM

To enable discussion and inform residents about Ring Road options and future implications, 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, including feeder roads and traffic implications. This continues for address and support implications to Mullum Mullum Ward from the construction of Option A.

(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:

Airbnb Warrandyte - Local residents are experiencing disturbance and threats to their animals and properties due to an increase in private homes being rented out as Air B&B's with advertisements encouraging bookings for large parties, events, weddings or weekend gatherings. Property owners are not local or live in Australia therefore are unable to monitor renter's behaviour and guests are leaving dangerous and poisonous large rubbish around adjoining properties which our local residents' animals can digest and die from. The WCA are working with residents and Manningham City Council to investigate the guidelines for residential properties being rented out as AirB&B's and the monitoring systems to ensure local resident safety and our flora and fauna safety.

Bramleigh Estate Planning Permit and Liquor Licence - A large group of residents have objected to the current planning permit submission from Bramleigh Estate to be able to play music and serve alcohol on its large back deck, which was renovated under a planning permit for disabled access. The deck is now a large area in which weddings and outdoor functions can be held. The WCA are supporting residents in their concerns and objection submissions regarding the music volume and alcohol serving hours as well as noise and light pollution from the Estate, which

is currently adversely affecting residents, and local nocturnal animals in their Fourth Hill Green Wedge area. The Bramleigh Estate planning permit was recently granted by Council with some residents still suffering noise and light pollution from the business' operation.

Old Wine Hall (behind Fork Art) - 232-236 Yarra Street applied for a second dwelling planning permit. The WCA objected to this planning application on the grounds of massive house design and disruption to the trees and view of the Warrandyte RSL War Memorial site, however the WCA was unsuccessful with its objection and the planning permit was granted.

Warran Glen Nursery - 378-383 Ringwood-Warrandyte Road, Warrandyte have applied to have their patronage guidelines extended from 40 to 350 patrons. The Nursery current seats 390 patrons and is regularly attended by approximately 150 patrons during busy periods. The WCA met with the owner to discuss his patronage extension permit and future intentions for Warran Glen Nursery.

McMANSIONS! - Following a huge development in Webb Street, a WCA sub-committee has been 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. Whilst this committee has temporarily lapsed, WCA is hoping to continue negotiation over what is a complex planning issue. (See <http://warrandyte.org.au/2017/08/22/the-emergence-of-mcmansion-scale-dwelling-construction-in-warrandyte/>)

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. This Urban Design Panel (UDP) continue to work with VicRoads and Manningham City Council to implement all agreed outcomes within the Urban Design Panel report agreement and follow through with a list of queries on finishing off all the agreed work as per the UDP report. (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 councillors, WCA participated in a planning session with Manningham Council as part of their contribution to the '[Plan Melbourne](#)' strategy.

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