

WEST ST KILDA RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

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COFFEE MORNING AT WEST BEACH PAVILION

Save the date

When: Sunday, 23 June 2024 from 10.30am

Venue: West Beach Pavilion
330 Beaconsfield Pde, St Kilda West

Who: West St Kilda residents and owners

You are invited to the West St Kilda Coffee Morning on Sunday 23 June 2024 at West Beach Pavilion. Come along to catch up with neighbours or meet new ones over a cuppa and scones, from 10.30am to 12.30pm. All West St Kilda residents are invited—whether you are subscribed with the Association or not — so bring your neighbours along for a mid-winter get-together.

We will be joined by Liz Kelly and Phillip Stewart, from the St Kilda Historical Society. They will give a brief presentation on a few interesting landmarks in the local area including the Beaconsfield Hotel. Previous presentations from the Historical Society have been very well received at our Coffee Mornings.

Our residents' association was formed in March 1999 following a meeting of 100+ residents at the local RSL club on Loch St. WSKRA was registered with Consumer Affairs Victoria as an incorporated association in June 1999. This year we celebrate our 25th year.

The Committee is composed of West St Kilda locals who donate their time and resources in service of our treasured beachside suburb. If you are a member of the Association and keen to help preserve and enhance our community, you are welcome to nominate to the Committee at any time.

PEAK HOUR TRAFFIC CONGESTION

The six-month trial of a No Right Turn from Canterbury Rd to Cowderoy St during peak hours is now closed. It was disappointing to the WSKRA Committee, along with many residents, that our Councillors decided to call the trial unsuccessful, contrary to the official report from Council traffic engineers. Your Council has discontinued the trial without putting forward an alternate solution, setting us back to the same sorry situation suffered by residents over many years: traffic congestion on our minor streets and the dangerous rat racing that it encourages. WSKRA will press Council for a solution to this long-standing dangerous situation.

THE BEACONSFIELD: COMING BACK TO LIFE

The Beaconsfield Hotel is an acknowledged part of our neighbourhood, the historic pub has been largely vacant and deteriorating over the past years.

Although the consensus of residents who are aware of the reopening of the hotel seems to be positive, there are worries about how the hotel will be operated and affect residents in close proximity to the pub. Concerns have been raised about the parking exemption, hours of operation to 1am every night, the lack of any new noise treatment, and the minimal business investment and cost of works, in contrast with venue capacity, in the Application.

For your reference: Application number for planning permit for 341 Beaconsfield Parade: PDPL/00334/2023.

CHANGES TO PORT PHILLIP ELECTORAL WARDS

As announced by Council on 24 February 2024: "Following an independent review from an electoral representation advisory panel, the City of Port Phillip will move to a single member ward structure for the October 2024 Council election. This is in line with the recommendations in the Local Government Act 2020, and we join 39 other councils moving to the single ward structure."

www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/about-the-council/news-and-media/changes-to-port-phillip-electoral-wards

COMMUNITY PLANTING

Join Earthcare and the EcoCentre in Community Planting at H.R. Johnson Reserve Playground on Cowderoy Street, West St Kilda, Sunday 7 July 2024 from 10am to 12pm.

As announced by Port Phillip EcoCentre online: "Get ready for the next exciting instalment in our Community Planting series. Join us as we continue our mission to enhance and support our urban green spaces. This event promises to be a rewarding experience for all involved, as we come together to invest in the future health and beauty of our local environment. Whether you're a seasoned gardener or new to planting, your contribution will make a meaningful difference. Mark your calendars and don't miss out on this opportunity to connect with nature and make a positive impact in our community."

www.ecocentre.com/events/event/hrjohnson-community-planting-event/

DISCOVER ST KILDA

The **St Kilda Film Festival** is celebrating 40 years from June 6 – 16, 2024 in venues around St Kilda, including the Astor Theatre and Ajax Theatre. For a full Program and Venue list of all the short films in the festival see www.stkildafilmfestival.com.au

Shape our Coastal Future is one of two key projects Port Phillip Council is embarking on to manage our coastline and better prepare us for the future. For information and to provide feedback on these projects affecting our neighbourhood please read **Shape Our Coastal Future** at www.haveyoursay.portphillip.vic.gov.au

The next **Deep Time Walk** offered EcoCentre is on June 16, 2024. “Join a 4.6km walk through Earth’s history in which each kilometre represents one billion years. This transformative experience will enable you to grasp the enormity of our planet’s history and set our own species, Homo Sapiens, in context.

The Deep Time Walk was co-created by Dr Stephan Harding and Sergio Maraschin, Schumacher College (UK). For more information about the Deep Time Walk Project visit www.ecocentre.com/events/event/deep-time-walk

Pride Month is celebrated annually in June to honour the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer community. It traces its roots back to the 1969 Stonewall Uprising in Greenwich Village, New York. The Air Is Electric, Photographs by David McDiarmid in America is currently on exhibition until June 30, 2024. pridecentre.org.au

ADDRESSING HOONING WITH BEACON COVE NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUP

WSKRA and other resident groups are members of the State Government Hooning Reference Group. This group, also containing local government and police reps, has been developing recommendations raise by concerns of residents and the community. WSKRA and Beacon Cove Neighbourhood Group have been pushing for the introduction of acoustic cameras and on-the-spot noise testers. We will continue to advocate in this Group.

GRAND PRIX

The Australian Grand Prix has come and gone again this year and Albert Park has finally been returned to our community, albeit with a few areas of grass needing refurbishment. Please let us know if you have been affected by changes to public transport, noise or parking and road traffic. WSKRA will raise your concerns with the myriad of responsible authorities.

YOU MIGHT DISCOVER SOMETHING NEW OR SOMETHING OLD

Just About Now is a collection of things happening in our spaces and places, physical and digital, intersecting culture, community and creativity, past, present and near future into the Now. Stitched together by Gerome for wskra.com wskra.com/just-about-now-jun-jul-2024/



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Please include your full name on transfer details.

By Cheque

Mail to PO Box 2022, St Kilda West, VIC 3182, or
bring to the coffee morning.

In Cash

At the coffee morning on Sunday 23/6/24 or contact a
committee member.