



ASPENDALE GARDENS NEWS

AGRA - ASPENDALE GARDENS RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION
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COMMUNITY RESPONDS TO WOOLWORTHS DEVELOPMENT

A developer application for a Woolworths and speciality shops to replace the Mitre 10 and Dan Murphys in nearby Chelsea Heights is headed for VCAT to be heard on 23 to 27 November.

AGRA is opposing the Development along with the City of Kingston and Ritchies IGA.

AGRA has taken this stance in response to the majority of the community's concern over its impact on the local Aspendale Gardens Shopping Centre and the loss of the hardware store.

Economic reports state that the new development could cause a sales impact of almost 30% on Aspendale Gardens Shopping Centre, threatening its viability.

Many residents surveyed also raised concern with the monopoly of easily accessible Woolworths already in the area - Mordialloc, Keysborough, Chelsea, Patterson Lakes, Mentone Thrift Park, Parkmore and Springvale.

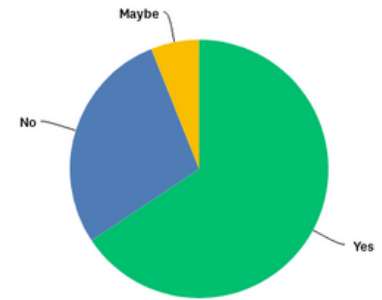
Kirk Devers from the Waterways Owners Corporation was surprised to learn of the development. "It's a gambling & entertainment precinct and to combine this with a

supermarket contravenes gambling & planning laws. The City of Kingston was right to reject the proposal and now Woolworths think they are above the law? This is yet another example of Woolworth's greed and bullying tactics and they are the ones challenging this decision, focused on profits and not our community."

Residents have commented that the heart of Aspendale Gardens community should be valued and supported.

Andrew Priestley, candidate for Sandpiper Ward City of Kingston, said "Ritchies IGA have supported and invested in our suburb when no other supermarket was willing to take a risk on our small community. They have continually given back and worked with residents".

AGRA also acknowledges members of our community who are in favour of the development, and those who would like to see improvements made to the current AG Shopping Centre. We have passed all feedback and comments of the survey to IGA and Shopping Centre Management.



65% OF RESIDENTS OF 400 SURVEYED OPPOSE WOOLWORTHS DEVELOPMENT

Source: AGRA Community Survey 2020

SOME COMMENTS FROM THE AGRA COMMUNITY SURVEY

"Taking away our only local hardware store and adding another supermarket when we are already spoilt for choice makes no sense! Not to mention the extra traffic congestion it would add to Wells Rd"

"IGA have been fantastic during this hard time..friendly and clean and always a smile..essential to hold onto some of these smaller shopping centres for local residents..plenty of bigger supermarkets within reach needed"

"Aspendale Gardens Shopping Centre has for many years contributed greatly to the Aspendale Gardens Community. It would be sad to see them pushed out by the 'big guys'. I have been around for a long time and have seen small business folding because of 'big guys' moving in many times. As much as I like competition there is no doubt if Aspendale Gardens Shopping Centre is forced out of business it won't be long before the 'big guys' prices goes up. We cannot afford to have 'big guys' like the one proposed have the monopoly"

LOCAL ELECTIONS 2020

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President's Report

Thanks to all those who attended the AGM via Zoom and we welcome new committee members **Andrew Priestley**, **Julian Taylor**, **Greg Giarrusso** and representing the Aspendale Gardens Community Service are **Cathy Wilson** and **Kylie Besanko**. It was also great to have many interested residents zoom in to keep informed on the issues affecting our suburb.

We farewelled **Tony Firman** as President and thank him for all the work he did on behalf of the residents for many years. We also thank **Jacinta Chapman**, our outgoing Treasurer, for her work and especially for the well-regarded Community Engagement sessions she ran for the new sports ground. Also a shout out to **Reny Frighetto** for stepping in as President again when Tony left the suburb earlier this year.

Special thanks to **Cr Tamsin Bearsley**, AGRA alumni and regular guest star at our meetings. As Tamsin's twin I often get residents thanking me because Tamsin has assisted with local issues and followed up. I just smile and nod and take the credit :)

