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October 2012 (Early Summer) Council Elections Newsletter

Another big hello from your new AGRA committee to all residents and readers.

Normally the AGRA Summer Newsletter is delivered in November or early December each year however due to Council elections we have had to bring that issue forward to accommodate the elections. We hope you find this council election special of help and interest when deciding who to vote for in the October election.

The AGRA 2012 AGM took place on the 29th of September and a new committee was elected.

Committee members and their positions are:

President;	Ken Carney.
Vice President;	Andrew Bearlsey
Treasurer;	John Zeccola
Assistant Treasurer;	Serge Yan
Minute Secretary;	Tamsin Bearsley
Assistant Minute Secretary;	Katrina Harrison
Newsletter Advertising Manager;	Henry Warren
Other Committee members:	Reny Frighetto. David Cree,

Newsletter Editor; Sam Constantopoulos
(Sam is no longer a member of the committee but has retained his position of editor to assist the committee).

AGRA Website Editor; David Schmidt
(also a past member of AGRA who continues to contribute to our performance)

All committee members hold specific responsibilities and portfolios, for example Reny is responsible for organising the AGRA and Ritchie's Community Fun Day next year.

Sadly Sam Constantopoulos and Karina Ces are unable to continue on the AGRA Committee. It is fair to say that both of them have made an outstanding contribution to the committee and to the community over the last 12 years. Sam has been

the architect of the modern Newsletter and has also been Vice President and advisor and confidante to the president for a number of years. His advice to the committee has always been highly valued.

Karina has also been a major contributor to the work that AGRA does for the community. Karina is one of the most organised and dedicated people I have ever met. Wherever and whatever she works on receives her undivided attention and always results in a prompt and positive outcome. At the AGM we thanked Sam and Karina for their work and the dedication they have given to the AGRA Committee and to the community and we take this

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opportunity to do so again. As you can see Sam has not completely let go, he is still our Newsletter editor.

In addition we wish to publicly thank Doug Lovell our Auditor over many years who is also retiring. Doug is moving to the country so we are "letting him go out to pasture." Doug and his wife have been outstanding supporters of AGRA. Our Treasurer John Zeccola and those present at the AGM thanked him for his last ten years of work. Which raises the question, does anyone know a CPA who can audit our books as a service to the community. Could you please let us know - it would be much appreciated?

The good news is that we gained a new committee member. Andrew Bearsley was elected to the committee at the AGM. Andrew has already been doing work for the committee specifically in relation to the AGRA ADSL2+ and NBN Projects we are working on. Surprise surprise, many residents tell us that their ADSL2+ speeds have improved significantly as if by magic since we have been communicating with Telstra on this project. Andrew now has this portfolio to work with.

AGRA need at least two more people to join the committee and we ask anyone who is interested to contact the President Ken Carney to talk about what is involved either by email kjcarney@iprimus.com.au or by phone on 0425 755 021. If you are community minded you will enjoy yourself and be able to contribute to the local community.

October 2012 (Early Summer) Council Elections

As soon as candidates for the Kingston City Council Elections were known AGRA sent each of them a comprehensive questionnaire of what we believe are important local and regional community needs and asked whether the candidates would support these needs through council and elsewhere if they are elected. We also gave them space to tell the community of their own personal reasons for standing for Council. We took the opportunity to congratulate all those standing for election pointing out that Whether they are a newcomer to local politics or whether they are already a seasoned veteran councillor it takes a lot of drive, initiative and courage to put yourself forward and to compete with other candidates to be

considered by voters to represent their needs as a councillor for the next four years. We said that the candidates will of course have your own reasons for standing for council including specific issues that they are passionate about and said that we hope you they also have a strong desire to represent the needs of the South Ward community.

We started by asking what are those local community needs and desires? It is unlikely individual candidates will be alert to all local needs and opportunities and issues within the electorate. Therefore to ensure that every candidate has a clear understanding of the needs of the Aspendale Gardens community AGRA prepares information about our needs and asks if candidates will support those needs at Council. We told them that we then print their responses in our Special Pre-Election Newsletter which is delivered to about 2,200 properties within Aspendale Gardens with additional copies placed in the shopping centre for visitors or sent to interested people.

We also asked candidates if they would like to attend an old fashioned "meet the candidates meeting" at 7.30pm on the Wednesday the 10th October where the audience can ask questions face to face. We pointed out that this is an opportunity for candidates to meet voters and vice versa. See notice at the end of this Newsletter.

We advised that AGRA of course cannot talk for every individual resident or ratepayer within our suburb however we have been a strong advocate for

our residents for twenty-one years and communicate regularly with residents in a range of ways including a strong communications link with our local shopping centre management, with our community centre and with our school and other local groups and organisations all to ensure that our finger is on the pulse.

How do we develop our policies? We try to keep our finger on the pulse by talking to people through our monthly committee meetings (last Wednesday every month except December) which are open to the public and also through our quarterly and special Newsletters. We also from time to time conduct public 'open day' face to face meetings in the shopping centre to also find out what the community wants. These meetings are good because everyone can express themselves and discuss issues.

We run surveys, the latest being our community needs survey asking residents to identify what is important or new for consideration. We have our letterbox at the shopping centre and our own website where residents can leave a message to seek help or to comment and of course the phone is always available. Recently we carried out a community needs survey and we printed the interim results in our spring (August) 2012 Newsletter. That Newsletter is available through our website.



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Précis from the AGRA Council Elections Questionnaire September 2012

Please answer the questions with a yes or no answer. Only record additional information where requested. There is an opportunity to make a general statement at the end of the questionnaire where you can cover the subjects you answer yes or no to and also make a general statement about your own beliefs and policies.

If you are a member of a political party; We request your assurance that when dealing with council issues you will not be influenced in any way by your party affiliations even if this means going against party policy and that your decisions will be unbiased and without fear or favour. In other words your commitment will be to the residents and voters of the South Ward and not to a political party? Yes/No _____

**Traffic Related Issues
Objective: Completion of the
Mornington Peninsula Freeway
Extension between Springvale Road
and the Dingley By-Pass through to the
South Road Extension.**

In our view this is the most important regional and Kingston City issue not only for South Ward Councillors but for all Councillors.

