



# ASPENDALE GARDENS NEWS

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## TRAFFIC LIGHTS BEGONE! MORDIALLOC BYPASS PLANS UPGRADED TO FREEWAY

Aspendale Gardens residents are a step closer to getting home sooner with a congestion-busting Mordialloc Freeway.

Announced by the state government in April, the long-awaited Mordialloc Freeway will divert tens of thousands of vehicles from nearby arterial roads, returning local 'rat-race' roads back to local residents.

The nine-kilometre freeway will link the Mornington Peninsula Freeway at Springvale Road in Aspendale Gardens to the Dingley Bypass, creating a continuous connection to Frankston.

Two contractors have been shortlisted, with major construction expected to start in 2019 and completed in 2021.

State government Member for Mordialloc **Tim Richardson MP** said: "We've listened to locals who've told us they want this road as a four-lane freeway and we're getting it done."

Liberal Candidate for Mordialloc and previous Mayor **Geoff Gledhill** said: "The Liberal Party fully backs this project. We demand a quality outcome, not like the Dingley bypass where VicRoads ended up delivering a soviet-style visual disaster. Our vision is to include bike paths, landscaping, a visually pleasing design, with sound attenuation based on community feedback we've received."

Co-founder of 'Build the Mordialloc Freeway' Facebook group **Cameron Howe** said: "Due process will ensure construction impacts are mitigated where possible for this overdue project."

Environmental groups have raised concerns including impact on fungi and insect populations.

The Major Road Projects Authority is responsible for planning and delivering the freeway. AGRA has been offered a seat at the table for their Mordialloc Freeway Community Reference Group, which also includes an anti-freeway representative and environmental groups such as Braeside Park and Seaford Wetlands.

The start of construction awaits the Environmental Effect Statement to be delivered after this year's state election.

See inside this issue for more.

Tuesday  
AUG 21

## AGRA AGM

### SAVE THE DATE

Join us on **Tuesday 21 August 2018 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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**AGRA meets every month (except December).**

**We work out how to make our wonderful suburb even better. It often involves wine.**

**Join us - residents welcome!**

**VENUE: Aspendale Gardens Community Centre  
7:30pm, 3rd Tuesday of the month**

**President:** Andrew Higham  
**VP, Editor:** Andrew Bearsley  
**Treasurer:** Jacinta Chapman  
**Secretary:** Lucinda Bertram  
**Committee:** Peter Boardman, Reny Frighetto,  
Serge Yan, Henry Warren, Brian Stuart  
**Guest Star:** Councillor of the month  
(usually Cr Tamsin Bearsley)

### President's Report

We're looking forward to the AGRA Annual General Meeting on Tuesday August 21st in the Aspendale Gardens Community Centre.

We are very pleased to have a representative from the Major Projects Roads Authority as our special guest on the night to update residents on the Mordialloc Freeway project and answer your questions.

We encourage all Aspendale Gardens residents to join us on the night and hear what AGRA has been working on over the last twelve months and what our agenda is for the coming year.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the AGRA committee members for their continued efforts and contribution to the community over the past year.

We are always on the lookout for new committee members to join the AGRA committee and join us in working towards the goals that the Aspendale Gardens community have identified. If you live in Aspendale Gardens and have a community spirit please volunteer yourself for a position on the committee at the AGM. You'll learn a lot about what's happening locally!

I look forward to seeing all of you there!

Yours Sincerely

**Andrew Higham**, President, AGRA Inc



**MAJOR ROAD  
PROJECTS  
AUTHORITY**

## NOW DELIVERING THE MORDIALLOC FREEWAY

### New Name, Same Project Team

In July 2018, the VicRoads Major Projects division became a new dedicated authority, the Major Road Projects Authority (MRPA).

MRPA is charged with planning and delivering the \$14.9 billion pipeline of major road projects for Victoria, including the Mordialloc Freeway.

The team delivering the project will not change, they just have a different name.

### Environmental Effects Statement studies underway

The final scoping requirements, that outline the detailed studies that MRPA will carry out, have now been set.

The EES will focus on the potential impacts to:

- Biodiversity and habitat: migratory birds and the native vegetation when modifying grasslands and wetlands.
- Surface water and ground water: quality of water flows and drainage in the Mordialloc Creek catchment and the Edithvale-Seaford Wetlands.
- Noise and air quality: increased traffic and noise for residents and nearby parklands, in addition to local air quality with exposure to vehicle emissions.
- Landscape and visual amenities: changes from bridges over interchanges and the wetlands.
- Traffic and transport: journey and road safety improvements.

### Next steps

MRPA will continue to carry out the technical studies over the next few months. The final EES documentation, including the technical studies is scheduled for public exhibition in October 2018.

### Stay updated

From now on, you'll be hearing from the MRPA team (instead of VicRoads) with updates on the Mordialloc Freeway. They've also got some new contact details.

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# EVERYBODY LOVES GOOD NEIGHBOURS



Our local traders are the heart of our community. **Nathan Arrowsmith** finds out what they love and what makes them tick.

Meet **Amanda Ridgeway**, owner of Emerson & Harper 'Ladies fashion for every woman' in the Aspendale Gardens Shopping Centre.

Amanda is an Aspendale Gardens local through and through. She lives here and has two children, aged 6 and 8, going to Aspendale Gardens Primary School.

**What do you love about Aspendale Gardens?**  
I love the community and the family vibe.

**Why 'Emerson & Harper'?**  
Our shop is named after my two gorgeous children's middle names!

Emerson & Harper is a safe place for any woman, every shape, size and age. They get personalised service which makes them feel good. I have women cry in my change room!