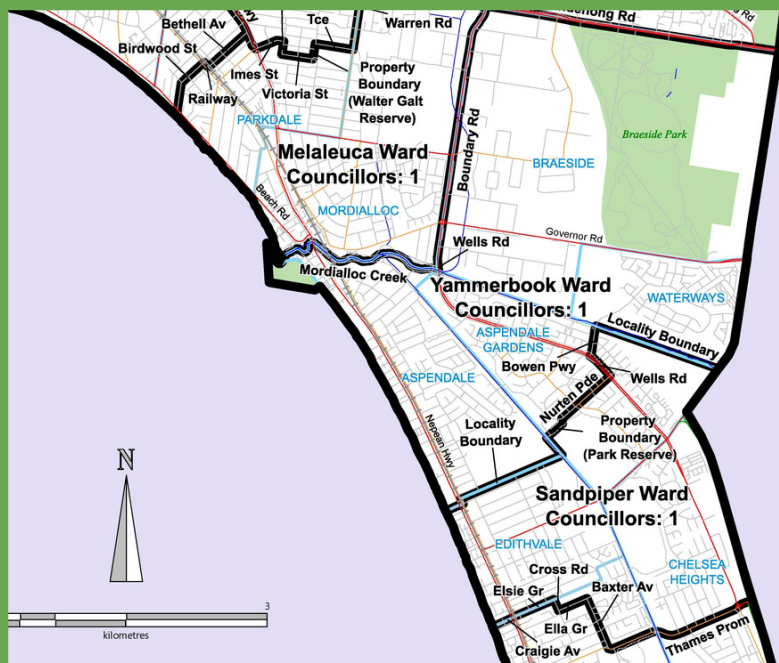
Thank you as well to **Cr David Eden** and **Cr Georgina Oxley** for their service as South Ward councillors over the past term.

I look forward to working with the new team to make Aspendale Gardens even better. This year we plan to bring the "gardens" into Aspendale Gardens, advocating for additional greening of Wells Road and extension of Wetlands to create a green barrier between residents' homes and the Braeside Industrial Estate.

In this issue, we interview the candidates for our local council elections in Yammerbook and Sandpiper ward. We'll post video of the candidates on our Facebook Page so check that out too.

Pandemic, curfew and continuing lockdowns... we've been through a lot. Through it all we've enjoyed our surrounds, checked on our neighbours and supported local business when we could. If I have to be in lockdown, then I reckon we have a good 5km to hang out in!

Lucinda Bertram, President, AGRA Inc



New Local Government Boundaries

Aspendale Gardens is split into **Yammerbook Ward** to the north-west, and **Sandpiper Ward** to the south-east.

The division is at Bowen Parkway and Nurten Parade.

City of Kingston is now made up of 11 single-councillor wards.

President:

Lucinda Bertram

Vice President & Editor:

Andrew Bearsley

Treasurer:

Peter Boardman

Secretary:

Julian Taylor

Committee:

Reny Frighetto, Henry Warren, Ken Carney, Steve Turner, Andrew Priestley, Cathy Wilson, Kylie Besanko, Greg Giarrusso, Danny Hird

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 until restrictions lift. 7:30pm, 3rd Wednesday of the month

CANDIDATES FOR YAMMERBOOK

Tamsin Bearsley



I love Aspendale Gardens! I live here with my family and I've loved answering calls and solving problems for residents for the past 8 years.

My vision for Aspendale Gardens is continuing to make it a great place to live, including improvement of infrastructure, drainage, playgrounds, paths, bike trails, open spaces and supporting our Aspendale Gardens Community Centre. We've upgraded two more Aspendale Gardens playgrounds recently, with more to come. I've been the champion for AGRA ideas at council and I'm a regular at AGRA meetings.

Reny Frighetto said "I am impressed by Tamsin because what you see is what you get and what I mean by that is that she is sincere, honest, hardworking and fully understands her role is to represent the residents of Aspendale Gardens".

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Sharon Carter



I am standing as an independent candidate with no personal agenda. It's important to me as a local Aspendale resident that councillors represent the residents and community as a whole, not themselves or their own political agendas.

Local Governments will need to play their part in the financial and mental wellbeing recovery from the current pandemic. Small business, sporting/recreational clubs and community groups have always been a vital part of our local community and part of what makes our local area such a great place to live.

There needs to be a balance between 'progress' and suffocating the very implements that are the heart of our community. Mental wellbeing for the community and individuals and community and educational programs to support this are very important to me.

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Cameron Clarke



I believe in ethical government. That is why I am standing as an independent in the upcoming elections. I am not bound by party dogma; I will be guided by one criterion: what is the ethical thing to do?

My primary focus will be on the most vulnerable in our community. Mental health, homelessness, problem gambling, family violence, climate change, these will all be priorities for me.

As the parent of a child with a disability I understand the importance of equity. If you believe in equity too, and you want an ethical voice on council, please vote for Cameron Clarke.

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CANDIDATES FOR YAMMERBOOK

Julian Taylor



I am a 20-year-old born and bred member of the Aspendale Gardens community, so like most of you I want nothing less than the best for our area!

I wish to see local amenities upgraded, mental health initiatives rolled out, and strong economic decisions which maximise the impact of ratepayer's money. Most importantly I just want to proactively listen and act on the issues which are most important to you. Such suggestions are already rolling in and they include things like endorsing a bus route through some of the backstreets, landscaping beautification along Wells Road and a traffic lights system at Winners Circle.

