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Aspendale Gardens Residents Association



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## Clean Up Australia Day

A big thank you to everyone who helped spruce up our beautiful area for the recent Clean Up Australia Day.



Clean Up Australia Day, Aspendale Gardens 2 March 2014

The event was held at Kerr Cres Reserve next to Aspendale Gardens Primary School, and extended to the grasslands beyond the school. We welcomed a number of helpers, including Cr Tamsin Bearsley and local families.

Our loot this year included 13 golf balls, a purse, 8 bags of miscellaneous rubbish and plenty of cigarette butts by the school gate.

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## Good Sports

We're pleased to see the Aspendale Gardens Cricket Ground getting regular play over the summer season. It's a joy to hear the crack of leather on willow and cheers of 'Howzat!' on Saturday mornings.

The Aspendale Gardens Cricket Ground has been an objective of AGRA for over 20 years, but it didn't just magically appear by itself. We recognize the hard work of City of Kingston and supportive councillors (both past and present) for turning our dream into a reality.

It's our understanding that the creation of the cricket ground did not draw from ratepayer contributions. Instead, it was funded through Kingston's Open Space Fund, which in turn was funded by a compulsory percentage contribution from development projects such as Waterways.

To the City of Kingston, supportive councillors and Waterways residents: Aspendale Gardens thanks you.

## But Wait, There's More

City of Kingston has more plans for the oval, including shade trees, park seating, bins, picnic shelter and drinking fountain proposed for 2014.

For updates, Facebook is turning out to be useful for both sharing and receiving feedback. 'Like' us at [www.facebook.com/agra3195](https://www.facebook.com/agra3195).

Alternatively, AGRA meetings are held at 7.30pm on the last Wednesday of the month (except December) at the Community Centre and are open to the public.

**In the mean time you can go play golf at the Keysborough Open Day!**



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## President's Report

We hope all residents had a great Christmas and New Year and a fun filled holiday break.

As you know we have a number live projects and objectives underway and we take this opportunity to update all residents on their progress.



For the record we are reviewing our operating procedures to ensure we meet all legal and other requirements and to improve management.

The highlight of 2013 was our Aspendale Gardens Community Fun Day. This was a great day for families.

We wish to thank all who contributed to the day including shop owners and management and staff of the Shopping Centre including Ritchies. In particular our thanks to those who supported us with grants. Thanks to our South Ward Councillors John Ronke, Tamsin Bearsley and David Eden along with Council and our AEAGW Village Committee. In addition our thanks to our own Community Bank the Bendigo Bank and to the local Rotary Club (Mordialloc).

*Yours Sincerely*  
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## Aspendale Gardens Community Fun Day

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Jimmy Giggle of ABC Childrens TV was a huge hit, bringing youngsters and mums from near and far. He was a real star, signing autographs and giving free hugs all day.

It was great to see our local polities **Mark Dreyfus QC MP**, **Lorraine Wreford MP**, **Donna Bauer MP**, **Cr David Eden** and **Cr Tamsin Bearsley** helping out on the day.

To everyone who supported, contributed, or just came along and was part of our community spirit:  
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## Everybody Loves Good Neighbours

Meet **John Karamaloudis**, Owner of Fish Tales Seafood at Aspendale Gardens.



John was born in Bendigo and moved to Melbourne to marry his sweetheart Angela. They have two boys aged 27 and 30, and live in Atlantis Court, Aspendale Gardens.

**Q: What do you love about Aspendale Gardens?** John: It is so quiet, peaceful and I love the size of the backyards here.

**Q: How long have you been in the fish business?** John: 20 years including restaurants. I have a burning passion for the food industry and the delivery of quality product and service. Before fish, I was teaching English as a primary school teacher.

**Q: What is your favorite fish?** John: Garfish, prawns and gummy shark.

**Q: What time do you start work?** John: Up at 2am, at the markets by 3am, finish around 6pm. I work around 80 hours a week. I take off every Sunday, even then I come in and check my fridges are operating correctly.