We suggest you read this background information which is part of what was supplied to candidates or

if you wish you can jump to summarised candidate response as reordered on pages 16-18 to read their answers to our questions relating to traffic safety and improvement within Aspendale Gardens and the Kingston region.

Early completion of the northern MPF Extension came in at number 2 in the Aspendale Gardens Community Needs Study. 64% of respondents see this as a major need for Aspendale Gardens residents in the near future.

Completion of the MPF will remove high volumes of traffic from Wells Road Aspendale Gardens and from Wells Road Chelsea Heights and from the complete length of the Nepean Highway from South Road to Frankston and will also remove traffic from the length of Station Street in Aspendale, Edithvale and Chelsea through to Carrum. In our view the MPF Extension is the only road system that can achieve this objective because it also meets the needs of commuters, see attached map. Completion of the MPF Extension has been an AGRA community objective since 1999.

Government has commissioned Vic Roads to carry out a feasibility study for completion of Northern Mornington Peninsula Freeway with their report to be available by the end of 2013.

AGRA printed in the questionnaire our submission dated the 13th of July 2012 addressed to the Vic Roads Northern Mornington Peninsula Freeway



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The case includes the need for the freeway reservation to be kept. Vic Roads or Government cannot let this reservation be lost for future generations. In fact we need the freeway now as originally promised by the Labor Party and Labor Government over 10 years ago when they guaranteed construction by the end of 2010. This is the only south east coastal freeway link that Melbourne has that will commence close to the city!

Many people purchased their properties in the region on the basis that the freeway would be built and are looking for this study to cause that to happen this includes residents in Aspendale Gardens. Many residents also purchased their properties in the region knowing that the freeway reservation has been shown on all maps for many decades with construction promised by the Labor Government and that the road could be built at any time. We all need to remember that this is a bigger project than just one area; it is a regional project of need and benefit to all road users and to all residents of Kingston.

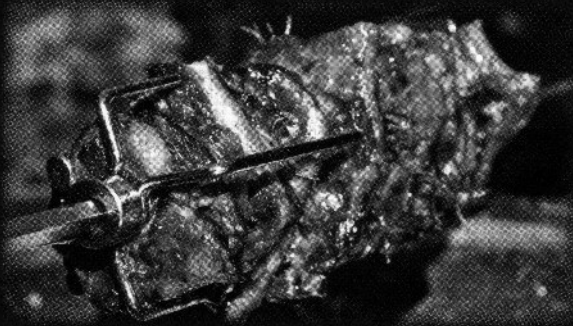

We strongly request that the MPF Extension be

completed as soon as construction of the Dingley By-Pass gets close to the merging point. That could be sometime in 2015/16 only three to four years from now. The MPF Extension could therefore be completed by say 2016/2017. Do not let the reservation be lost it must be protected at all costs. Let's face it Melbourne and Vic Roads planners had the foresight to make this reservation many generations ago, don't give it away at the very time it is needed.

This is a regional project not just for Aspendale Gardens residents but for all who live in the Nepean Transport Corridor and for road users from the south of Kingston. We propose that we all take hold of this project to ensure that the MPF is constructed as a Freeway on the basis of doing it once, doing it right first time and doing it soon. No more short term quick fixes that fail!

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Additional MPF Extension notes supplied to Candidates.

Before submitting our presentation to Vic Roads over the years AGRA considered a range of alternatives to early construction of the Northern MPF Extension. These studies convinced us of the need for the Northern section of the Mornington Peninsula Freeway must be built and that it should be built soon before it is too late. We are currently updating those studies and should have them available for discussion with candidates at the AGRA meet the Candidates Pre-Election Community meeting on the 10th October. These included:

Current routes through to the working areas of Kingston and beyond.

Completion of the Northern Extension of the Mornington Peninsula Freeway Extension through to the Dingley Freeway By-Pass and onto South Road.

Construction of and use of Eastlink: As promised by the Labor State Government construction of Eastlink would reduce traffic volumes on Wells Road and other key Kingston Highways by 30% with additional traffic reductions elsewhere. AGRA's own research had indicated that the impact would be minimal. The outcome was in fact a reduction of only 3% (27% less than promised) which did not last long with volumes subsequently

increasing. The Eastlink concept was that traffic would travel on Eastlink and leave at suitable points such as the Princes Highway or travel further onto the Monash Freeway and then west and exit into the business and employment areas. The reasons why this Eastlink/Monash failed, include, cost of tolls each way every day, extra distance including traffic bottlenecks once leaving the Eastlink/Monash motorways along with extra fuel and extra time.

Construction of the Dingley By-Pass and Dandenong By-Pass between Eastlink and South Road: For the record the Dingley By-Pass was originally meant to be the Dingley Freeway. The decision to change from a freeway to an arterial road will come back to haunt future governments and Vic Roads, more short term thinking instead of doing the job right first time. The Dingley By-Pass and the Dingley Arterial through to Eastlink and beyond to the South Gippsland Freeway are and always have been an east/west route with two purposes the first to enable Kingston businesses access to and from the industrial areas of Dandenong and the second giving access to Eastlink and the Monash Freeway and Princes Freeway as well as bringing the major benefit of getting the high traffic volumes out of Dingley Village. AGRA carried out on road and theory simulations of this route before Eastlink was constructed and came to the conclusion that this route was unlikely to result in any significant traffic reductions throughout Kingston particularly on

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Drivers to use the Dingley By-Pass starting at South Road through to Springvale Road to join the MPF terminal at Aspendale Gardens. Drivers to use the Dingley By-Pass from South Road then along the Westall Road Extension then travel west on Springvale Road across the Cheltenham Road intersection past the schools and new housing developments on Springvale Road across Hutton Road past Waterways and then join the start of the MPF on Springvale Road. This route is already a major traffic bottleneck. The number of traffic lights on this route including at the Springvale Road MPF terminal is high. To encourage traffic to use this route Springvale Road would have to be widened to six lanes with a major impact on the new residents and on other road users. The disadvantages would in our opinion still outweigh any benefits.