However this is just the beginning! Please reach out with any ideas, questions, or even just for a general chat on my mobile or via Facebook. Looking forward to meeting everyone soon, and if what I stand for resonates with you... Just Vote Jules! :)

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Jillian Van



I am a resident of Aspendale (21 years) and know Aspendale Gardens mainly for shopping with & for my late mother and accessing the side entrance of Richfield.

I do often walk or cycle through the area now mainly on my way to Braeside Park or to go to the Bendigo Bank.

I do believe that Aspendale Gardens residents are particularly lucky to live in this lovely area, close to green open space and the Wetlands wildlife. I am just so, so sorry that the freeway development has gone ahead; I would love to work with you all to make the best of that ...

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Damien Williams



Aspendale Gardens residents live in an area that is highly vulnerable to future extreme weather, particularly flood.

One of my priorities for this area is to start doing much more community engagement on disaster preparedness, so that when the worst happens, people are ready. We can no longer pretend that these matters are too scary to talk about.

Good leadership is about being up front about likely threats so that we can properly prepare for them and, afterwards, recover more quickly.

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RESPONDING TO LOCAL ISSUES - YAMMERBOOK



Tamsin BEARSLEY

Sharon CARTER

Cameron CLARKE

Julian TAYLOR

Jillian VAN

Damien WILLIAMS

Do you oppose the new Woolworths Shopping Centre Development on the corner of Wells Road and Springvale Road?



Needs further community engagement as there are strong benefits to both outcomes



Will you help AGRA advocate to Melbourne Water for an extension of wetlands and a green barrier between Braeside industrial estate and residents homes?



Will you advocate on behalf on Aspendale Gardens residents to reduce through traffic in the area including rat runs through local streets?



Will you advocate for residents close to Mornington Peninsula Freeway for measures to ensure they are listened to in regards to sound barriers and landscaping?



Will you advocate and follow up on improved pathways and playgrounds in Aspendale Gardens?



Although must be considered in line with other suburbs needs



Will you advocate for additional greening of Wells Road to help Aspendale Gardens live up to its name?



Have you attended any AGRA meetings over the past two years?



Will you commit to attending AGRA meetings regularly to respond to issues?



CANDIDATES FOR SANDPIPER

Anthony Davis



I want to improve safety in Kingston, with upgrades to roads and footpaths. I would advocate for the duplication of Wells Road between Edithvale Rd and Thames Promenade. I want Council to spend money in the local communities on playground upgrades, sporting club upgrades, I want Council to improve on it's Food waste Caddy/Green Waste collection service and ratepayers should get better value for their rate dollars such as an extra hard waste collection per year as well as what has been previously mentioned.

Ratepayers and residents must be treated with respect by Council, responding to their needs in a prompt manner. Together we can achieve these goals. Thank you.

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Graham Fountain



As a long-term Aspendale Gardens resident and member of the former Village Committee, I appreciate the importance of community engagement and the value of advocacy groups like AGRA.

Having managed car accidents, medical emergencies and fires in Aspendale Gardens as Edithvale CFA Captain, I understand the importance of improved traffic management, regular grass cutting along tracks/reserves and community safety.

Living on a rat-run myself I support the need for additional investment to improve our safety/amenity. Council needs to work in partnership with our local shopping centre and businesses to counter competition. It would be an honour to continue my long history of serving the community as your local council representative to deliver genuine change. I'm here to support the community, not to use council as a political platform or family dynasty. I'm wholly independent, will ensure your voice is heard and that better services/facilities are delivered for Aspendale Gardens.

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Andrew Priestley



I want to be a passionate and fierce advocate for Aspendale Gardens residents. Our local community gives so much to all our residents and I want to give something back. That's why I'm running for Council.

Cr Tamsin Bearsley said: "I can honestly say Andrew is a ray of sunshine for our local community. He's the kind of person who goes above and beyond. Andrew is exactly the leader you want representing you on council"

I will protect and defend our natural environment as an invaluable community treasure, improve vital services and infrastructure, and engage with local business to rebuild, grow and strengthen our local economy as we recover from COVID. I will respond to every phone call and email to make Council work for you. Together, we will make our community a better place to live, work and play.

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CANDIDATES FOR SANDPIPER

Janet Woodcock



I'm not a mind reader, that's why I'll always listen to you. My friends say I'm a good listener, backed up with life experience and expertise.

I'm experienced at handling pretty much anything because I'm a mother of an almost 17-year-old. My husband says if anyone wants someone backing them up, they want Janet!

I've made my career in customer service and finance, the perfect combination for a councillor. I'm a massive dog lover, I support openness and transparency, protection of leafy open spaces, cafes and local businesses. They will need help to reopen. I support welcoming community services and vibrant sporting clubs.

I oppose inappropriate development.

Seriously, let's restore independence and balance to our council. I can work with both sides of politics.

