

It has been a while since we have been in contact by newsletter, but hopefully you have noticed extra activity via our Facebook page. I would have put fingers to keyboard earlier this week, had I not gone down with a nasty tummy bug. If you are reading this in time – it is a reminder to attend the **Kensington Community Festival in JJ Holland Park tomorrow (Sunday March 31) 10am-3pm**. And in any case – thanks to the wonderful team of dedicated people who have brought us this event, including our own Liz Forbes and the volunteers involved.

Younghusband update – next stage and progress so far, Monday night

The April General Meeting, **Monday 1 April** (7:30pm, Kensington Town Hall) will include a presentation from James Fitzgerald of IIG, who is managing this project. The Younghusband buildings are iconic and important to our community. James and his team have made every effort to engage with us throughout their journey so far, and we appreciate him us an evening to present his news.

JJ Holland Play Space – feedback on design concept: ASAP

Based on community feedback, there is now a concept plan for the new JJ Holland play space and council is seeking your opinion again.... But by this coming Monday! *Sorry!*

Yes, the new play space design includes lots of different play opportunities, but from my perspective – as an older person – where is a nice park bench, i.e. with a back on it, for me to sit, preferably in the shade and with a view of what's going on? And as a grandmother, how do we keep dogs out of the toddler area? Have a look for yourself, the 'virtual tour' is an interesting way to present their ideas. Provide your feedback at participate.melbourne.vic.gov.au/hollandpark by Monday 1 April.

Moonee Ponds Creek

The Moonee Ponds Creek "PushMePullYou" goes on. On the one hand, the Victorian Planning Authority appears to be supporting Council and its progress on thinking about the creek corridor as usable public open space. On the other, dedicated locals, including Kensington Association members, are engaged with the West Gate Tunnel Project representatives and not too pleased with how that is going. They are still hoping for open communication and meaningful co-operation to minimise the impact of tunnel works on the creek and its environment at their next meeting in a few week's time.

Anyhow, to see the 31 creek improvement ideas that are being suggested – and to have your say – go to participate.melbourne.vic.gov.au/moonee-ponds-creek before Sunday 28 April.

Meet the Candidates – Federal Election

Questions will no doubt come thick and fast at the Kensington Association Meet the Candidates event for the Federal election. We will advise further when we have a date.

The state election event was well received and a good chance to get up close and personal to the candidates. The next event, a popular Association tradition, will also be worth coming out for.

Take care

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