**Q: Who is your favorite customer?** John: Brian because he is always spinning a yarn and stirring up the crew.

**Q: Why do believe your product is the best out there?** John: I hand pick my entire product which doesn't come through a mass produced wholesaler like the supermarkets use. I personally prepare and cut all the fish which reduces bones and blood lines. This gives the fish a better taste, and there's less waste to the customer also.

**Q: Why should people support local business?** John: Because the quality of the product and personal service will disappear from the market. My customers come as far as Mornington, Hampton and Sandringham.

**Q: What are your passions?** John: Time with my wife, Essendon FC. I love all sports. When I'm not at work I enjoy golf, fishing, watching sports and spending as much time as I can with my wife.

**Q: What is your favorite drink?** John: Scotch & Dry, Vodka and Schweppes Pink Grapefruit

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## Licensed Post Office in Aspendale Gardens?

AGRA has been working to bring a Post Office Agency to Aspendale Gardens for many years.

The new owner of the local newsagency, Nary See, is enthusiastically pursuing a Post Office Agency licence and AGRA has supplied them with a copy of our initial survey results to assist with their discussions with Australia Post.



Andrew Bearsley and Ken Carney crunch post office survey results with Nary See, AG Newsagent

We are refining the statistics from the community survey that we carried out which had a response rate well over 20% of Aspendale Gardens households. This response rate is outstanding for a community survey which means that the statistical error will be very low.

The great majority of Aspendale Gardens residents have stated clearly that they want and need Post services and would use a local agency if it was available. Our survey is based on criteria given to us by Australia Post that includes how Post themselves determine demand and usage patterns.

The newsagency also met with Victorian MP Lorraine Wreford, member for Mordialloc. For your information, Aspendale Gardens will become part of the Mordialloc electorate in the next State elections.

Lorraine recommended and supplied the petition to assist in achieving a Post Office Agency in Aspendale Gardens. She indicated that at least 2,000 signatures will be required to give weight to the petition which will be strengthened by inclusion of the AGRA Study.

The petition was launched at the end of February and can be signed in various locations in the Aspendale Gardens Shopping Centre. Some AGRA members are also knocking at doors close to where they live.

If anyone in your house or business wants a Post Office Agency in Aspendale Gardens you should all individually sign the Petition. One person cannot sign for the whole family. Please do not sign more than once, or on more than one petition.

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## Shopping Centre Rooftop Development

**Ken Carney reports on the planned rooftop development above the Aspendale Gardens Shopping Centre.**

AGRA on behalf of local residents objected to Stage 1 of this rooftop development. We were not on our own. Our local Aspendale Gardens Primary School opposed the development as did the shopping centre. The recognised planning authority, the City of Kingston (COK), also opposed the development.

The developer took the project to VCAT and was successful and given the go ahead with Stage 1 comprising two additional floors of 23 dwellings, including some minor adjustments to the original proposal.

Once VCAT had made their decision for the project to proceed the only way the project can be stopped was by going to the high court. AGRA cannot fund that and in fact none of the other opposing parties could fund it either.

### Current Position

It is our opinion that the case presented by Council and AGRA Inc and by others opposing the proposed development was not given balanced consideration or weight by the tribunal and was rejected in an unfair assessment thereby resulting in a wrong decision by the tribunal. That is our view.

We decided to write to the Attorney General and gave the reasons for our concern. We marked the letter as confidential so we cannot at this time print the contents of the document. We posted our letter on the 10th of January and have since chased a response from the Minister without success.

Because of this lack of response we asked our local state MPs Lorraine Wreford, Donna Bauer and Inga Peulich to follow up on our behalf.

We are not comfortable with the situation; one of the issues we highlighted to the tribunal claimed was that the stage 1 approval would become a precedent for stage 2 when submitted to Council.



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**We have been contacted by the developer and advised that a design for stage 2 is underway and they have offered to meet with AGRA to show us the Plan.**

David Price from BC39 has asked to meet with AGRA to go through the proposed stage 2 project which will be for development of the western part of the shopping centre rooftop.

We have decided to hold a community meeting which AGRA will chair. This will enable David Price to present the plans and explain their objectives not only to the AGRA Committee but also to interested residents.

