



# ASPENDALE GARDENS NEWS

AGRA - ASPENDALE GARDENS RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION  
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WINTER 2020



## GAME ON! ASPENDALE GARDENS SPORTSGROUND PHASE 1 COMPLETED

### SOCCER TRAINING BEGINS

Players are now training on the newly-completed Aspendale Gardens sportsground. Phase One has been completed including gated car park, soccer fields, cricket pitches, nets, watering system and light towers.

The 28-metre-tall light towers were installed in May after delays due to COVID-19 disruptions to the Chinese steel supply chain.

More work is planned, including pavilion and path upgrades. **Cr Tamsin Bearsley** said "We've heard brilliant resident suggestions, including updating the path from Tarongo Drive to Long Beach Trail with lighting, for pedestrians and cyclists at night".

### WOOLWORTHSOPOLY?

Council has rejected a developer application for a Woolworths and speciality shops to replace the Mitre 10 and Dan Murphys in nearby Chelsea Heights.

The application predicted a negative impact on AG Shopping Centre sales at less than 10%. Sources at Ritchies IGA suggest this figure may actually be more than 25%.

Council officers concluded that duplication of activity centres, just 2km away from each other, would significantly impact the viability of businesses in the AG shopping centre. The rejected application is likely to be contested at VCAT.

### ASPENDALE GARDENS 'SPLIT IN TWO' IN NEW COUNCIL WARDS

Aspendale Gardens will be split in two for the coming local government elections.

Previously, the City of Kingston has consisted of 3 wards, each with 3 councillors, with 9 in total.

Proposed changes will alter the layout to 11-single councillor wards. Aspendale Gardens has been split at Nurten Pde, with Yammerbook Ward to the west and Sandpiper to the east.

"Why would anyone want to break a suburb that has an established identity, community spirit and real, specific community needs?" asked **Ken Carney**, "when you look at the proposal it appears designed with political objectives."

"Normally this is the Victorian Electoral Commission's domain, but strangely the state government decided to split Aspendale Gardens" said **Cr Tamsin Bearsley**. "I agree with Ken, It's not ideal. We can make it work if the other councillor is there for the right reasons and listens to our community."

Council elections are scheduled to go ahead for October 2020, See page 2 for the map of new local government boundaries.

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## AGRA AGM

### SAVE THE DATE

Join us on **Wednesday 19 August 2020 at 7:30pm**  
for AGRA's Annual General Meeting.  
Come along, show your support, and  
be part of a suburb that is something special



# MEET AGRA

ASPENDALE GARDENS RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

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## President's Report

Vale **Brian Stuart**, AGRA Committee Member, who passed away after a long illness. Brian's direct, probing approach will be sorely missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife Anne and family.

The Aspendale Gardens Sportsground Stage one is complete and it's looking great. Thank you to the residents that raised the need to have a well-lit path between Torongo Drive and Primary School and Nurten Parade. Council has promised this and we have faith that this will happen. On the other hand, Council ignored residents calls to refuse a liquor licence, with three councillors who supported a ban on liquor at the location doing a stunning backflip.

Council officers' rejection of the proposal from Woolworths to build a new supermarket at the site of Mitre 10, behind the Chelsea Heights Hotel, is a win for residents of AG to ensure our shopping centre's future. A gym proposal for the second floor of the shopping centre is a welcome addition... subject to council planning approval.

We welcome new committee members to join AGRA. If you live in Aspendale Gardens, and have a community spirit, please volunteer at the AGM! You'll learn a lot about what's happening locally!