I love my local footy (Go Vultures!). I'm a keen rollerskater and aspirational parkrunner - although I need to walk it more before I attempt running it!

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David Eden

Victoria Oxley

PLEASE NOTE: We received no response from these candidates

PROPERTY UPDATE

WHAT'S THE MARKET DOING?

**Steve Turner, Director & Auctioneer
Buxton Dingley Village**



Well in short... nothing much during the lockdown. When nothing is selling, it's not going up or down. So I guess that's not really a bad thing, it's just hit pause like many of us have had to do.

But I can tell you one thing for sure... the demand is as strong as ever. I have multiple enquiries each day from buyers asking what have I got coming to the market.

Covid or not, people will inevitably need to move house one day. We have the 5 D's of real estate that keep agents busy no matter what's going on in the world around us. Death, Divorce, Debt, Delivery (baby) & Downsizing. And then there's the choices we make regarding work, education and family that can come at anytime.

As for people moving into the area... we get a lot of enquiry from young families wanting to move to Aspendale Gardens.

Partly because of the access to great primary and secondary schools, but also because we have a very safe neighbourhood. I personally love being close to the bay and the peninsula and I think we're the perfect distance from the city. We're a bit like the Goldilocks suburb, not too close and not too far away either. We're just right!

I've lived in Aspendale Gardens nearly 15 years now and love the parks and gardens that surround our homes.

We are truly blessed to live in such a beautiful part of the world.

Steve Turner

RESPONDING TO LOCAL ISSUES - SANDPIPER



YES



NO

Anthony DAVIS

Graham FOUNTAIN

Andrew PRIESTLEY

Janet WOODCOCK

Do you oppose the new Woolworths Shopping Centre Development on the corner of Wells Road and Springvale Road?

I am keeping an open mind about the project, Aspendale Gardens Shopping centre is a community based shopping centre which will always have it's supporters due to it's locality and convenience.



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FOR YAMMERBOOK

**VOTE
1**

"Tamsin is the only councillor who returned my calls, cared about me and my issues and helped me get everything sorted".

Margaret, Aspendale

TAMSIN BEARSLEY

I love working with our community and achieving great results together.

I listen to you. I return your calls. I care. I follow up.

I get your issues resolved.

Authorised by T. Bearsley, 10 Batten Place,
Aspendale Gardens Victoria

FOR SANDPIPER

**VOTE
1**

**I'm a stay-at-home dad,
journalist and local swim
instructor. I have expertise in
government policy and
communication.**

ANDREW PRIESTLEY

**I will respond to every phone call and email to make Council work for you.
Together, we will make our community a better place to live, work and play.**

Authorised by A. Priestley, PO Box 2077, Edithvale

CELEBRATING 20 YEARS IN ASPENDALE GARDENS

Ritchies IGA is celebrating 20 years in the Aspendale Gardens Shopping Centre after opening its doors in July 2000.

In that time the locals have been very active users of the Community Benefit Card that allows them to donate a percentage of their shopping to their favourite charity or community group.

Ritchies CEO Fred Harrison said: "To date the CBC has donated more than \$750,000++ to the local community plus additional donations to the Royal Children's Hospital and major state-wide charities including the CFA and Salvation Army".



He said the Aspendale Gardens community was one of the strongest in the Ritchies network and total donations would probably be close to \$1 million overall. Shoppers come from Chelsea, Chelsea Heights, Edithvale, Aspendale and Aspendale Gardens.

"We have thousands of card holders who are very community minded!" Mr Harrison said.

He also thanked shoppers who have been very supportive of staff during the COVID-19 lockdown.

Mr Harrison said a new Ritchies Card and app was being launched 14 October that would make it even easier to donate to the community. "The app and card will provide members with weekly Ritchies specials including extra savings and exclusive special offers," he said. This will replace the Community Benefit Card.

"We welcome the entire community to sign up for the new card and app to enjoy the additional benefits," Mr Harrison said.

Ritchies is one of Australia's oldest supermarket groups and is celebrating its 150th anniversary.

LIST OF MAJOR DONATIONS

ASPENDALE GARDENS PRIMARY SCHOOL \$268,351.40

FIRE BRIGADE EDITHVALE \$102,249.92

ST LOUIS DE MONTFORT'S PRIMARY \$84,084.17

ASPENDALE GARDENS COMMUNITY CENTRE/KINDER \$59,474.71

EDITHVALE PRIMARY SCHOOL \$57,990.55

SES CHELSEA \$49,005.76

ASPENDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL \$40,497.68

CHELSEA HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL \$28,224.86

MORDIALLOC CHELSEA SEC. COLLEGE \$20,916.36

EDITHVALE ROVERS FOOTBALL CLUB \$17,505.47

YARRABAH SPECIAL SCHOOL - ASPENDALE \$16,421.67

TOTAL \$744,722.55

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