Widening Wells road to six lanes. In theory this would enable Wells Road to carry up to 50% more vehicles than at present. We covered this option in our submission to Vic Roads. In addition to what we

said in our submission this option would cause major bottlenecks and traffic chaos at the MPF/Springvale/Wells traffic junctions and would bring six lanes of traffic through the heart of Aspendale Gardens and across the Wells Road bridge on to Boundary Road. The bridge would have to be widened. That would be just the start of the problems. This is not an option. If you as a candidate would support this option please say so now in your responses and let the voters know your position before the election. We suggest that you won't get many votes in Aspendale Gardens or elsewhere.

Other routes are also on the table.

General Note: We suggest that as a candidate for anywhere in Kingston this item, "Completion of the Northern Section of the Mornington Peninsula Freeway Extension should be on the agenda. The residents and ratepayers in the Southern Ward need to have the benefits explained to them. Those residents and ratepayers will be some on the biggest beneficiaries if the Dingley/MPF traffic System is completed resulting in traffic reductions along the Nepean Highway Transport Corridor and



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Wells Road and Springvale Road etc. We need the MPF construction to commence before the Dingley By-Pass is completed otherwise it will never get built. A number of people are proposing that this project be delayed until we know the traffic outcome of the Dingley By-Pass. We already know that this road needs building now. This delaying tactic is turning a blind eye and is a method being used by some extreme green groups, politicians and councillors to delay this project so that the cost benefits that will come by building the two projects concurrently and consecutively will be lost and the future financial costs will then become a barrier to building this vital piece of infrastructure for Melbourne. We warn everybody that should the opportunity to build the MP Freeway Extension not be taken during the period of the Vic Roads study it is a certain that traffic volumes will increase and then in the not too far distant future the government of the day will say, "Widen Wells Road to six lanes it's the cheapest option." We say for the long term benefit of everybody do not let that happen!

Our objective is for you and council to continue support for completion of the MPF extension and for construction of the MPF Extension to start as the Dingley By-Pass nears completion thereby gaining the economies of scale for both projects. We hope it is your objective also?

Looking ahead we want Wells Road to become a 'local region arterial road' if at all possible with a 70kph residential speed limit instead of being the de-facto extension of MPF. We want our community to no longer be part of a de-facto extension of the MPF!

Mark Dreyfus MP for Isaacs previously made the following commitment; "If elected I will work with state and local government, and with the local communities affected, to find solutions to traffic problems across the electorate. Whether the Mornington Peninsula Freeway is extended is a matter for the state government, but as part of a Rudd Labor government, I will work to ensure that Victoria gets its fair share of federal road funding." If ever there was an opportunity to take up Mark's offer it is now!

1. Based on this comprehensive report we ask that if elected will you actively support council's policy to continue to advocate for completion of the MPF Extension? Yes/No _____
2. If elected will you encourage councillors from this ward and other wards to support council's policy to advocate for completion of the MPF Extension? Yes/No _____
3. If elected will you commit to advocate for council to strongly work to convince Vic Roads and the government of the need for the MPF Extension to commence construction concurrently and consecutively with the Dingley By-Pass and propose that this is an urgent local and regional project? Yes/No _____

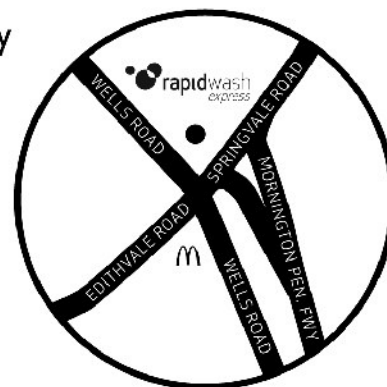
Local Aspendale Gardens Traffic Issues

We have a number of local traffic issues most of which would be resolved if the MPF Extension were completed however we cannot wait for that to happen so we need the following problems to be addressed and supported by the City of Kingston.

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Winners Circle exit and entry onto Wells road traffic controls required;

40% of all Aspendale Gardens respondents to the recent AGRA community need survey highlighted this safety issue as a major concern for our community. 90% of respondents were from Winners Circle. This confirms the broad community desire to make it safe for children to cross over Wells Road to catch the bus to school and for residents to be able to safely enter and exit their isolated estate. Council have told AGRA that they can do nothing to help overcome this dangerous situation and that we need to deal with Vic Roads and politicians direct on this project which we will do. We ask if you will strongly and actively commit as a Councillor to support AGRA through Council if possible and also in any direct approach AGRA make to Vic Roads and Government seeking their

commitment to install traffic controls for vehicles and pedestrians in the near future at this dangerous point? Yes/No _____

Boundary Road & Governor Road Roundabout & Widening of Governor Road to 4 Lanes:

In our recent Community Survey traffic controls at the Boundary and Governor Road roundabout came in at number three in terms of percentage community response of 54%. Widening of Governor Road to four lanes came in at number 10 in priorities being 38% of respondents seeing it as an important project for our community.

In an endeavour to reduce and control traffic flow south onto Wells Road we need traffic controls at the Governor Road roundabout so that in the absence of traffic controls at Winners Circle the traffic lights will generate breaks in traffic flow onto Wells Road enabling Winners Circle residents safer exit and entry. In addition we need the planned widening of Governor Road from two lanes to four lanes to get underway soon with the objective of giving drivers heading for the Mornington Peninsula Freeway entrance on Springvale Road the opportunity to use that route. Accordingly, if

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elected will you strongly commit to working through Council to convince the Government and Vic Roads to install traffic controls on the roundabout at Boundary and Governor Roads and to widen Governor Road between the roundabout and Springvale Road as per the Kingston Traffic Study, all to be completed in the near future? Yes/No. _____

Traffic Lights and Bike Path Burdekin Parade to Braeside Park and Springvale Road:

There is a most urgent need for the pedestrian controls to be installed at this site. The need has now become even more urgent since Council completed the path at the junction of Burdekin Parade and Governor Road through to Braeside Park and Springvale Road. The only item not completed from the original understanding is the most important one being the need to be able to cross to the path safely.

The count was conducted and the figures indicate that the warrants will now be easily met for traffic signals. In fact there are now more than 20,000 vehicle movements per day on average. Officers will soon write to the owners invoking the section 173 agreement and asking for an estimated schedule for the works.

