



MELBOURNE SOUTH YARRA RESIDENTS GROUP INC.

Established by the residents of South Yarra in 1969

Bulletin: Success at VCAT

93-103 PARK STREET, SOUTH YARRA

You will recall that a Permit application was made to demolish the St Arnaud boarding house building and the adjoining red brick resident building and replace them with a block of 3 storey apartments of an extraordinary design completely incompatible with the neighbourhood.

Many of you wrote to council objecting to this dreadful building and 9 of us, led by MSYRG lodged formal Objections with the professional assistance of Sandra Rigo of Hansen Partners, town planners.

Regrettably we could not raise sufficient funds to obtain further expert evidence.

Consequently at the VCAT Hearing two residents, David Byrne and Michael Butcher, made submissions expressing, in strong terms, residents' objection to this outrageous proposal. Our objections were greatly assisted by David Byrne remaining for the full Hearing to question the applicant's evidence.

The work done by the Council planning officer Markus Tschech was excellent and it was the evidence he called that carried the day.

So we were delighted to learn that VCAT agreed with Council and the objectors and rejected the developer's requests.

Here is the link with the details:

[P300 2018 93 Park Street Holdings Pty Ltd v Melbourne CC \(03102018\).docx](#)

Congratulations and thanks to all whom contributed to this success by making personal Objections, and contributing financially and with their time

This Objection was carried out on a shoe string. Financial contributions were made by 4 generous members in addition to the 9 formal objectors in Park Street. However in the future we do need more members and residents to contribute financially in any way you can when such an important heritage issue must be fought at VCAT. We assume the developer will apply for a new Permit and this may well mean another visit to VCAT.

We must protect Park Street as it is a major street and an icon of our suburb and if it is overcome by inappropriate development South Yarra's heritage will be forever changed by stealth. Your street is also at risk.

MSYRG does much good work for South Yarra. If we are to protect and improve our neighbourhood we must all be prepared to contribute in whatever way we can. MSYRG represents all its members and your membership fees and donations are critical to our ability to initiate action over heritage issues. However the MSYRG bank balance is never enough to take on VCAT

Encourage fellow residents to join at www.msyrg.com.au

YOUR PARTICIPATION IS POWERFUL

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