## AGRA Special Meeting

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2014**

**Doors open 7.00pm for 7.30pm start**

**Aspendale Gardens Community Centre  
Kearney Drive opposite the school**

Meet David Price from BC39 the Shopping Centre Rooftop Developer where they will present plans and objectives for stage 2 of the Rooftop Development.

This being the western side of the shopping centre and will be an opportunity for residents to ask questions and comment on any issues they have with the development.

AGRA can then decide what action we may need to take in the future.



We believe AGRA presented sound and logical argument to VCAT opposing the project. Our case turned out to be similar to that of Council, who are the recognised planning authority.

This raises the question, what point is there having a recognised planning authority that in effect in a case like this has virtually no planning powers?

For those who are following the story, we have put the summary of our VCAT case on the AGRA website at [www.agrainc.org.au](http://www.agrainc.org.au)

*Editor Andy's note: I've neglected my good wife all weekend editing this newsletter. To make up for it we're having a date night at Arco - a local place that loves AGRA, and has beautiful Italian food. And then getting the car washed.*

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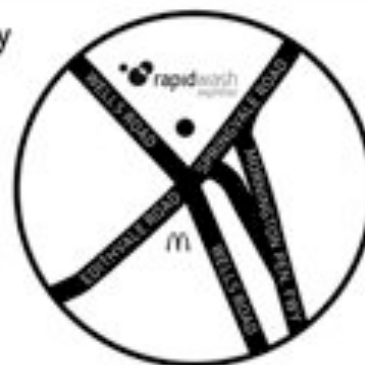


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## Kingston Wedge Watch

At a recent council meeting (3<sup>rd</sup> March 2014), Cr Tamsin Bearsley put forward a motion to prepare a planning scheme amendment for the Kingston Wedge. The motion was seconded by Cr Ron Brownlees OAM and passed by majority.

The substance of the motion was:

1. Establish a plan from unviable agriculture to a sustainable end use which encourages an improvement of private and public open space amenity and increases public open space (Chain of Parks and regional sporting facilities).

2. Introduce the Green Wedge A Zone with a minimum subdivision of 40 hectares for land located above Kingston and Heatherton Roads. In effect this minimum lot sizes equivalent to 20 MCG stadiums, for the purpose of turning tip and concrete crusher land into Chain of Parks land.

3. To introduce the rural living zone and seek to include a subdivision of 2000m<sup>2</sup> in the schedule to the zone for land located zoned green wedge between Kingston and Heatherton Roads and Lower Dandenong Road (not Golf Courses). Also including some land located east of Tootal Road Dingley Village and outside the urban growth boundary which the Dingley bypass has separated. In effect this is minimum lot size equivalent to a half acre, requiring full services such as electricity, sewerage, gas, water and presumably other infrastructure.

Council have asked their officers to research the impact and obtain advice from Planisphere, COK legal department, and the Department of Transport Planning and Infrastructure, as well as engaging with the residents (Heatherton residents who own land and live there).

The amendment does not touch or affect the Kingston Wedge triangle in Aspendale Gardens between Waterways and Richfield.

Upon the officers completing this amendment, a report will be brought back to council for a decision on whether to seek authorization from the minister to exhibit the amendment. This will be everyone's chance to look at the vision in a practical sense and to give feedback. This is

likely to be a few months away, but may be before the next newsletter.

Yes, this discussion covers land three suburbs away. Waterways and Braeside are in-between Aspendale Gardens and Heatherton, but AGRA have historically kept an eye on that area because we value public open space, buffer zones, recreation, trees and our own resident rights.

We would like to point out that editor of this newsletter is married to a Kingston councilor (Cr Bearsley), and the AGRA president is a member of the Defenders of the South East Green Wedge.

Let's look at what councillors said in the past. We have the AGRA record from September 2012 on a topics including Kingston Wedge, AGRA meetings, traffic, post office, sporting ground and Mornington Peninsula Freeway Extension. We're including relevant Kingston Wedge answers here.