We are awaiting the outcome and ask that should any more delays become apparent that you will give your support through Council for prompt action to make this dangerous crossing safe. Yes/No _____

Bicycle & Pedestrian Paths between Wells & Boundary Roads to give access to the Braeside Industrial Estate

38% of respondents to our community needs survey see this as a major need for the regional community. By that we mean not just for us but for anyone in Aspendale and Edithvale who want to ride their bike to work in the Braeside area. This now has to become an important part of our future objectives.

The last report we had from Council was that consultants

are preparing plans with a report due in August this year. AGRA pointed out that there is no safe bicycle pathway between Aspendale Gardens and other areas south west of the Wells Road Bridge to the Braeside Industrial Estate and other areas. The study is underway as a feasibility study. August is when council should have seen the report.

This project is gathering support and we have no doubt that if other groups or interested parties were alerted to this need they would support it also. We ask that if you are elected to council that you will make every effort to elevate this project so that a timeline for completion in the next two years is agreed by all parties. Yes/No _____

Post Office Agency in Aspendale Gardens

Our "community needs survey" has confirmed that a local Post Office agency is the prime project for AGRA to work on. 67% of respondents supported the need for the Post Office. Our survey question was "what do you believe are the important projects to benefit of Aspendale Gardens and



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surrounding areas in the next 5 to 10 years.” AGRA will now find out what services a Post agency could provide in Aspendale Gardens. The survey will ask questions about each service and whether residents would use it and how many times etc. Once we have that information we will have a good picture of likely usage, we will then forward that to Australia Post as part of our next attempt to get a Post service in Aspendale Gardens.

In the past council has supported our need for a Post Office Agency. If our survey shows that demand for services appear high then we will present our case to Post. We ask that should it be necessary to seek COK support you will assist to get that help. Yes/No _____

Telecommunications

Poor Quality of ADSL2+ Services in Aspendale Gardens and Surrounding Areas

From our research, we have found out that there are three separate issues:

1. No ADSL ports available for north-west Aspendale Gardens (only wireless available)

Residents of western Aspendale Gardens have reported that there are 'no ADSL ports available' when they request an ADSL connection. Telstra have confirmed that a piece of infrastructure in their area, RIM D118, is full to capacity. Locals report this has been the situation for 5 years! This is clearly unacceptable, and we are pursuing Telstra to add extra capacity. AGRA is in the midst of a survey with users at the moment.

2. Not all internet service providers can provide ADSL2+ services through the sub-exchange

Central and eastern Aspendale Gardens residents typically connect to the Mordialloc South sub-exchange on Wells Road. We are not aware of any service provider, other than Telstra wholesale, that hosts their own equipment in the sub-exchange. As a result, some service providers may not be able to provide ADSL2+ services, if they are not a reseller.

3. Slow ADSL2+ caused by incorrectly configured line speeds

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have made recommendations to users.

While this does not appear to be a COK issue it may well become one because the lack of these services in Woodlands and other industrial estates affecting our city's businesses ability to compete in the local and international business markets.

We ask that should we need the support of council to improve Poor Quality of ADSL2+ services or if necessary the early installation of NBN in Aspendale Gardens and surrounding areas you will actively seek Council support to help us.

Yes/No _____

Protection of the Green Wedge

Our community objective states that AGRA supports the Green Wedge in its current form unless there is compelling evidence to the contrary. AGRA made a major submission to the Green Wedge Review highlighting that we wanted the Land identified within the GWP fronting Springvale Road Braeside to be retained in the Green Wedge. Despite our submission Councils consultant Planosphere recommended removing this land from the Green Wedge. We can advise that council at its 28th August meeting passed the following motion which relates to that land and properties on the eastern side of Springvale Road from Governor Road north to Mentone Grammar Playing Fields.

The council motion reads: 6 That Council commence negotiations with the Minister for Planning requesting that consideration be given to amending the Urban Growth Boundary to include the following land within the Urban Area, viz 6.1 Land identified within the GWP fronting Springvale Road Braeside.

The vote was - For: Crs Peulich, Athanasopoulos, Moloney, Brownlees and Ronke (5). Against: Crs Staikos, Dundas, Shewan and West (4). CARRIED. We have therefore lost that community objective. AGRA is not happy with this outcome.

AGRA'S future position remains to protect the existing Green Wedge boundaries and ensure uses are appropriate within the Kingston Green Wedge which includes maintaining the decades old reservation for the Northern Extension of the

Mornington Peninsula Freeway Extension. As our councillor will you support this policy. Yes/No. _____

Mordialloc Creek environmental development between Wells Road Bridge and Waterways, the need to screen current and planned future industrial development between Bowen Road and Governor Road and Waterways.

This has been a major long term objective for our residents. Melbourne Water made a presentation at the AGRA AGM on the 29th August 2012 giving an update on the objectives and progress of the project. David Reginato managing the Department and Graham Daff who is running the project were in attendance as was Chris Barliss from Communications. David Reginato explained that they will be constructing wetlands from Wells Road to the Waterways. Industry is paying for 30 - 40% of the work. It will cost in the realm of \$10 million. Key Drivers: Nitrogen Removal Growth River Health. Approvals have taken 3 years. They will start April 2013. Project will take 6- 12 months. Melbourne Water wants to tender immediately.



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Civil construction first. Landscape will happen autumn or spring due to timing restrictions placed on them by the presence of the growling grass frog. Pipelines restrict where they can build. There is a pipeline along the northern side. Council have asked Watsons (working on behalf of Melbourne Water) for further discussions. Melbourne Water will have partial screening. The remaining screening will need to happen on the landowner's side which council will need to drive. Mayor John Ronke: said now that now they know where the wetland line is council can now seriously negotiate with the landowners.

We seek your commitment to strongly advocate for the effective screening of industry on the eastern side of Mordialloc Creek to ensure that the visual benefits of the development of the wetland concept from Waterways Lakes to the Wells Road Bridge will be achieved. This is clearly now a COK responsibility. Will you support and work to achieve the need for effective screening of any industry from this Waterway? Yes/No. _____

Greening of Wells Road

Katrina Harrison is managing this project for AGRA. A very sound case was given to Council promoting the benefits of improving the visual impact for visitors entering Kingston through what is one of the major gateways to Kingston. An additional benefit is the amenity for our residents will be improved making Aspendale Gardens an even more attractive place to live. This project came in at number five in our community needs survey with 46% respondents giving their support.