Yours Sincerely

Tony Firman, President, AGRA Inc

**President:** Tony Firman  
**Vice President:** Reny Frighetto  
**Editor:** Andrew Bearsley  
**Treasurer:** Jacinta Chapman  
**Secretary:** Lucinda Bertram  
**Committee:** Peter Boardman, Henry Warren, Ken Carney, Steve Turner  
**Guests:** Cr Tamsin Bearsley

*AGRA meets every month (except December).*

*We chat about how to make Aspendale Gardens even better.*

*Join us - residents welcome!*

*VENUE: Aspendale Gardens Community Centre*

*or Zoom if the pandemic continues*

*7:30pm, 3rd Wednesday of the month*

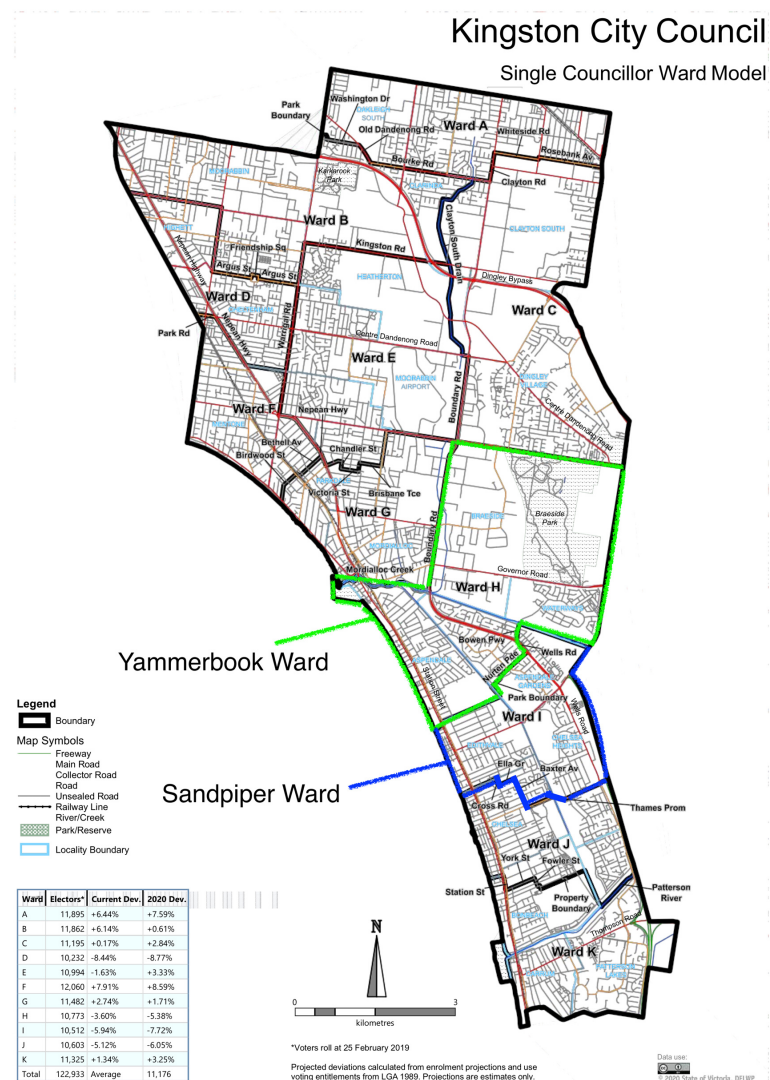
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# AGRA AGM AGENDA

Wednesday 19 August, 7.30pm

Aspendale Gardens  
Community Centre

- Update from President
- Green Screening of Braeside Park Suburbs
- AG Sportsfield Pavillion
- Mordialloc Freeway Update
- Local initiatives
- Local Government Elections



## Proposed New Local Government Boundaries

It's not a great map, but it's the best we can find. Aspendale Gardens as a local government electorate looks to be split into Yammerbook Ward to the north-west, and Sandpiper Ward to the south-east.



## UPDATE: DELIVERING THE MORDIALLOC FREEWAY

Physical construction work on the Mordialloc Freeway began at the end of 2019 and the project is scheduled for completion by end of 2021.

In response to community feedback, changes have been made to the design including:

- bridges instead of traffic lights over Governor Road, Lower Dandenong Road and Centre Dandenong Road
- a bridge over Old Dandenong Road to keep it open for Dingley Village residents
- a twin bridge over the sensitive wetlands to ensure rainfall and natural light reaches the vegetation below
- longer and taller fences next to Braeside Park to protect local wildlife
- a wider pedestrian underpass at Braeside Park to improve connectivity
- a new intersection at Lower Dandenong Road so Woodlands Drive can remain open.