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## From The 2012 Record

*Question: AGRA's future position remains to protect the existing Green Wedge boundaries and ensure uses are appropriate within the City of 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?*

**Tamsin Bearsley:** "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."

**David Eden:** "Yes"

**John Ronke:** "Yes"

*Question: Record any statement or comment you wish to make*

**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."

**David Eden**

"I will campaign for the protection of open spaces and fight inappropriate developments and unauthorised graffiti."

**John Ronke:**

"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."

## Back to the Present

Ken says: *"In my view there should be community concerns on what is happening. The words are meaningful however outcomes could evolve that are detrimental to the objectives of Green Wedges. That has still to be evaluated by the public and the current State government."*

### Time out for a moment.

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## Let's Talk About Mentone Grammar Playing Fields

Within AGRA, we have great discussions and have differing views on various subjects. What issues should we focus on? How far does our sense of justice go? How do we treat residents outside Aspendale Gardens?

These are real questions. Come along to our meetings if you'd like to join in. Bring a bottle of wine or a jar of coffee and you'll be most welcome.

We're aware that the Mentone Grammar playing fields on Springvale Road are not within Aspendale Gardens, but we reserve our right to comment on them anyway.

To give this issue context: the Kingston Green Wedge Plan of 2012 recommended to take the Springvale Road strip out of the green wedge and zone it commercial. The current proposal is to zone it residential and to include the Governor Road property and the Mentone Grammar fields property that bookend the Springvale road strip.

We hear that this decision to support a residential zone was after consulting with senior planners and agreeing that this zone blended better with Braeside Park than a commercial zone which allows large concrete built form. The green wedge plan also recommended was that the Governor Road property become public open space however neither council or Parks Vic have shown any interest in purchasing it so this zoning would be an unreasonable imposition on a private resident.

The Mentone Grammar playing fields in question are not public open space, and you can't just go kick a footy on them, however they are available for hire. Hiring rates are not published but are available on enquiry.

As we have not spoken to the school, we don't know whether or not the grounds are optimally used, or if they present significant costs to the overall operation of Mentone Grammar. We do know that Mentone Grammar is a not-for-profit organization, but aside from that there's much that we don't know.

Kingston Council are working through the issues. It's not an simple topic, but they are tackling it anyway.

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This following discussion is Ken's current thoughts.

(Ed: These views are not held by all AGRA members. We are a diverse bunch, and enjoy open discussion of ideas, especially those as complicated as Kingston Wedge).

Ken says: "As part of the recommendations of the Kingston Council meeting prior to Monday, Council adopted by a 5 to 4 vote to make changes to the current zoning along Springvale Road to residential use which includes the Mentone Grammar Sports Fields that lies between the current commercial area and the Southern Golf Club which in turn abutts Braeside Park, all within the Green Wedge. Besides concerns about the impact of large residential subdivisions along Springvale Road what alarms me is that the Sports Grounds are exactly what the Green Wedge is about. They meet the criteria of contributing to the lungs of Melbourne and meet the objectives that Council have included in their own proposed changes. This indicates

a conflict of reasoning by Council. We have land that is performing and being used exactly as and yet some Councillors have decided it should be turned into a massive slab of residential properties that remove the contribution this land makes to the lungs of Melbourne and to the open space of that area. I understand that the sports ground at 770 to 928 Springvale Road contains about 20 hectares of open space including some built facilities.



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Ken continues: "I understand that Melbourne Grammar made some sort of last minute submission to the GW study which did not result in the Planisphere experts making a recommendation to change the Sports Grounds to residential or any other use. Clearly Planisphere recognised that the land was being used as it is meant to be within the Green Wedge concepts. I do not know what justification has been made public justifying the proposed change of these areas to residential use.

I assume that Mentone Grammar have no use for the Sports Ground and want to get rid of it. In which case they can sell it off as Green Wedge land and it can then be used as Green Wedge land. In my view what Council have actually unwittingly done by just proposing changes to the Green Wedge zoning for the Sports Ground to residential is to make sure that no one who may have wanted to make an offer to purchase the land for uses within the Green Wedge cannot do so now.

