



## MELBOURNE SOUTH YARRA RESIDENTS GROUP INC.

*Established by the residents of South Yarra in 1969*

### **BULLETIN**

#### **UPDATE ON MSYRG'S PLANNED SUBMISSION TO CoM HERITAGE REVIEW (Melbourne Planning Scheme Amendment C258)**

As reported in a previous MSYRG Bulletin (13 April) The City of Melbourne is currently revising the local heritage planning policies in the Melbourne Planning Scheme and is undertaking a heritage review of South Yarra, the last one being in 1985. It plans to incorporate new heritage statements of significance for South Yarra. This Council Review which will guide many decisions over the next several decades

MSYRG's commitment is to put much time into its submission with the aim for the new South Yarra Planning Heritage policy to then have up-to-date, better identification and grading of our heritage buildings, streets and places. We want to ensure that all heritage buildings are identified, properly graded and protected. MSYRG's aim is to retain our South Yarra heritage and not see it diminished by inappropriate, incompatible development and activities.

Several members have now volunteered to be Street Representatives for most of our streets. They are now walking the full length of streets with the current CoM Heritage Inventory under their arm to check if there are buildings not in the inventory (which means they currently have no heritage protection) and note buildings with an incorrect classification

#### **JOIN IN AND PASS ON YOUR KNOWLEDGE AND STORIES OF SOUTH YARRA ANECDOTES, PHOTOS AND FACTS**

Can you email [secretary@msyrg.com.au](mailto:secretary@msyrg.com.au) a few lines describing

- Your home; when was it built, the architect, its style and why it is part of our South Yarra heritage. Who has lived there and what has it been used for. Any interesting history of your house or building, and any anecdotes of the people that lived in them?

Here is an example:

*The property at 81 Park St South Yarra was developed in the late 1800's as a single residence owned by the Martin family. Not much is known about the Martin family other than they had three children, and Mr Martin is listed as either a Gardener or Gentleman at different times through his residence. The family had three children, one son who drowned in the Royal Botanical Gardens in a boating accident as a young adult and two daughters who never married. The house encompassed significantly more land than the current title, at both the rear and to the north of the current lot. After the Martin parents died, the property was occupied for some time by their daughters before being sold and converted into flats /boarding house until it was redeveloped as three apartments in the 1990's.*

- Groups of buildings and streets you consider integral to South Yarra heritage. Do you know stories about how these played an important part in the life of South Yarra
- The social history of your street – what went on there in the past

Here is an example:

*During the land boom in 1865 the Punt Road land adjacent to the newly created Fawkner Park (1864) was put up for Public Auction. Most allotments were bought by Theodotus Sumner (landowner, merchant, member of parliament, philanthropist). By 1867 Sumner started to divide original allotments, with one title facing Punt Road and the other onto Pasley Street. The ARGUS newspaper in 1871 reported that Pasley Street was created by a mixture of bureaucratic error in administering the*

*crowd land grant and Sumner's opportunism! Sadly 6% of the original Victorian houses, built around that time, have been demolished and the street now includes a few 20<sup>th</sup> century houses including 1960's flats.*

- Your own personal memory of living in South Yarra, both yesterday and today
- What do you know about the history of St Martins Youth Arts Centre and the St Martins Church Hall in Millswyn Street?

Send your information to

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ALSO.....

Your memories about MSYRG, newsletters, the annual AGMs, triumphs and failures. Founded in 1969 MSYRG is now over 50 years old. There are many old files and memorabilia that we want to collate and store so our history is not lost. Would you volunteer to assist the MSYRG in this task; email [secretary@msyrg.com.au](mailto:secretary@msyrg.com.au)

**MSYRG Inc.**  
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