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SPECIAL NEWSLETTER FOR THE AGRA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday the 27th August 2014 – 7.30pm - At the Community Centre, Kearney Drive.

All visitors please register at the door. Note you do not have to be a member to attend or to ask questions. You only need to be a member to vote. If you wish you can become a member of AGRA by registering at the desk; there is no charge to be an AGRA member. Membership does not mean you have to join the committee or to carry out any work, it means that you support AGRA and the work it does for the community. Without a strong membership base or community support AGRA would not exist. All new and existing AGRA members will be given a card at reception to display when voting at the meeting.

Agenda

- 7.00pm. Doors Open, Registration.
- 7.30pm. Welcome and Apologies. Introduction of the 2013 -2014 Committee. Apology Donna Bauer MP.
- 7.40pm. Minutes of Previous Meeting 28th August 2013. (Copies of the previous minutes will be available at the meeting).
1: Acceptance 2: Matters arising
- 7.50pm. President's Report and Questions. This will be a Power-Point summary of key items.
Ken Carney will present and move acceptance.
- 8.10pm Treasurer's Report and Questions. Copies of the Treasurers report will be available at the meeting.
John will introduce the auditor to the meeting. Treasurer John Zeccola will move acceptance.
- 8.20pm Changes to the AGRA Constitution. No changes advised.
- 8.20pm. Election of Officers. Chaired by Councillor Tamsin Bearsley one of our three South Ward Councillors. Please note - Ken Carney our current President will not be offering himself for re-election for family reasons.

Any Aspendale Gardens resident who is a member or becomes a member of AGRA can nominate on the night to become a member of the AGRA committee (to become a member, register at reception as an Aspendale Gardens resident). Tradition is that we elect the following positions; President, Treasurer and Minute Secretary tonight along with individual committee members. The committee then fills all other official positions during their first meeting. We seek four new Committee members to join us tonight.

- 8.35pm Appoint Auditor for 2013/14.
- 8.40pm Yammerbook Nature Reserve Development Program and other local works.
Tony Collins Parks Team Leader – City of Kingston Parks & Recreation. See brief article on page 2.
- 9.05pm Criminal Activities in Aspendale Gardens. A police officer will attend from Mordialloc Police Station the police will update residents on actions taken by the police to minimise crime in our region. Questions will be taken from the floor.
- 9.15pm Any other Business. (a) Newsletter deliverers. (b) General community questions.

9.20pm approx: Finish. Subject to their availability an opportunity to mix and mingle with local South Ward Councillor's John Ronke, Tamsin Bearsley and David Eden and to meet with our local MLC Inga Peulich and state MP Lorraine Wreford also federal MP Mark Dreyfus QC if available and any known candidates standing for the State election including Labor Candidate for Mordialloc Tim Richardson.

Light refreshments kindly supplied by Ritchie's Supermarkets – “where the community benefits.”

Yours Sincerely, Ken Carney - President AGRA Inc.

Pre Annual General Meeting Special

Because our Winter Newsletter was late and has only just been delivered we have decided instead of preparing and delivering a full AGM Newsletter that would contain much of what we have just reported we will instead deliver this one page special edition to remind all Aspendale Gardens residents that **the AGRA AGM is on Wednesday the 27th August. And that we need your support.** The agenda is overleaf.

We cannot over-emphasise the need for residents to show support or if necessary, constructive criticism, of your AGRA committee by attending the AGM. Remember every committee member has to be elected every year and that is how we are held fully accountable by you. Members of the AGRA Committee have been proud of our independence and even-handedness over the years when reporting and working on projects for residents. We often receive positive recognition for the way we handle complicated issues and how we present information or commentary even from people who do not always agree with our views or objectives. Ken Carney our current president due to family commitments cannot stand for re-election this year so the President's position will need to be filled.

AGRA President Report for the 2013/2014 Year

Normally I write a comprehensive report for the Spring Newsletter however as explained we are restricted to size this time. As past practice I will present my report at the AGM in a PowerPoint presentation. I can tell you that the presentation will cover the following subjects and more. Please advise if there is anything important that you would like included for discussion at the meeting.

President Report will include: Traffic Issues and MPF plans – Shopping Centre Development - Telecommunications – Broadband ADSL2+ and NBN services, Post Office services in Aspendale Gardens, AGRA Ritchies Community Fun Day, Sporting Ground in AG, Various Access tracks within AG including access between AG and Braeside Industrial Estate, Screening industrial sites north of Mordialloc Creek. - November State election – Playgrounds and Reserves and AGRA Objectives - Question will be taken from the floor.

Ken Carney - President

Special feature this AGM – Presentation by Tony Collins Parks Team Leader – City of Kingston Parks & Recreation

Update on Development of the Yammerbook Nature Reserve and plans for the Future Living Links Corridor along Long Beach Trail which includes Plantings during September in specific parts of the Secondary Drain bordering Aspendale Gardens. Tony will also update on plantings along Wells Road.

Yammerbook Lakes Landscape Construction comprises:

Stage 2A: Current construction of Viewing Shelter, path, seats and picnic table. Underway at time of writing.

Stage 2B: Year 3 (2015 – 2016). Browns Reserve Path: Complete path from the Picnic Area through to Browns Reserve. The Wells Road Disabled Persons Viewing Platform, (wheelchair access)

Stage 2C: Year 4 (2016 – 2017): Path from the Yammerbook Car Park on Wells Road to Sanctuary Place including joining the existing pathway behind the houses in the northern end of Kearney Drive and Sanctuary Place to the new path.

We seek your help!!!!

Living Links Corridor which includes Plantings in the parts of the Secondary Drain.

The plantings will take place on the **6th & 14th of September** (Aspendale Gardens community volunteers). At least 1,500 trees will be planted. Council will prepare the land beforehand including drilling holes. This is a local community project that requires the help of our residents. Planting will **start at 10am and complete by 1pm**. We will finish off with a COK BBQ. We need a good turn out to show community support for this initiative. Our community used to help with plantings and this is an opportunity to help ourselves by helping council.

Meet at the location near the Bianca Playground. Tony has reported that Council have also obtained a grant from Conservation Volunteers Australia (CVA) for additional trees and we hope to add these to the 1,500. This will result in large beds stretching between Oriflamme Court to Batten Place. This reinforces the need for Aspendale Gardens residents to attend and help with the plantings and then to enjoy the BBQ afterwards. Bring boots, gloves etc. We look forward to seeing you there!