### Planned disruptions ahead

Governor Road will be closed from Tuesday 18 August to Tuesday 22 September. Please plan your journeys accordingly and expect more traffic on Wells Road during this time.

### Stay updated

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## BRAESIDE FACTORIES: RESIDENT FEEDBACK

**"WE NEED EXPANDED WETLANDS AND A GREEN BARRIER BETWEEN BRAESIDE FACTORIES & ASPENDALE GARDEN RESIDENCES"**

*By night - the light is brightening up residents' bedrooms. The light marked with X is a street light that reflects off the mirrored windows.*



*By day - factories are being built closer to the creek and are an eyesore.*



Some history... several years ago, Melbourne Water made plans for expanded wetlands to reduce silting in Mordialloc Creek and provide a green screen between industrial development and residential land. The plans were delayed by Council, and Melbourne Water eventually shelved the idea.

AGRA intends to raise this issue to get the project back on track. **Cr Tamsin Bearsley** said "Expanded wetlands and natural green screening is more important than ever for our residents, especially with factories and freeway nearby".

## MORDIALLOC FREEWAY: RESIDENT FEEDBACK

Residents in Aspendale Gardens closest to the Mordialloc Freeway build have brought concerns to AGRA's attention:

### Ability to request a taller back fence if required

Residents request an easy process for building higher fences and costs being shared. AGRA have communicated this concern to council.

### More detailed plans for lighting and landscaping

Residents would also like more detailed and meaningful explanations for lighting and landscaping near homes. AGRA have communicated this concern to Major Roads. They advise that detailed plans are not yet available however we will be kept informed.





# THANKS FOR THE FAMILY FUN DAY!

We would like to thank our community partners who team up with AGRA to put on the Community Fun Day!

The event takes place every two years, thanks to Ritchies IGA, the City of Kingston and a small army of community volunteers.

The Family Fun Day in October 2019 was a blast. We would have appreciated it even more if we knew what was coming in 2020!



## RITCHIES EST 1870 CELEBRATING 150 YEARS



Thomas Ritchie

Ritchies are celebrating our 150th Birthday this year and we are dedicating 2020 to honouring our founder Thomas Ritchie. Thomas survived a ship wreck near Point Nepean in 1853 and following on from his several business ventures in the Frankston area he established the first Ritchies Store in 1870!

Read the whole story: [www.ritchies.com.au/150years](http://www.ritchies.com.au/150years)

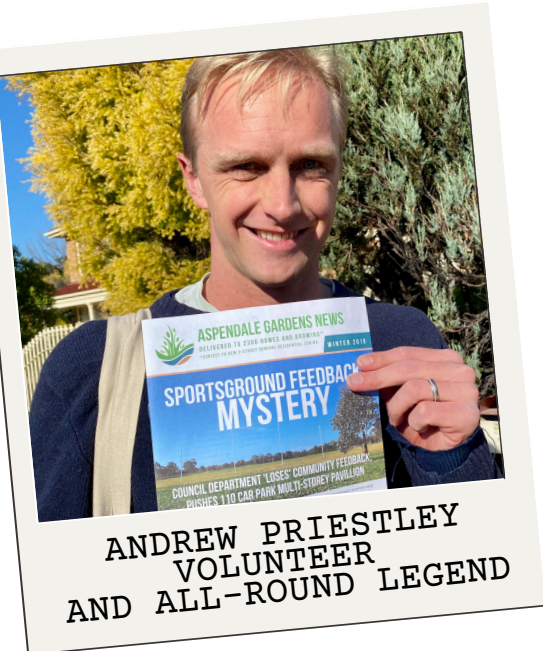
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## OWN A POOL OR SPA? GET IT REGISTERED PRONTO

The Victorian State Government has introduced new laws intended to make swimming pools and spas safer for everyone. Pool and spa owners have until 1 November 2020 to complete the first step and register their pools with council. The original deadline was 1 June 2020, however the impact of COVID-19 prompted an extension from the original deadline.