Council wrote to AGRA advising that while the proposal remains unfunded in the 2012/13 budget that with recent changes in maintenance responsibilities along Wells Road Council advise that their own plans for Wells Road Centre median strip align with our proposal and that an assessment has taken place with a plan to carry out replanting with a view to improving the quality of vegetation and creating a pleasing landscape. The proposals include the removal of poor trees in the centre strip and replanting with 150 Blackwood Trees. A copy of the landscape plan is with AGRA and no doubt you have seen work already underway.

Council envisage that additional works on the outer

nature strips will be planned including understory planting. Council are preparing a plan and a scope for works over the next 12 months incorporating storm water infrastructure and to identify opportunities for improvements and to investigate possible funding options. We envisage that the planting will continue next year and that funding will be needed to ensure that the maximum planting possible will take place. We ask that you will support this project and its funding needs. Yes/No _____

Sporting Ground in Aspendale Gardens

This objective was number 4 with 51% respondent support in the recent AGRA Community Survey. This has been a community objective for over 14 years and Council have finally got this major objective underway behind the school. The budget is \$350,000 towards this development which should be ready for cricket use this year, so the objective has been achieved. The original submission was for a two ovals and draft plans were prepared at Council for this option. Should this single oval project prove successful it may be desirable to construct a second oval perhaps with small changing rooms. If this need appears to develop we seek your assurance that subject to community agreement you would support and work to achieve such a concept. Yes/No _____

AGRA Meet the Candidates Meeting

7.30pm Wednesday 10th October 2012 at the Aspendale Gardens Community Centre.

This is opposite the primary school on Kearney Drive. We will have a sound system and candidates can sit at a table at the front of the meeting and take questions from residents. AGRA will chair the meeting with the objective of being fair and balanced. You are invited along to a meet the candidates meeting or from your point of view meet the voters meeting. Please let us know if you will attend. This meeting will be advertised in the AGRA Newsletter.

I will attend the AGRA Meet the candidates meeting on the 10th October Yes/No _____

This completes the briefing and questions given to all candidates. All answers are summarised on the following comparison table for your information.

Questions to Candidates

Candidate Name
Please advise if you are a member of a political party and the name of that party. Yes/No
If you are a member of a political party; We request your assurance that when dealing with council issues you will not be influenced in any way by your party affiliations even if this means going against party policy and that your decisions will be unbiased and without fear or favour. In other words your commitment will be to the residents and voters of the South Ward and not to a political party? Yes/No
Please advise if you live within this ward and the locality? Yes/No? Locality?
Please confirm to whom you are directing your first three preferences on the clear understanding that you will not change those preferences after you have given them to us. Names . **PLEASE NOTE: These preferences have now been sought from the official Victorian Electoral Commission website and may differ from initial candidate responses **
Please confirm that you will attend at least 4 AGRA meetings a year which includes one local councillor chairing the election of officers at the AGRA August AGM (Meetings are held on the last Wednesday of each month except December). This should result in at least one local councillor attending each AGRA meeting. Yes/No
1. Based on this comprehensive report we ask that if elected will you actively support council's policy to continue to advocate for completion of the MPF Extension? Yes/No
2. If elected will you encourage councillors from this ward and other wards to support council's policy to advocate for completion of the MPF Extension? Yes/No
3. If elected will you commit to advocate for council to strongly work to convince Vic Roads and the government of the need for the MPF Extension to commence construction concurrently and consecutively with the Dingley By-Pass and propose that this is an urgent local and regional project? Yes/No
Winners Circle exit and Entry onto Wells Road. We ask if you will strongly and actively commit as a Councillor to support AGRA through Council if possible and also in any direct approach AGRA make to Vic Roads and Government seeking their commitment to install traffic controls for vehicles and pedestrians in the near future at this dangerous point? Yes/No
Will you strongly commit to working through Council to convince the Government and Vic Roads to install traffic controls on the roundabout at Boundary and Governor Roads and to widen Governor Road between the roundabout and Springvale Road as per the Kingston Traffic Study, all to be completed in the near future? Yes/No.
Traffic Lights and Bike Path Burdekin Parade to Braeside Park and Springvale Road:We are awaiting the outcome and ask that should any more delays become apparent that you will give your support through Council for prompt action to make this dangerous crossing safe. Yes/No
Bicycle & Pedestrian Paths between Wells & Boundary Roads to give access to the Braeside Industrial EstateWe ask that if you are elected to council that you will make every effort to elevate this project so that a timeline for completion in the next two years is agreed by all parties. Yes/No
In the past council has supported our need for a Post Office Agency. If our survey shows that demand for services appear high then we will present our case to Post. We ask that should it be necessary to seek COK support you will assist to get that help. Yes/No
We ask that should we need the support of council to improve Poor Quality of ADSL2+ services or if necessary the early installation of NBN in Aspendale Gardens and surrounding areas you will actively seek Council support to help us. Yes/No
AGRA'S future position remains to protect the existing Green Wedge boundaries and ensure uses are appropriate within the Kingston Green Wedge which includes maintaining the decades old reservation for the Northern Extension of the Mornington Peninsula Freeway Extension. As our councillor will you support this policy Yes/No
We seek your commitment to strongly advocate for the effective screening of industry on the eastern side of Mordialloc Creek to ensure that the visual benefits of the development of the wetland concept from Waterways Lakes to the Wells Road Bridge will be achieved. This is clearly now a COK responsibility. Will you support and work to achieve the need for effective screening of any industry from this Waterway? Yes /No
Greening of Wells Road We envisage that the planting will continue next year and that funding will be needed to ensure that the maximum planting possible will take place. We ask that you will support this project and its funding needs. Yes/No
Should this single oval project prove successful it may be desirable to construct a second oval perhaps with small changing rooms. If this need appears to develop we seek your assurance that subject to community agreement you would support and work to achieve such a concept. Yes/No
I will attend the AGRA Meet the candidates meeting on the 10th October. Yes/No

Maureen Lim	Roslyn MacInnes	David Eden	Robyn Erwin	Tamsin Bearsley	John Ronke	Scott Lowther
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Candidate Answers - Part 2 - Please see corresponding questions on page 16.
 Fold back or tear out this page to align these answers to the questions.

