

Dear Members and Friends

The last Kensington Association gathering for the year will be our end of year 'do' this Tuesday 11 December, 7:30-9:30 at the Kensington Town Hall. This is always an informal night of drink and nibbles. Do come along and catch up.

NEXT YEAR, we will go back to meeting on the **first Monday of the month**, same time (7:30pm), same place (Kensington Town Hall).

This will allow us to more easily attend Council's Future Melbourne Committee meetings, which are held on Tuesday. This is important for the Association in terms of representing our community at these meetings. For instance, at the last meeting, we spoke to two matters, one a planning application where we were especially concerned with the request for exemption from parking space requirements (we lost this) and the other matter was about management of the Kensington precinct of the Metro Tunnel (see below).

Our next formal general meeting is not until **Monday 4 February**, but if you have a concern about Kensington before then, contact us via email at [info@kensingtonassociation.org.au](mailto:info@kensingtonassociation.org.au). As a volunteer organisation we cannot guarantee an immediate response, but we can assure you we will get to it in a reasonable timeframe.

*Please read to the end of this Newsletter so you know where to give to help others this festive season.*

### **Awesome Progress for our Metro Tunnel portal and locale**

As the last item of business at the 13 November 2018 Future Melbourne Committee Meeting Cr Leppert presented and successfully saw through Agenda Item 7.2, graciously acknowledging the Kensington Association. To summarise it would take almost as long as the motion, quoted below (sourced from [HERE](#))

Notice of Motion, Cr Leppert: Metro Tunnel western portal and environs integrated public realm design Resolved:

1. That the Future Melbourne Committee:

1.1. Endorses the Kensington Association's vision for an integrated public realm design for the South Kensington rail corridor in and around the Metro Tunnel western portal, inclusive of land between the Maribyrnong River and the Lloyd Street Business Estate (per the attachment to the notice).

1.2. Notes that only the State Government has the authority to mandate that designs be integrated and to compel the cooperation of all relevant contractors and state government decision makers (hereafter 'the delivery agencies').

1.3. Notwithstanding the above, resolves that the City of Melbourne should provide leadership in facilitating a coordinated approach to public realm design, and in doing so:

1.3.1. Requests that management facilitate workshops of all delivery agencies as soon as practicable, to allow for information sharing, coordinated planning and to explore efficiencies through staged delivery of works in the area, in order to bring about a shared commitment for an integrated design.

1.3.2. Requests that management work with delivery agencies and nominated Kensington Association representatives to ensure meaningful community input into an integrated design.

1.3.3. Requests that management seek State Government Ministerial support for these processes if and when required on behalf of the Council.

1.3.4. Requests that the CEO write to the Minister for Public Transport to set out the offers made by the City of Melbourne as resolved here, seeking the Minister's in principle support for the proposed courses of action, and also take the opportunity to again urge a firm commitment from the State Government for the refurbishment of South Kensington Station by 2020 as well as providing the land adjoining the South Kensington Station and adjoining the rail corridor between Kensington Road and the Maribyrnong River for public use.

1.3.5. Requests that management take the Kensington Association proposal for a linear park between Kensington Road and the Maribyrnong River along the transmission line easement into consideration when undertaking the 2018-19 Annual Plan Initiative relating to West Melbourne Waterfront planning.

Many thanks to the Association's sub-committee and to Cr Rohan Leppert for his constant support of the suburb and his openness to constructive ideas, which, in this instance, he pursued with both passion and success!

### **State Election results – Congratulations Ellen**

As the facilitator of our 'Meet the Candidates' event said, this year's two main candidates, Ellen Sandell (Greens, sitting MP) and Jennifer Kanis (ALP, 'previous MP) are both great women who have already proved that they will look after Kensington.

Another Kensington Association member commented that he had a positive experience of working on the polling booth at South Kensington on election day and mentioned the joy of seeing democracy in action within a diverse multicultural community of voters. We are lucky here, that's for sure. It was a pretty close count and we congratulate Ellen on her re-election.

### **Skate Park competition Saturday 15 December**

On the Kensington Road corner of JJ Holland Park sits our Kensington Skate Park, where an important [Skate Park Comp](#) will run from **11am to 4pm**. This free event embraces skate park culture and brings the community together, so get down there and cheer on the competitors who will all go in the draw to win one of the raffled off prizes.

Heat times are **Scooter 11am** (14 & Under, 15 & Over); **BMX 12:30pm** (14 & Under, 15 & Over); **Skate 1:30pm** (12 & Under, 16 & Under, Open Male, Open Female). If you're competing, note during heats you must wear a helmet, which the YMCA can provide. [Check guidelines and rules](#) to be sure! The *Judging Principles* will give good insight into what is required to be a winner. Also see [Facebook](#)

### **Christmas in Kensington**

Christmas in the area is highlighted in the current issue of the *Flemington Kensington News* (page 18). (If you have not got a copy – collect one at the Flemington Library or at one of the local shops. To volunteer to distribute the Flem Ken News in your area: [email](#) )

### ***Carols in the Park 6pm Saturday 15 December***

Pack a picnic and join in the carols at the Women's Peace Garden, 5:30pm for a 6pm start organised by the Inner West Church.

*Carols in the Pub 8pm Monday 16 December*

This is a jolly fun night tradition at The Quiet Man Irish Pub, cnr Rankins and Racecourse Roads. Singing from 8pm. A \$10 donation will assist the Flemington People's Pantry.

Finish off your Christmas shopping locally, at our great shops, on at the last **Kensington Market** for the year is on Sunday **16th of December, 10am-3pm Kensington Town Hall**.

While you are there – drop of your gift for the annual toy and food drive.

**Annual toy and food drive – donate by 18 December**

Melbourne North police and their Community Consultative Committee (the PCCC) are again inviting people to donate new toys and non-perishable food items to those experiencing hardship over the festive season.

Police will distribute donations to local support agency The Venny Children's Communal Backyard in Kensington and Ronald McDonald House in Parkville.

Drop off points include Newton's Pharmacy, the Kensington Town Hall and Kensington Town Hall and the Commonwealth and Westpac banks in 'Errol St North Melbourne.

I hope to see you this Tuesday, at our informal gathering 7:30pm Kensington Town Hall or in the new year at our first meeting for 2019 on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February.

Please look out for each other and have a happy summer break.

Rilke Muir

Vice Chair

Kensington Association.

*and PS – please remember to cut back those plants so your footpath is not obstructed!!*