

WEST ST KILDA RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

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WSKRA COFFEE MORNING

The West St Kilda Residents Association Coffee Morning is on again. Join us for coffee (or tea) and scones, jam & cream, on Sunday, April 30, 2023, from 9.30am–11am.

Come along to the West Beach Pavilion to chat with the WSKRA Committee and neighbours about issues affecting our neighbourhood. Or just have a fun get-together with new friends at our beautiful foreshore venue.

Venue: West Beach Pavilion

When: Sunday, April 30, 2023, from 9.30am–11am

Who: All St Kilda West residents

OUR ASSOCIATION WILL SOON TURN 25!

A quarter of a century is a milestone we cannot celebrate alone. We would like to hear from you the type of initiatives and activities you would like for our 25th Anniversary. The Coffee Morning is a perfect opportunity to catch up, give us your ideas and renew membership for the next 12 months.

COME AND ‘LOOK AT ART’ WITH US

WSKRA has organised an evening for you to *Look At Art* at The Linden on Acland St, on Wednesday, April 26, from 6.00pm. Join us at the Linden for a private viewing of their new exhibition with an introduction to the exhibition by Vincent Alessi, Linden CEO and Director.

TRAFFIC CONGESTION UPDATE

After more than eight years we are still waiting on Council to initiate action to address the rush hour traffic running through the area. Council is currently considering whether to trial a NO RIGHT TURN from Canterbury Rd into Cowderoy St. This was regarded as a step to trial a partial solution. However, no decision yet! Please continue to contact our councillors to demand a solution before someone is seriously injured.

PRIDE CENTRE DESIGN GONG

The Victorian Pride Centre has won two major prizes recognising the building's unique design at the recent Victorian Premier's Design Awards: for Architectural Design and overall design. <https://pridecentre.org.au/victorian-pride-centre-wins-top-victorian-premiers-design-awards/>

POP-UP BIKE PATHS

Love them or hate them. Have your say. Visit www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/pop-up-bike-lanes

LOCAL EVENTS-IMPACTS

What's happening in and around our area? There's been an event just about every weekend since the start of the new year and there's more ahead. Our webpage will keep you up-to-date with local events and their impact on our daily lives and environment.

A Shout Out to CoPP Events Services Team

Enclosure of sections of Catani Gardens for outdoor events has been reduced to less than three days before and after an event.

Council addressed our request to adjust the fence line along Beaconsfield Pde near Mary St to allow for safer access, not only for the general public but also for festival goers walking from Fitzroy St/Upper Esplanade to the entrance gates near Cowderoy St.

Please let us know if you have more feedback on any events in our suburb.

ADDRESSING HOONING WITH BEACON COVE NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUP

The Beacon Cove Neighbourhood Group (BCNG) have been successful, over the summer months, in having a mobile camera available to provide police with photos of offending vehicles. WSKRA and BCNG have been participating in a State Government Working Group with local councils and police to make recommendations to the State Government on approaches to reduce hooning.

The CoPP Council has not been as proactive as other Victorian Councils have been in addressing hooning. Discussions with the local police commander revealed that our area is experiencing more hooning activity as the culprits have left suburbs with strict local laws and moved to suburbs where hooning is tolerated.

We hope you had a chance to respond to the CoPP survey which closed on Friday, March 31. We will keep the hooning issue alive with our Council to ensure that hooning 'suburb shopping' does not impact our neighbourhood.

ISSUES FOR PROGRESSION BY YOUR COMMITTEE IN 2023/24

- Monitor Flooding events. Let us know if you have experienced a flood recently. Please email us details, time and date, and pictures if possible.
- Electric vehicles. Ensure West St Kilda has charging facilities.
- E scooters. Reporting safety & security incidents.
- Shrine to Sea Project.
- Hooning on Beaconsfield Pde and Fitzroy St.

And another thing. A bit more on the proposed update to St Kilda West Beach Boardwalk Accessibility Connection. https://hdp-au-prod-app-pp-haveyoursay-files.s3.ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/9216/7754/9817/St_Kilda_West_Beach_Summary_Report.pdf

NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS WELCOME

If you have an interest in local issues, are available to attend four or five meetings per year and are keen to engage with neighbours, other local groups and occasionally council and government agencies, please join the WSKRA Committee. There is information on our webpages about committee work and participation. We are also happy to catch up for a chat over coffee to discuss the work of the WSKRA Committee.

Nominations can be accepted at any time.

DO YOU LIVE, WORK, STAY, PLAY IN WEST ST KILDA?

Your residents' association would like to share information affecting your neighbourhood. We want to hear from you about the things that matter to you so that each of us has an opportunity to preserve, enhance, and shape our local environment.



Grab the QR code to find out more.

A SNAPSHOT OF OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD

Here is a link to a summary of the 2021 Census data for St Kilda West. Our neighbourhood is indeed diverse and interesting; have a look at the ABS website. <https://abs.gov.au/census/find-census-data/quickstats/2021/SAL22345>

SAVE THE DATE

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Venue: Linden New Art, Acland St, St Kilda

WSKRA RULES

WSKRA Rules are on our website. www.wskra.com/our-association

WSKRA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Subscription: \$10 per person

Donation: _____

Total: _____

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