

WEST ST KILDA RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

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MID WINTER COFFEE MORNING AT WEST BEACH PAVILION

Save the date: Sunday June 15, 2025

When: Sunday, 15 June 2025 from 10.00am – 11.30am
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 15 June 2025 at West Beach Pavilion. Come along to catch up with neighbours or meet new ones over a cuppa and scones, from 10.00am to 11.30am. All West St Kilda residents are invited—whether you are a member of the Association or not — so bring your neighbours along for a mid-winter get-together.



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

The Committee is composed of West St Kilda locals who donate their time to 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.

ALBERT PARK BRANCH SEWER UPGRADE DEAKIN STREET WORKS – SE WATER

For all residents in the immediate neighbourhood of Deakin Street, according to the website, Stage 2b is scheduled to be completed in May 2025. But due to permit and approval delays they will be back later in the year to finish installing the last section of pipe between Deakin St and Cowderoy St (under Jacoby Reserve). Date yet to be advised.

For a complete plan of the project, expected delays and future works please go to their website.

<https://southeastwater.com.au/faults-and-works/works/upgrades/albert-park-branch-sewer-upgrade/albert-park-deakin-street/>

PEAK HOUR TRAFFIC CONGESTION

The six-month trial of a No Right Turn from Canterbury Rd to Cowderoy St during peak hours closed last year. Local residents had noticed a marked reduction in traffic congestion and dangerous driving so it was disappointing that our then Councillors decided to call the trial unsuccessful, contrary to the official report from Council traffic engineers.

The Council 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 continue to press Council for a solution to this long-standing, high-priority community issue.

THE BEACONSFIELD HOTEL

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 those aware of the planned reopening of the hotel seems to be positive, there are concerns about how the hotel will affect residents who live close by. Questions have been asked about parking, hours of operation, the lack of new noise solutions, and the lack of adequate refurbishment investment by the operators.

The Application is now subject to a VCAT hearing due in the middle of this year.

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

PORT PHILLIP ECOCENTRE

There will be a community Volunteer Induction Evening Session on June 3 from 6-7pm at 38 Blessington Street, St Kilda. Please join this session if you are keen to help with gardening, shoreline shell research, beach and street clean ups, planting and lots more! All EcoCentre volunteers are required to attend an induction session every twelve months. This session is suitable for existing volunteers who are due to renew their induction, as well as new volunteers.

More information on City of Port Phillip website or from Eco Centre website or phone 039534 0670

<https://www.ecocentre.com>

SHRINE TO SEA PROJECT

Residents will have noticed several bits of street and median strip work being undertaken in Kerferd Road lately. This work is all part of the Shrine to Sea upgrade of the boulevard linking the soon to be opened Anzac Station to Kerferd Road pier and Albert Park beach. Most of the planning has been completed, however you can still have your say via the website.

<https://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/about-the-council/projects-and-works/shrine-to-sea>

PRIDE MONTH

In June our Pride Centre on Fitzroy Street observes the annual International Pride Month, a month-long celebration of the history and achievements of LGBTQIA+ communities. It commemorates the Stonewall Uprising in Lower Manhattan in New York, which sparked the global LGBTQIA+ liberation movement and the emergence of pride marches worldwide. Pride Month recognises LGBTQIA+ contributions to the advancement of human rights, equality, diversity and inclusion. pridecentre.org.au

ADDRESSING HOONING WITH BEACON COVE NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUP

WSKRA, along with other resident groups, local government and policy reps are members of the State Government Hooning Reference Group. This group has been developing recommendations raised by 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.

The Victorian State Government funded upgrade to the pit lane facilities is now scheduled to begin after the 2026 race. This upgrade also promises 7 indoor sports courts for the local community, and improved facilities for clubs using the outdoor fields.

Please let us know if you have been affected by the Grand Prix: changes to public transport, noise, particularly from helicopter joyrides, or parking and traffic. WSKRA will raise your concerns with the myriad of responsible authorities.

WSKRA.COM

Our website is a trove of local information, a celebration of our fabulous environment and many helpful and historical references. We are always grateful for content suggestions so have a look and get in touch. Point out where we need more information (or are just plain wrong), we always love to hear from you. The website is managed by Gerome for West St Kilda Residents Association.



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WSKRA mailing list.**

WSKRA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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bring to the coffee morning.

In Cash

At the coffee morning on Sunday 15/6/25 or contact a
committee member.