

WEST ST KILDA RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

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COFFEE MORNING

The next WSKRA coffee morning will be on Sunday 18 July from 9.30am - 11am at West Beach Pavilion. All residents are welcome to drop by for a warm scone and coffee or tea and a chat with your neighbours. Our Ward Councillor, Christina Sirakoff will be there around 10.30am to give a short presentation and answer your questions. There will also be a representative from the Renew Fitzroy Street Project to give us an update on their work. We hope you can join us.

Venue: West Beach Pavilion

When: Sunday, 18 July 2021 from 9.30 to 11am

Who: All West St Kilda residents

VALE PHILIP NEWMAN

We were deeply sorry to hear of the death of Philip Newman in April. Philip was a long-term Committee member of WSKRA and a loved member of the community. If you would like to make a memorial donation in celebration of his life, his family have suggested contributions to the Peter Newman Foundation www.tinyurl.com/pnfdonation. This foundation is run by Philip's son and has supported Indigenous communities in Australia and Central America for 25 years. Your donation will support this cause Philip was passionate about.

ST KILDA PIER

Parks Victoria is reconstructing St Kilda Pier. Full details available at

www.parks.vic.gov.au/projects/st-kilda-pier-redevelopment

PRIDE CENTRE

Approximately 30 WSKRA members recently took a guided tour of the new Pride Centre. It was obvious from the presentation that this building (opening soon) will be very busy, drawing several hundred additional people into Fitzroy Street each day. Further details available www.pridecentre.org.au

REJUVENATION OF FITZROY STREET

Renew Fitzroy Street (RFS) is a joint initiative between Renew Australia, the Fitzroy Street Business Traders and City of Port Philip. The group is working with the community and landlords to make vacant properties available for creative projects, and to provide opportunities for local creative industries.

RFS launched its first activated spaces in early March 2021. These businesses, all located around #63 Fitzroy St, are **Farm Goat**, **St Kilda Artworks**, **Calistags Plants** and **Mike Stretch Finds**. After initial success, RFS is introducing 3 new shops into the project this month. **Domestic Fantasies** #52 vintage homewares and furniture; **PluginHUMAN** #63 illumination and immersive art by an award-winning artist duo; and **Art@The Thomas** #107 an art gallery run by a local art collective. These exciting new imaginative businesses are well worth a visit!

TRAFFIC IN CANTERBURY ROAD

Traffic in Canterbury Road has been an ongoing concern to residents. Recently the St Kilda Park Primary School Council raised the issue of reducing the speed limit around the Canterbury Road crossing with both local and state government officials. Of major concern is vehicle speed, heavy trucks and drivers not obeying the lights, especially during school drop-off and pick-up times. They have received initial support from local Councillors and are planning discussions with State Government and are hopeful of a good outcome. Stay tuned.

COWDEROY STREET TOILETS

WSKRA has joined with Port Philip Council to refurbish the toilets on Cummins Reserve at the beach end of Cowderoy Street. We are in the process of selecting an artist to paint a mural to add interest and brighten up the outside of the toilet block.

The City of Port Phillip is currently surveying the use of all public toilets. Feel free to pass on your concerns to ensure these essential public conveniences are kept and well maintained.

RAT RUNNER TRAFFIC

Things are starting to move on the Cowderoy Street traffic front with the City of Port Phillip releasing the results of a traffic count requested by residents. Many of you will be shocked, but not surprised, by the enormity of the increase in volumes of daily traffic. The complete results are currently being analysed by an independent expert commissioned by residents. But the bottom line is that the average number of vehicles using this local street is now more than 3,200 per day. The number has increased by more than 80% since the last count in 2016. This is no longer just an evening peak rat run issue but a 24 hour a day headache for Cowderoy Street residents and many others. Resident action is underway, but support is needed. If you would like to get involved, voice your concerns, or simply be kept up to date please contact Gary Edwards at cowderoytraffic@outlook.com Mobile 0419 345 961.

RECYCLING RESET

Council has provided communal glass recycling and FOGO (food organics & garden organics) bins in the HR Johnston Reserve, Corner Cowderoy & Canterbury Rds, St Kilda West. For a complete update go to www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/council-services/waste-recycling-and-cleaning

COUNCIL GRANTS

Grants of up to \$12,000 are available for projects that will take place between July 2021 and June 2022 supporting local artists, cultural organisations and creative groups. More information at www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/explore-the-city/arts-and-creative-industries/funding-and-support/cultural-development-fund-projects

APARTMENT RESIDENT'S MEETING

Do you live in an apartment? Would you like to meet up with others living in multi dwelling units to discuss issues relevant to apartment living? Topics of interest might be noise, rubbish in common areas or Owners Corp quandaries. Please send an email titled "Apartment Living" to wskrassociation@gmail.com including your preferred scheduling (early evening, weekend only; etc). We will respond to all emails and will target an initial meeting sometime during the next 6 weeks, subject to interest.

SAVE THE DATE

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MEMBERSHIP

Membership subscription stays at \$10 per person for FY21/22. Email the Membership Secretary to renew your membership. wskrassociation@gmail.com

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