

# WEST ST KILDA RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

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### WEST ST KILDA RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



**Guest speaker - Josh Burns MP**  
**Federal Member for Macnamara and Special  
Envoy for Social Housing and Homelessness**

**When:** Wed 24 September 2025, 7pm for 7.30 start  
**Venue:** West Beach Pavilion  
330 Beaconsfield Pde, St Kilda West  
**Who:** West St Kilda residents and owners

If you live in St Kilda West you are invited to attend. Come along to catch up with neighbours and join the discussion on issues that affect our unique neighbourhood. Tea and coffee and a light supper provided. Drinks available from the bar.

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
West Beach Pavilion  
330 Beaconsfield Pde, St Kilda West  
Wednesday, 24 September 2025 7.30pm

#### AGENDA

1. Welcome and Apologies.
2. Minutes of previous AGM held 20 November 2024.
3. President's Report of Activities
4. Financial Report for 2024/25
5. Determination of annual subscription for 2026/2027
  - i. Special Resolution to increase annual membership subscription to \$20 per person.
6. Call for additional Committee nominees.
7. Other business. Guest Speaker Josh Burns MP

WSKRA was formed in March 1999 following a meeting of 100+ residents at the former local RSL club on Loch St. and registered with Consumer Affairs Victoria as an incorporated association in June 1999. In October 2024 we were proud to celebrate our 25 years of continuous service.

All current members of the Association keen to help preserve and enhance our community are welcome to nominate to the Committee at any time. The Committee meets 4 or 5 times each year. Please talk to a current committee member for more information.

### GRAND PRIX – ALBERT PARK RESERVE

The Victorian State Government will start upgrading pit lane facilities after the 2026 race, adding 7 indoor sports courts and improved amenities for outdoor field clubs as well as upgrading to the event spaces. In the meantime, there has been state government legislation proposed to extend the official closure period for Albert Park Reserve from 1 week to 3 weeks around the Grand Prix and to allow AGPC to use of the facilities outside of the times of the Grand Prix. There has been a great deal of local discontent around this proposal including the lack of detail around noise and nuisance policies and guidelines and use of State Government funds to support the Grand Prix.

There are two main avenues for complaints about the Grand Prix: Australian Grands Prix Corporation (03) 9258 7100 or [communityrelations@grandprix.com.au](mailto:communityrelations@grandprix.com.au) or the City of Port Phillip. Complaints can also be directed to the Victorian Ombudsman, [www.ombudsman.vic.gov.au](http://www.ombudsman.vic.gov.au)

Let us know if the Grand Prix has impacted you through changes to public transport, noise (including helicopter joy rides), parking, or traffic. WSKRA will forward your concerns to the myriad of relevant authorities.

### ALBERT PARK BRANCH SEWER UPGRADE DEAKIN AND COWDEROY STREETS WORKS – SE WATER

According to the official website, Stage 2 is projected for completion by mid-October 2025. Although we cannot be sure that the detours around Deakin and Cowderoy Streets will be removed by then. Later stages are scheduled, with all works anticipated to be finalised by mid-2026. For a complete plan of the project, expected delays and future works please go to FAULTS & WORKS on their website [www.southeastwater.com.au](http://www.southeastwater.com.au)

### JACOBY PARK

Jacoby Park is a much-utilised park in the neighbourhood and has been looking a bit tired for some time. WSKRA Committee met with Councillor Rod Hardy to press for a renovation of the park and ongoing maintenance. We need an upgrade of planting and removal of woods, replacement of rusted play equipment and improved lighting for community safety.

## 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. 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: peak hour 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.

Community response to the planned reopening has been largely positive, however there are concerns about how the hotel will affect residents who live close by. Questions have been raised regarding parking, hours of operation, noise solutions, and refurbishment investment. The application (Planning Permit PDPL/00334/2023 for 341 Beaconsfield Parade) will be heard by VCAT mid-year.

## 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 Anzac Station to Kerferd Road pier and Albert Park beach. You can still have your say via the website. <https://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/about-the-council/projects-and-works/shrine-to-sea>

## ADDRESSING HOONING

WSKRA together with other resident groups, councils and police were members of the State Government Hooning Reference Group. Mitigation recommendations supported by the group were agreed and forwarded to State Government for action; specifically, the introduction of acoustic cameras and on-the-spot noise testers. We understand that it is to be trialled shortly, when responsibilities for oversight, monitoring and enforcement are determined.

## VALE CHARLES BARÉ

A strong advocate for St Kilda West and a respected long serving member of the WSKRA Committee. Charles will be missed by his many friends.

## 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. We always love to hear from you. The website is managed by Gerome for West St Kilda Residents Association.



**QR Code for joining the  
WSKRA mailing list.**

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## WSKRA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Subscription:        \$10 per person

Donation: \_\_\_\_\_

Total: \_\_\_\_\_

## PLEASE PAY

### By Bank Transfer

BSB                    033-082

Account No.        135005

Account Name      West St Kilda Residents Association

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 AGM on 24/9/25