Paul Munro	Trevor Shewan	Dan Moloney	Justin Scott	Courtney Rowe	Chris Carman	Sandra Yeowart
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Candidate Questionnaire Response Summary

Each candidate was allowed up to 120 words to summarise their campaign key points. Candidates are recorded in order of receipt.

Maureen Lim

I support the Vic Roads findings feasibility study re the MPF and any other studies to help reduce traffic density in this area. All previous Victorian Governments failed to address the necessity for long term planning that curtails the potential for increased traffic i.e. satellite cities. The continued release of green wedge/farming land to developers has only served to exacerbate this situation. Reference possible future Sports Ground development Yes but only with community agreement from those who reside around the proposed development.

On being elected to council, I will actively work to overturn the outrageous decision to endorse the rezoning regulations for Green Wedge A and challenge other South Ward candidates to give a similar commitment. I am surprised by the long list of unresolved issues which surely shows that your current council representation has not been adequate.

Roslyn MacInnes

A long-time resident of the City of Kingston with 5 daughters. Our family has been heavily involved in various sporting associations in the local community. I was the inaugural lady President of Aspendale Redbacks Little Athletics Club, Life Member of Chelsea Little Athletics and involved for many years as President, Committee Member and Coach of Aspendale Arrows Netball Club. A passionate follower of sport and in particular the furthering of women's sport in our community, I will ensure we cater to increasing demand for sporting facilities in our City. With a focus on sport, I will also do my utmost to improving the culture of and making our councillors more accountable to the needs of the community.

David Eden

I am more than happy to state that I'm not a member of any political party, and nor have I worked for one or been a member in the past. I will not, however, be completing the attached survey. This is because I value the ability for councillors to make totally informed decisions, which can only occur when they have access to the documents council and

others have compiled, and as many documents council prepare remain 'in camera' or inaccessible to the public, this is not possible.

"Council should be there to advocate for the people and represent us on the matters we care about. I believe that Kingston's rates have been rising too fast, for too long. We need real action to stop excessive rate rises, so that we're not forced to cut back on basic necessities to fund excessive waste. I will campaign for the protection of open spaces and fight inappropriate developments and unauthorised graffiti. I will advocate for a transparent and accountable council, that doesn't hide important decisions from the public and takes responsibility for the decisions made. Consultation before decision-making is key. I will advocate for improvements in infrastructure: roads, post offices, telecommunications - as these services are vital to any community."

Robyn Erwin

I greatly appreciate AGRA collating residents' views. I support AGRA's desire to improve traffic conditions on Wells Rd. However I believe that continual construction of roads will continually raise our dependence on cars for travel. My priority is to advocate for an improved, efficient and safe public transport system complimented by safe bicycle routes such that both public transport and cycling become the travel options of choice. I also would like further information about the potential impacts on the environment and neighbouring residents of the MPF. On the other traffic proposals and the sports ground I feel I need more information to make a definite commitment and to ensure funds are fairly allocated to deal with issues throughout Kingston.

Tamsin Bearsley

I want the Green Wedge as it was originally intended the lungs of Melbourne. I would love to see a chain of green parks accessible to families, trail walkers and cyclists, with Braeside Park as the jewel in the crown. The current council policy has resulted in derelict land, landfill and trapped homeowners. I welcome honest discussion on how we can achieve this. Yes to maintaining the MPF reservation. No to the current policy of landfill and derelict land. Yes to an open chain of green parks as it was originally intended, prior to current policy.

As an AGRA member, mother, parent and teacher, I believe that bullying in council is completely unacceptable. I will bring positive change, with a deep connection to Aspendale Gardens and Waterways. I would be honoured to support you. If you require help, please contact me at tamsin4kingston@gmail.com

Kindest regards, Tamsin Bearsley

John Ronke

In regard to the bicycle link, I have an open mind but need to understand the cost and design etc. before I commit.

Much has been said about the Green Wedge and I am desperate to see change that benefits the community. Implementation of the Chain of Parks, phasing out of landfill and only appropriate uses should be supported. This is a place of distinction and should be treated as such. To support this view, I have advocated for council, State & Federal Government to acquire land in the Green Wedge for regional and local sports facilities. Maintaining the MPF reservation is essential. The Green Wedge is a very complicated issue. Council supported the recommendation of the independent consultant who recommended the above.

It has been an honour to represent you for the past 15 years and I would appreciate the opportunity to continue.

Scott Lowther

This is my first time standing for council however I have extensive business experience in eliminating waste so that more money is available to fund community needs. The list above is extensive and well thought out to address the needs of the residents of Aspendale Gardens and the surrounding suburbs. My aim will be to address these needs accordingly and to ensure South ward becomes a better place for all of us. Low rates and protecting the environment that makes Kingston so liveable are my top priorities. I also want to make Council more proactive, see better planning outcomes, ensure all sports clubs and community groups have opportunities, fix the shortages in preschool & childcare places, reduce red tape, fix road congestion and more. I currently live in the city of Kingston and I have lived in all three wards at some time in my life and currently launch my boat out of Patterson lakes and my son plays football at the Chelsea Heights football ground. Ref

Green Wedge the whole Planosphere report did not take enough notice of resident's submissions. This report should be reviewed with consideration for all residents. I will support the reservation for the northern extension of the Mornington Peninsula Freeway extension.

Paul Munro

The issues raised by AGRA are too complex to answer with a simple yes/no response. But if elected, I will seek input from key stakeholders to ensure I represent the best outcome across the broader community. And being a strong advocate against bullying, I seek assurance that AGRA will adopt and enforce a code of conduct before I make commitment to attend AGRA meetings.

I ask residents to support me as a local, and as a true independent. I will seek input from the community to make informed decisions based on what's best for the broader community, independent of political and undue influence. I'm a local aware of local issues. You can contact me with any questions at email: paul.munro@hotmail.com.au

Trevor Shewan

I've been a South Ward resident for 37 years, with my children attending local schools. I sincerely believe local government is about local people making local decisions affecting our lives and neighbourhood As an Independent councillor; I've had experience fighting for community issues including the establishment of Patterson Lakes Library, saving Tradewinds Lane parkland and protecting the Green Wedge. We have a great place to live, with excellent facilities and beautiful parks. To preserve what we have is important. I am happy to stand on my record and with South Ward resident's support, I promise to keep working hard on council representing their views and improving outcomes for the community. I will exercise financial restraint to ensure rates are restricted to inflation. The rates you pay will be spent in our neighbourhood. My home is here because I love and care about our area.