I understand that there is a rule of thumb that the conversion of GW land to residential use has 10X multiplier effect on the land value. So, as of this moment the existing owner of that land will not sell it to anyone else at a Green Wedge value. Council have therefore effectively made sure that no one who may have considered making an offer to purchase the land for GW use can afford to do so thereby ensuring that only cashed up developers will be lining up to purchase it. The land has been effectively priced off the market for GW use by Council. That will make sure there is no purchasing demand for the land for GW uses which appears to contradict what Council are trying to achieve.

This land should not be zoned for residential; it works 100% and meets the Green Wedge objectives and should be left zoned GW perhaps with additional protections. If this perfect GW land can be rezoned residential then any land owner in the Green Wedge can justifiably say "me to" and be right! Overtime this could mean Goodbye Green Wedge. This raises concerns with the recommendations that Council are making regarding the Green Wedge. Once those changes are passed by Government what is to stop further exceptions being sought and adopted under the watered down GW plans? The door is now open!

It is necessary to also highlight the Minister for Planning Mathew Guy's position. Leader dated 29<sup>th</sup> January 2014 – "Planning Minister Mathew Guy has warned Kingston Council about trying to open up its Green Wedge for residential development.

The Leader says this statement was in response to a request to a five to four vote at Council seeking his advice on reducing lot sizes for large parts of private

land in the Green Wedge. It is interesting that while the article says that the Minister has yet to respond officially it also quotes the Minister as saying "the Council would need to tread carefully."

Mr Guy also said," that the Kingston Council is responsible for management of its own planning scheme."

The article also repeats Mr Guy's previous statement that "a green wedge zone is not a residential zone; it is intended for agricultural production," which in some cases may not be practical.

We noted at the time that the Minister in effect left the door open with his statement "that the Kingston Council is responsible for management of its own planning scheme".

If council put their proposals forward to introduce residential development into their Green Wedge Plans the Minister could then pass those changes... we hope that is not the case, time will tell....

In the past AGRA has supported the perceived benefits of the Green Wedge within Kingston. AGRA made a major submission in November 2011 to the Draft Kingston Green Wedge Plan. That submission was printed in the winter 2011 AGRA Newsletter.

Kingston Council adopted their Green Wedge Plan in 2013 by a vote of 8 to 1. We must admit that we thought that this overwhelming adoption of the Green Wedge Plan by Council was the end of speculation about whether land owners can or cannot subdivide and what uses the land could be put to and that Council now had the power to determine some of the developments that can or cannot be permitted in the Green Wedge such as banning concrete crushing operations...

The Green Wedge Plan was developed over years of research and community consultation using an independent research company, Planisphere and gained the approval of the state government. After the 2012 Council elections some of the Councillors sought changes. Councillors voted on a 5 to 4 basis to empower some of those changes.

Some months ago your AGRA Committee decided to seek the views of our South Ward and other councillors who are supporting the proposed new changes to the Green Wedge Plan. South Ward Councillor Tamsin Bearsley, and Centre Ward Councillors Geoff Gledhill and Ron Brownlees attended the January 2014 AGRA Committee meeting to explain their reasons for the changes they believe are required to the Green Wedge.

*One of these reasons included a claim that landowners views may not have been taken into account at the time of the Council feasibility study. If that is correct that would be a major failure by Council and the independent research company and should be investigated.*

*We will be meeting with the Secretary of the Defenders of the SE Green Wedge Coalition to get an overall background view and will hold a separate meeting with our South Ward Councillor David Eden, and Centre Ward Councillor Rosemary West and possibly another Councillor to hear their views on why the Green Wedge legislation should not be significantly changed. We also decided that we should also hear from the landowners and are making arrangements to hear from their group.*

*All in all we are trying to understand what the purposes and objectives of the Green Wedge are and should the planning conditions be changed or should they be retained and structured to ensure protection of the Green Wedge.*

*Once we have heard all of the interested parties mentioned in this report we will evaluate what it all means and will present the facts as we see them to our community in a Newsletter including a questionnaire and will seek an Aspendale Gardens community response so that we can review and develop our policy position including proposing to Council uses that the Green Wedge could be put to that meet the requirements of the Green Wedge objectives and hopefully of the landowners. We understand that Council are preparing a fact sheet so that residents can be better informed on the Green Wedge than they are now.*

*What are some of the potential uses that may make the Green Wedge concept work and also satisfy the needs of the small landowners? Some examples could be:*

- *Take advantage of the federal government's plan to fund the planting of trees to achieve Australia's carbon emissions target of a reduction of 5%.*
- *Build cemeteries to meet the major demand that exists particularly in the South East.*
- *Give us your ideas."*

## In Summary

As Cr John Ronke says: "The Green Wedge is a very complicated issue."

