



**North & West Melbourne Association Inc.**

**Monthly General Meeting  
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2011  
At 8.30pm(after the AGM)**

**Meeting room first floor  
North Melbourne Library, 66 Errol Street**

Chairperson: Kevin Chamberlin

**MINUTES**

**1. Welcome and apologies**

The Chair welcomed those present:

Alan Ashley, Alba Gatto, Madeleine Scully, Bill Cook, Jenny Cook, Ray Cowling, Denys Harraway, Lorraine Siska, Nan Nankervis, Verena Augusti, Kevin Chamberlin, Stephen Farrugia, David Blake, Rob Kilpatrick, Michael Horscroft, Janet Graham, Jan Lacey, Gina Stuart, Peter Hogg, Roger Nairn, Burns MacGibbon, Leanne Young, Kaye Oke, Rob Oke, Heather Harper and Graeme Harper, Margaret Fried, Geoff Leach, Mary Kelleher

**2. Confirmation of minutes**

Minutes of meeting held 19 April, 2011 were accepted (moved Nan Nankervis seconded Lorraine Siska).

**3. Matters arising from the minutes of meeting (Not covered elsewhere in the agenda)  
Nil**

**4. Correspondence (Not covered elsewhere but to be circulated)**

West Melbourne Baptist Church re community consultation on 31 May 2011

Adam Bandt to Minister Powell re the electoral review of City of Melbourne

Kensington PS re 130 year celebration

Planning permit application for 20 Chapman St North Melbourne (7 townhouses)

City of Melbourne Draft Reconciliation Action Plan for next three years

Library wanting to archive NWMA website

- Receipt of objection to permits:

92 Molesworth St North Melbourne

VCAT decision 46 Villiers St (permit for 6 stories and waive car parking)

- Applications for outdoor cafe permits:

Limerick Castle Hotel, 161 Errol St and Red Leaf/La Do Restaurant, 2 Boundary

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Department of Planning amendment C173 re Arden St reserve

## **5. Committee Reports**

Denys Harraway is authorised to meet with Gaby Stannus out-of-session for initial discussions about options for use of social media (moved Lorraine Siska, Michael Horscroft)

## **6. Workgroup Reports**

### *Planning*

Burns MacGibbon from Kensington Association attended the meeting to outline issues surrounding the proposed redevelopment of the woolshed stores in Elizabeth Street Kensington (near the mills) and requesting that the current proposal - for rezoning to mixed use and Development Plan Overlay for a 12 storey addition - be delayed pending a proper community consultation.

Agreed:

- Kensington Association and NWMA should work together on areas of shared interest (moved Ray Cowling, seconded Verena Augusti)
- Geoff Leach will put in a placeholder objection within the deadline with a more extensive one to follow (moved Ray Cowling, seconded Nan Nankervis)

Members discussed other current issues including:

1. La Trobe Close redevelopment – progressing with a poor outcome
2. 46 Villiers Street - permit for 6 stories and waive car parking
3. St Joseph's CBC – no further information
4. Zagame- King Roden & Stanley Sts - 259 units and one retail premises – still with Minister
5. 130-140 Errol St - going to VCAT (NWMA will notify VCAT of continuing concern and strong objection to the plans as amended despite not being able to provide a representative at the hearing due to other commitments – moved Ray Cowling seconded Jan Lacey)
6. 420 Spencer Street – proposed amendment to incorporate a significant portion of West Melbourne into the CBD
7. Preliminary discussions re Baptist Church (service Station, King St) - community consultation on 31 May 2011
8. 453 Dryburgh St – appeal continuing
9. 26 Erskine St – to be considered at Future Melbourne Committee
10. 92 Molesworth Street – objection lodged (developer failed to attend a scheduled consultation between residents and Councillors Clark, Oke and Shanahan)
11. 151-153 Abbotsford St – objection lodged

**Business**                      Deferred discussion until next meeting

### **Social Events**

Very successful and well-attended event at Maria's Trattoria on Tuesday May 10.

### **Environment**

- Eades Place – nothing further decided since last report
- Errol, Courtney, Harcourt Streets – moving to advertisement in Age and Melbourne Leader and submissions will be invited

Further discussion on this issue and its history:

- this was identified as potential additional parkland in Melbourne Open Space
- Errol Street Primary School has long been short of open space; this has been exacerbated by building works to accommodate more students
- parking and construction issues associated with the building works led to the resurrection of the Melbourne Open Space proposal
- the NWMA supports the concept of additional green space. The concerns relate to the proposed configuration, the planned location of the bus stop, the removal of a Moreton Bay Fig and the impact on the historical sight lines down Errol Street

There is some debate about the relative levels and sources of support for and concern about the proposal.

### ***Homeless Action Group***

A successful Forum on homelessness was held on Wednesday May 4 in the Library Meeting Room, with approximately 15 attendees. The La Trobe Close development and the need for appropriate supports - including staff - to be part of social housing were recurring points of discussion.

### ***Transport***

Westlink – still awaiting traffic modelling

Haymarket Roundabout – email forwarded to members. Unfortunately tenders had been let prior to NWMA being invited to consultations, which precluded proper consideration of some key suggestions. Trams are likely to be delayed in the new arrangements. This is also on the agenda for the Structure Plan meeting in Carlton.

### ***CoRBA***

Media interest and attention is building, particularly concerning the deeming provision.

## **7. General Business**

- Members are encouraged to attend upcoming meetings, in particular the Structure Plan meeting on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June at North Melbourne Town Hall and the Transport meeting
- New planning application for 68-74 Courtney Street - at very short notice - for five stories, in contravention of the heritage overlay and the three story height limit. Next steps: Nan co-ordinating local action including contacting the planning officer, lodging an immediate brief objection, organising a letter drop and meeting with concerned residents. NWMA will lodge an objection.
- The Chair will write to Councillors and the CEO about cutbacks to the Centre funding and the resulting impact on the North Melbourne News (moved Ray Cowling, seconded Alba Gatto)
- Ray Cowling will write to Council on behalf of the NWMA expressing concern at the number of secret items at Council meetings which is preventing the community having a democratic say and impeding democracy (moved Ray Cowling, seconded Nan Nankervis)
- The Chair will write to Councillors and the CEO about the funding cutbacks to the Centre (moved Ray Cowling, seconded Madeleine Scully).

## **8. Time and date of next meeting Tuesday 21 June 2011.**