"It's more administration for everyone" said **Cr Tamsin Bearsley**. "Councils have been tasked with handling the registration process. We've made it as easy as possible for community members to understand the process with guidance on the council website".

Registration is a four step process:

1. Register by 1 November 2020
2. Inspect and repair
3. Lodge Compliance Certificate
4. Update every 4 years

City of Kingston appears to have managed the process better than other municipalities in Victoria.

**Jonathan Guttman**, General Manager at City of Kingston said "the team has led what I understand to be one of the most successful campaigns of any Local Government to facilitate community support and registration".

Affected residents are encouraged to visit [www.kingston.vic.gov.au/Property-and-Development/Building/Swimming-Pools-and-Spas](http://www.kingston.vic.gov.au/Property-and-Development/Building/Swimming-Pools-and-Spas)

## CRIME WAVE TARGETS PARKED CARS

The AGRA Facebook page has been flooded with resident reports of car break-ins across the suburb.

Some residents report their street has been targeted three nights in a row.

Reports included Winners Circle, Sutherland Ave, Dawson Court, Forbes Drive, Branagan Drive and Batten Place.

Residents have noticed the following pattern: between around 1am and 4am, a car drives past, possibly scouting for targets. Some time later, a lone figure wearing a hoodie over a cap walks up and breaks into the parked cars with force.

If you have security footage, please share it with the Mordialloc Police and AGRA Facebook page.

As a reminder, Bendigo Bank in the AG Shopping Centre has free anti-theft number plate screws.



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# WHAT'S ON AT THE ASPENDALE GARDENS COMMUNITY CENTRE



*An abundance of activities at your door step!*

## COVID-19 UPDATE

At the time of printing our Centre remains closed, but we hope to be up and running soon. We have however been working hard behind the scenes to ensure we are available to our community online either by facebook or website updates.

We are also putting into place the many changes required to ensure that when we re-open, we are providing a safe environment for our families.

We have been missing seeing all the familiar faces coming through our doors and are keen to catch up with you all soon.

## PRESCHOOL NEWS!

Even though the Community Centre is closed, our Preschool program has been up and running! The Preschool teachers have been busy teaching the children both onsite as well as offering remote learning to the families not attending the service. Children have received learning packs, online weekly programs, visits from afar and participated in the "The Rainbow Trail" which was lovely to see while walking around Aspendale Gardens and beyond.

## 2021 PRESCHOOL – APPLY NOW!

### 3 Year Old Preschool

Applications for Enrolment in 2021 now open: If your child is 3 on or before 30 April 2021, they are eligible to attend our 2021 3YO Preschool program. Application forms are available on our website or we can email one to you.

### 4 Year Old Preschool

Enrolments: Applications for 4YO Preschool are administered by the City of Kingston. Visit their website to apply.

## PLAYGROUP & OCCASIONAL CHILDCARE

Hopefully by the time you are reading this, our Playgroup and Occasional Childcare sessions will be back. Keep an eye on our facebook page and website for further details.

## THANK YOU TO OUR BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

During the time our Centre has been closed, our volunteer Board of Management have been working hard to ensure that we keep up to date of all government requirements to assist us in getting ready to re-open.

If you are interested in joining our Board to support your community, please contact at [enquiries@agcsinc.org.au](mailto:enquiries@agcsinc.org.au)

## ABBA FITNESS CLASSES

While our Centre has been closed, Tracy & Michelle from ABBA Fitness have been providing free online classes to keep our community healthy and happy, so a big thank you to you both. I know the participants have really appreciated the effort you guys have put into keeping your ABBA community connected.

## OTHER ACTIVITIES AT OUR CENTRE

There are many activities for you at our Centre, the details of which can be found on our website, such as: Junior Giants Basketball Program, Aspendale Gardens Giants Basketball, Bollywood Dance, Karate, Knitting/Crocheting Group, Playball, WW, Charlesworth Walsh School of Dance, O'Grady Drama Classes, Gymbaroo, Mini Maestros & much more!