Dan Moloney

It has been an honour to serve you as your Councillor for the past two years.

As a small business owner and a 20 year resident of Aspendale Gardens, I bring my practical business experience raising a young, active family, I know

full well that household budgets are tight, value for money and insuring rates stay under control.

Funding for local clubs, community centre activities and rejuvenating open spaces for residents including walking and cycling paths. Supporting elderly residents, the disabled, young families and volunteers, services such as childcare and meals on wheels. Protecting and improving local amenity through controls against over-development. Delivering much need infrastructure with strong support for Dingley bypass and MPF.

Justin Scott

Did not respond to the Agra Survey

Courtney Rowe

Did not respond to the Agra Survey

Chris Carman

Did not respond to the Agra Survey

Sandra Yeowart

Did not respond to the Agra Survey

Preferencing

AGRA suggests that when considering who you are going to vote for you carefully evaluate the platform the candidate is putting to you. Should that candidate meet your needs and gain your vote but then fail to get sufficient numbers to be elected your preferences then become as important. It is on that basis that we recommend you be alert to where your candidate recommends you direct your preferences. There have been cases where candidates stand for election with a platform that is the opposite to that of the candidate to whom they recommend you direct preference. In other words your vote, as it cascades down the preference trail, could result in you supporting a candidate who has policies that are not in line with your original needs or objectives.

The objective of the original candidate may have been to provide attractive policies in his or her manifesto that will appeal to some voters knowing that while they won't get enough votes to be elected that some people will vote for them because of their platform. Your preference votes may subsequently go to a candidate with different policies or

intentions to those you voted for. Your preferences therefore can end up supporting a candidate with policies that are part of a team that the original candidate is really supporting. The situation is that the preference flow is influenced and the outcome is not what the voter intended. We are not saying this is happening here, and in fact at the time of writing we do not have all preferences supplied, however when you come to vote you will have all preferences available to you and we strongly suggest that you carefully weigh up where your preferences are going if you blindly follow the recommended preference flow of your candidate and his or she is not elected. Your vote is vital to you and to our democracy and we suggest that you use it with great care to achieve the outcome you want.

Other News and Projects

Flooding under Mordialloc Bridge Wells Road.

AGRA plan to follow up with COK to get an update on the progress.

Fox Baiting in Reserves (New Item)

Council needs to communicate when they do fox baiting, as kindergarten kids, families, dogs use the reserves area. Currently signage is not obvious enough. AGRA will raise with Council to evaluate how Kingston notify the local community through the use of local papers, signs in the shopping centre, kindergartens and primary school.

Youth Spaces Rage Cage

Originally we were told Council expect to have final plans by early 2012. We understand the plans could include provision for skateboard etc. There may be some community concerns about this. In the absence of any reports from Council AGRA to seek an update.

Red Light & Speed Camera;(Royal Palms and Wells Road Intersection)

All reports have indicated that it is likely that this will happen however everything seems to have gone quite so we will follow up with the Department of Justice again.

Secondary Colleges Concerns that Aspendale Gardens Students may be zoned out of the Parkdale Catchment.

Concern was expressed at our AGM about the lack of choice available for secondary schools, in particular people's dissatisfaction with the Mordialloc Secondary College in its current capacity. the question arises why are many parents unhappy with Mordialloc and what we could be done do to assist working with the school to provide our community with more options.

Kindergarten Availability

We have been advised that there is a lack of kindergarten placements in the area. We understand that Council have not been able to support any expansion at our Community Centre. We also understand that a reason may be due to major funding being used for the new Parkdale hub. AGRA will evaluate to determine what this is about and will decide if any action is required by us.

Aspendale Gardens Community Needs Survey

AGRA are still evaluating the recent survey with the objective of determining our future priorities for the next 5 to 10 years.

Improvements to LL Stevenson

This area is our central hub, and has been recognised by Council as such. AGRA will follow up to see where the improvement plan is up to.

Ken Carney, President

FLOOD OF FEB 4, 2011

Dear Residents,

My name is Tony Lambides-Turner.

I have resided in Chelsea Heights for the last 25 years born in Oakleigh 1948. Currently I am producing a book on the flash flooding that occurred in the entire Longbeach area on February 4th 2011, Titled: It Will Never Happen Again! Chelsea-Edithvale Floods 1934 & 2011.

I am searching for:

1. The impact the event had on Aspendale Gardens and its surrounds?
2. Resident's personal point of view / personal eye-witness accounts?
3. Photos
4. I am endeavouring to capture factual records of local historic events as they unfolded.
5. Aiming to create public awareness, and show that a repeat of this catastrophic event may occur at any time.
6. Future plans to combat repeat event?
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Meet the Candidates Meeting

7.30pm Wednesday
10th October 2012
At the Aspendale
Gardens Community
Centre

So far 7 Candidates have
agreed to attend. Go to
the last question/answer
on pages 16-18 to see who
they are.

Hope to see you there too.

Tamsin Bearsley

Local Candidate for South Ward,
City of Kingston

Fresh Ideas. Positive Solutions.

Fellow residents,

Council elections are just around the corner. I'm seeking your support as your local council candidate!

We need councillors who know Aspendale Gardens, and are willing to take up the issues on our behalf. That's where I come in.

Aspendale Gardens is my home. I live here with my husband and our two children who attend Aspendale Gardens Primary School.

I love this community. As secretary of AGRA, and member of Kingston's local Village Committee, I am passionate about solving our local issues.

This is a great place to live but there is still plenty of work to be done. I will be a strong advocate for:

- Access to broadband internet services
- Post Office in Aspendale Gardens
- Fixing local traffic problems (eg. Wells Rd)
- Developing and landscaping Mordialloc Creek extension of the Waterways
- Improving and greening our local playgrounds and reserves such as Yammerbook Reserve
- Upgrading our local bike paths
- Supporting our local community centres and sporting clubs
- Residents' and ratepayers' issues

We need a responsive, transparent and efficient council that uses our rates wisely... a council that respects its residents as local experts.