There are residents. There are protest groups. There are facts. There are opinions. In the middle of all that, our councillors have to work through the issues.

Our South Ward councilors are all willing to openly discuss the issues and answer questions. They are available directly to you. Google them for contact details.

## NBN Roll Out – Aspendale Gardens and Braeside

We've been writing to Malcolm Turnbull the Minister for Communications regarding NBN Roll Out and timelines for Aspendale Gardens and Braeside. There is more on this topic for future discussion. Needless to say, **we are not happy with the state of internet services in Aspendale Gardens and Braeside.**

See the AGRA website at [www.agrainc.org.au](http://www.agrainc.org.au) for our letters back and forth so far.

Are you interested in this story? Does it directly affect you? Leave feedback on our Facebook page.

## (Lack of) Mordialloc Creek Extension

**Mordialloc Creek extension between the Wells Road Bridge and the Waterways Lakes:**

AGRA prepared a comprehensive report in our last Newsletter pointing out that Melbourne Water have in effect delayed this funded project to some unknown date in five or more years time from now. We believe this to be a major failure by Melbourne Water to meet its commitment to the community and to the wellbeing and water health of our region.



We are looking to state government for help and have written to the Minister for Water and to our three local Members of Parliament seeking their support to get this project underway during the 2014/2015 budget period. We await a response.

## Winners Circle – Kids Jaywalking across Wells

**Winners Circle – and close by areas – Children Jaywalking crossing Wells Road to go to school on the other side or to catch the bus to school.**

We understand that children are crossing Wells Road at this point without the benefit of traffic lights and are putting themselves and drivers at risk.

We would appreciate if local community members could monitor this situation and report back to AGRA through email at [kjcarney@iprimus.com.au](mailto:kjcarney@iprimus.com.au). Thanks.

## Residential Zones

We will be reviewing the impact of the proposed new Residential Zoning Plans at the next AGRA Committee meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup> March. South Ward Councillor Tamsin Bearsley has offered to give an overview. You may wish to attend.

## Traffic Cameras

**Speed & Red Light Camera's at Palm Grove/Narelle/Wells and also at Royal Palms/Nurten/Wells.**

We have received some reports that because the visible cameras are in place this is resulting in a reduction in traffic speed and the number of vehicles running the lights. That is good news. You will have seen the signs on Wells Road announcing that the newly installed cameras are about to “go live” and drivers are warned that they will receive traffic infringement notices if they break the law. So take care.

## Increase in Traffic

We have received some reports that the new Red Light camera sequencing is significantly different to what was operating before their installation and that this has resulted in traffic queues building up around them including on Wells Road with the result that some drivers have chosen to use the “rat run” route.

Council will check out the position and determine what action needs to be taken to correct the situation.

## COK 2014/15 Budget

All items listed below have been discussed at AGRA based on previous undertakings that Council will consider for inclusion in the 2014/15 budget.

- L.L. Stevenson Reserve: Refurbishment
- Fitness Trail Aspendale Gardens
- Improving the current informal bike track between the Aspendale Gardens Sportsground to the Longbeach Trail.
- Path between the Nurten Parade entrance to the public area of the northern Edithvale Wetland. The path travels west to the southern Bridge over the secondary drain to the Longbeach Trail.
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Path Across Mordialloc Creek - Wells Road – Boundary Road – into and along the Braeside Industrial Area up to Centre Dandenong Road. Council have a concept with a number of alignments including a preferred route with costing's. Will be put forward for capital works in the 2014/15 year. We have no idea what the plans are and AGRA respectfully request to be involved in the exercise.

We are looking forward to seeing these happen.

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