***For more information about Preschool enrolment, Playgroup and Occasional Childcare, see our website or contact Kim Fulton on 9587 5955 or [kim.fulton@agcsinc.org.au](mailto:kim.fulton@agcsinc.org.au)***

For more information about what's on at our Community Centre visit:  
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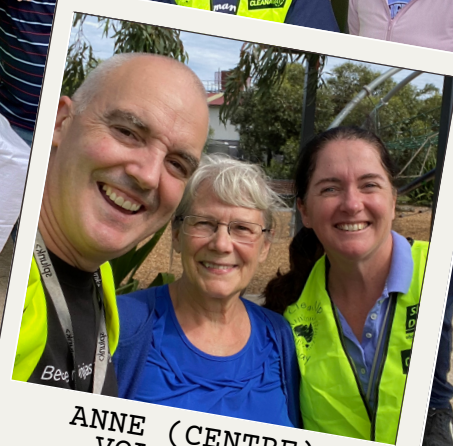


# CLEANING UP AUSTRALIA

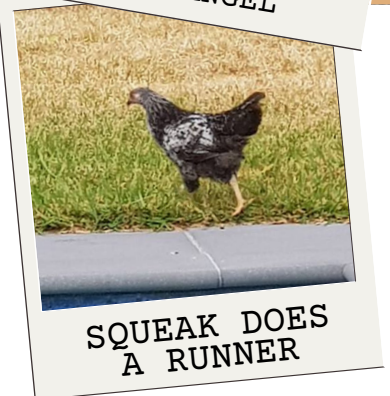
Every February, AGRA and friends host a 'Clean Up Australia' event. This time we sorted out central Aspendale Gardens and playgrounds.

Special thanks to our usual suspects **Cr Tamsin Bearsley** and **Cr Geoff Gledhill** for donning gloves, working alongside us and keeping us entertained with council stories.

Make a point of joining us next year, because you'll feel good doing something positive!



ANNE (CENTRE)  
VOLUNTEER  
DELIVERY ANGEL



SQUEAK DOES  
A RUNNER

## WE WERE WRONG

The AGRA Facebook page is a regular go-to for finding pets when they go walkabout. It's delightful to see finders and families connect, and pets returned home safely.

In the spirit of accuracy, the AGRA editorial team would like to issue a retraction: Squeak the Chicken was not successfully reunited with her owners.

The owners report that when they went to retrieve their wayward chicken she was nowhere to be seen in the finder's backyard.

**Wally**, the finder's Dog, was an initial suspect. However, lack of evidence other than feathers in the garden bed casts doubt on this theory. The case remains unsolved.

In other news, the owners have a new batch of silky bantams which they tell us are 'just terrific'.



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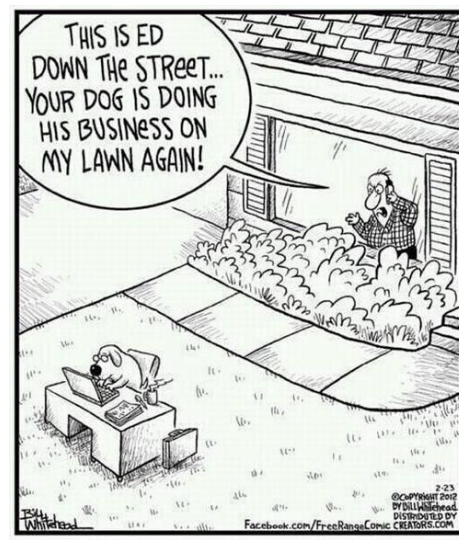
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## PICK UP YOUR POOCH POO!

Several residents who have recently moved into Aspendale Gardens have commented how local paths and nature strips are being decorated by dogs, more often than in other suburbs! We love our dogs in Aspendale Gardens, we really do! Let's do better. Bags and bins, It's not so hard... is it?





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