



MELBOURNE SOUTH YARRA RESIDENTS GROUP INC.

Established by the residents of South Yarra in 1969

NEWSY BULLETIN

* Summary of 2019-2020 AGM held 21st March 2021.

This MSYRG AGM was late due to COVID19 lockdown in November and we finally held it via ZOOM. Thankyou members who participated. A new committee member James Syme was welcomed and we thanked Graham Hogarth and Henry Birner who retired from the Committee. All other Office Bearers were elected and the 2019 AGM Minutes and the 2019-2020 Financials were passed with a zoom quorum. A committee vacancy remains; if you are interested please email secretary@msyrg.com.au

Michael Butcher gave his President's Report and reviewed MSYRG activities and achievements over the last 18 months. Major achievements around SY heritage issues included involvement with the State Heritage Planning Policy Amendment and a MSYRG submission to the CoM Heritage Review. MSYRG involvement has mitigated MMRA's activities in South Yarra with few trucks on our streets. During the CoM Council elections members received Bulletins with CoM candidate information and details about the Local Government Act and the issue of donations. Local issues included the PopUpPark initiative by MMRA/CoM, parking compliance along Domain Road, Building Planning Permit challenges (Goodrest, Entrecote & St Arnaud) and CoM Fawkner Park Pasley Street North Improvements which MSYRG supported. Increasing membership and committee numbers are a focus. MSYRG is also keen to hear from members about concerns and possible initiatives MSYRG could become involved in.

Michael Butcher highlighted current membership concerns-

* **We welcome New Members:** please forward this Bulletin to friends and ask them to click this link to join:

<https://membership.msyrg.com.au/join-us> It is \$40 per annum and joining now will carry new members through to June 2022. Membership subscriptions are the backbone of our financial position from which we pay sundry expenses such as IT, and consultancy fees, particularly on heritage issues

* Possible initiatives for MSYRG to action on

We are fortunate to live in South Yarra but what might MSYRG do to improve our suburb, our own lives and contribute more effectively to dealing with the wider community issues that affect us all. Examples are our streets, traffic, noise, government elections, cleanliness, waste collection, street trees, our parks and gardens and assistance for older people and those in need. Please share with the committee your thoughts and ideas: email secretary@msyrg.com.au

* **DOGS IN OPEN SPACES.** The CoM has recently opened community consultation for comment and feedback about its dogs in open space strategy. Check it out and take part in the online survey:

<https://participate.melbourne.vic.gov.au/dogs-open-space>

The CoM is also holding a focus group during the week after Easter. This will be a small Zoom meeting. To get attend send an email to Melanie.Kinsey@melbourne.vic.gov.au

The time is Thurs the 8th of April 1.30pm to 3pm. There will also be pop-up consultations in various parks during April. Here is a media announcement:

<https://www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/news-and-media/Pages/Paw-some-new-dog-park-in-Southbank-as-dog-registrations-increase.aspx>

* PARKING PERMITS FOR THOSE WITH IMPAIRED MOBILITY

A **NEW** Accessible Parking Permit Scheme was launched on March 22 by VicRoads across Victoria. These are Permits that give parking concessions to those with impaired mobility and it replaces the current system. Check out the details on www.vicroads.vic.gov.au - in SEARCH type in Accessible Parking Permits to take you to the relevant page

* COMMUNITY VISION WORKSHOP 27/3/21 – REPORT

Two MSYRG committee members recently attended a CoM workshop aimed at refreshing the CoM 10 year Community Vision which is the backbone to future planning. There were also several others South Yarra residents attending as well as several councillors and council officers. At the Workshop we all gave feedback on 7 key aspirations. State Legislation now requires councils to have and implement a "community engagement" policy and as part of this the CoM has created an office with this responsibility which will give MSYRG a strong point of contact where we can be listened to and achieve action. The final report will be published in June 2021. The MSYRG committee will now aim to meet the new councillors and write to CoM to express our strong wish to be involved in the development of the Domain Village when the metro project is complete. To read details go to - www.participate.melbourne.vic.gov.au