What are your issues? I'd love to know.

Take a moment to fill out the online survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/tamsin4kingston> or email at tamsin4kingston@gmail.com.

Kind regards,


Tamsin Bearsley

m: 0430 170 210





Vote 1

DAVID EDEN

Independent Candidate for South Ward

Email: contact@davideden.org | Web: www.davideden.org | Phone: 0422-557-917

Message from David: Kingston is a great place to live. For too long though, we have had a council which is asleep at the wheel; that's why I seek your support in the upcoming council elections, to ensure that locals have a representative who is committed to representing them, who will act on what they say and who will have the energy to ensure things get done.

Already making a difference:

- Chelsea / Chelsea Heights / Bonbeach Village committee member.
- Member of Kingston Residents Association and BRIKA.
- KCC Youth Consultative Committee member.
- Clean Up Australia Day site Coordinator.
- Small business owner of a boutique nursery.
- Actively consulting with: Local Residents, Police, Community Groups, and business leaders to develop strategies to tackle the challenges we face.
- Collected for Salvation Army, Red Cross and MS.

A commonsense approach:

- Improved infrastructure: Roads, Internet and postal services.
- Support 'greening of our road' initiatives
- Cut back councillor perks: Allowances and "educational trips".
- **Review council tenders. How can a public toilet cost \$290,000 when a new home costs less?** - (2011/12 Kingston City Council Budget)
- Hold regular community meetings and mobile offices (listening posts).
- Investigate the building and planning departments to ensure transparency and fairness.
- Increase lighting in shopping centres and install CCTV in crime hot spots.
- I will be totally committed to supporting a council policy of zero tolerance towards all un-authorised graffiti.
- I shall work to ensure transparency of council business. In particular, I shall oppose secretive 'in camera' motions, which prevent disclosure to ratepayers of council discussions and decisions.

My Priorities:

Managing your money better

As your representative I will be committed to ensuring that your rates are spent wisely, and that productivity improvements are the focus, rather than simply rate increases. I will also investigate why our rates are 65% higher than Bayside - as at June 2012.



Advocating for the people

First and foremost I will strive to ensure that all residents are listened to and that council acts on feedback, not put it in the 'too hard basket'. I will advocate for a council that acts for residents, ratepayers and local businesses - no one else! I will also focus on getting the basics right: clean public toilets, working water taps and ensuring bins don't overflow.



Protecting open spaces and Combating inappropriate development

Parks and Gardens are vitally important to any community. That's why I support the retention of such assets. I will oppose inappropriate developments, to ensure that the quality of life we are all entitled to enjoy isn't damaged.



A strong voice:

- **Against rate rises**
- **Against Inappropriate development**
- **To combat anti-social behaviour**
- **To protect open spaces**

Action not words

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Cr. John Ronke



Dear Resident,

Sometime shortly you will receive a ballot paper through the post for the Kingston City Council elections, and I am seeking your support to continue as your representative.

- 57 years old - married to Sandy with 2 children.
- A fire-fighter for over 35 years, currently Station Officer at Clayton Fire Station.
- Aspendale Gardens resident for 23 years
- The honour to serve the past year as Mayor.
- Foundation member of the Aspendale Gardens Residents Association in 1991 (AGRA)
- Secretary of AGRA for 6 years, resigning to take up the elected position of Councillor in 1997.

SINCE BEING ELECTED TO COUNCIL

- Immediately began work with shopping centre owner to overcome issues which saw it prosper after years of inactivity.
- Rezoning of land north of Wells Rd from Industrial to Residential - Royal Palms & Palm Grove.
- Worked with AGRA to see the completion of Stages 1 & 2 of the Aspendale Gardens Community Centre.
- New Maternal & Child Health Centre in Aspendale Gardens.
- Facilitated discussions that saw the relocation & expansion of the Aspendale Gardens Medical Centre to Springvale Rd.
- Helped facilitate other uses at the same site IE: Restaurant & Childcare.
- Strongly supported & worked closely with developer on plans for Richfield.
- Advocated for new playgrounds.
- Advocated for the completion of the new Aspendale Gardens Sports Ground.
- Years of lobbying will see works begin early next year on major improvements to the Mordialloc Creek.

These are just some examples of my achievements through working closely with AGRA.

Over the past 20 years I have actively instigated, lobbied for and supported the establishment of the services & facilities that we all enjoy today and make this community such a great place to live.

I have vigorously maintained councils solid financial plan which has seen us evolve from a financial basket case in 1997 to one that meets our obligations both from the State Government and the Kingston community. I have fought to maintain services and facilities to a standard that the community expects and at the same time work within a given budget.

A truly independent Councillor I represent your views without fear, favour or influence from political masters and answer only to you - the community.

I ask for your support to continue a balanced and open minded approach to decision making at Kingston City Council.

Sincerely,
Cr. John Ronke



Thank you to those of you who attended our AGM and to all the community for their ongoing support. We are very pleased to announce the election of four new Board members Katrina Harrison, Rebecca McClure, Meaghan Stewart and Kylie Swingler to the team.

We are very excited to announce the appointment of Michelle Galileos to the role of Community Development Manager for the Community Centre. Michelle is a local resident with a strong background in marketing and events management and is enthusiastically looking forward to being part of our team, supporting our community and meeting its needs.

A BIG thank you to Michael and the team at McDonald's Real Estate for their fantastic "Get Your Glow On" fundraising event at the Community Centre on 15th September. The kids had a ball, the Mums and Dads got their groove on and our community raised over \$1000 for your kinder and community centre. We also raised over \$600 from the delicious sausage sizzle. In fact, the parents enjoyed it so much that they want another "Glowing" event just for the oldies!

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103 - 105 Kearney Drv, Aspendale Gardens
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Information Day

Wednesday 14th November 2012 at 7.30pm

Aspendale Gardens Community Centre

Auditions

Thursday 22nd November 7.30pm-10pm

Friday 23rd November 7.30-10pm

Saturday 24th November 1pm-4pm

Sunday 25th November 10am-12pm

For further details contact - 9580 8415

www.aspecttheatre.com

CITY OF KINGSTON FAMILY SAFETY DAY

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