**Why fashion?**  
My favourite memory with mum was our love of shopping together. Fashion shopping was my sport!

**How has the journey been for you?**  
My husband has been very supportive. It's been a hard emotional journey recently, with the passing of my mum 4 months ago, at the age of 56.

After I opened the shop almost 4 years ago, I was told every day that it wouldn't work at Aspendale Gardens. It was a really hard time, but I knew why I was doing this and that I would make a difference.

It wasn't about the money, it was the personal service for my customers. I have customers who have my mobile and call me all the time to place their orders.

**What is your favourite product?**  
I love them all... but love my denims the most.

**How many hours a week to you put in?**  
Around 75 hours over 6 days. My dad Mark loves working here too. He did the shop fit out and has his own groupies here! He's so honest, and customers just trust him.



**What's your point of difference?**  
I cater for budgets between \$10-\$400. I'm positioned to be your first point of call.

**What did you do before fashion?**  
I was a hairdresser under Edward Beale in Toorak.

**What is your worst habit?**  
I always over thinking things!

**What's your number one tip in life?**  
Enjoy the little moments

**When you are not at work, what do you enjoy doing?**  
Doing the normal stuff like walks, picnics and family time.

**What are your passions?**  
Shopping, family and making people feel good.

**What do you do to unwind?**  
Bike rides to the beach.

**Favourite drink?**  
Skinny latte!

**Finally, what do most customers say about you?**  
"You are a hidden gem!"

*Amanda really is a hidden gem. Say hello to her when you're in the shopping centre. If you'd like to share your local story, let me know!*

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# ASPENDALE GARDENS SPORTS PAVILLION ON THE DRAWING BOARD

Plans are being drawn up for a sports pavilion and additional playing fields at the Aspendale Gardens sports ground.

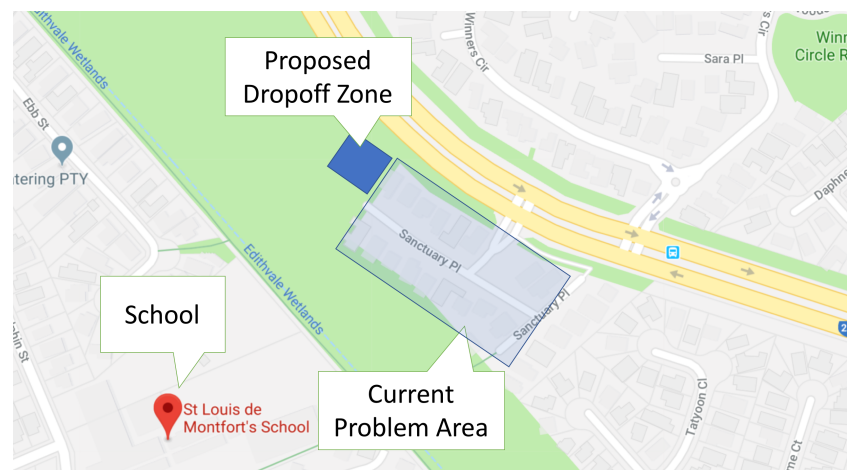
City of Kingston **Cr Geoff Gledhill** said: "We've identified a real need. For too long, clubs like Aspendale Stingrays have been short on playing space for soccer fields. It's crucial to support our sports clubs at all levels, and particularly juniors.

This is a fantastic opportunity for the community to come together and guide the outcome for establishing a great community asset. Everyone needs to have their say."

AGRA have been historically supportive of extended sport facilities, and are hopeful to have a meeting with council officers soon. Contentious points are likely to be the size of pavilion and location of car parks.

# SANCTUARY PLACE SCHOOL DROP OFF ZONE VS PERMITS... WHAT'S BEST?

School drop-off and pick-up times for residents in Sanctuary Place can be a headache. The street is positioned directly across the grassland from St Louis de Montfort primary school, making it a prime spot for student drop-offs. At peak times it become flooded with parked cars, driveways are blocked, residents are stuck, tempers boil over. A temporary solution of local parking permits has been introduced, with a plan of a dedicated drop-off zone as a more permanent solution. If you live in the area, let us know what you think.



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# NBN - COMPUTER SAYS 'NO'



The Aspendale Gardens NBN roll-out has been pushed back until June 2019.

Aspendale Gardens was to be due connected to the National Broadband Network this month, however public plans have been pushed out until next year.

Current plans have the suburb connecting using fibre to the curb (FTTC), which is proving to be a better solution than reusing existing cable infrastructure.

Long-time residents are not surprised, and have reminded AGRA that Aspendale Gardens is in the politically-safe Federal government seat of Isaacs. The leafy suburb of Malvern where our federal **MP Mark Dreyfus** resides was connected over 12 months ago.

**Did You Know: Aspendale Gardens was the last suburb in Victoria to be connected to ADSL**

Aspendale Gardens has a history of being an internet backwater until recent years. For many years, Aspendale Gardens families were unable to connect to broadband internet due to Telstra's 'lack of available ports'. After extended campaigning by City of Kingston **Cr Geoff Gledhill** and **Cr Tamsin Bearsley**, Telstra upgraded the infrastructure and remaining families were connected.

Further campaigning introduced Uniti Wireless, high-speed internet and high definition Netflix to eligible parts of our suburb with coverage. We haven't looked back. Today, Isaacs is no longer considered safe after years on the outer edge of internet connectivity.



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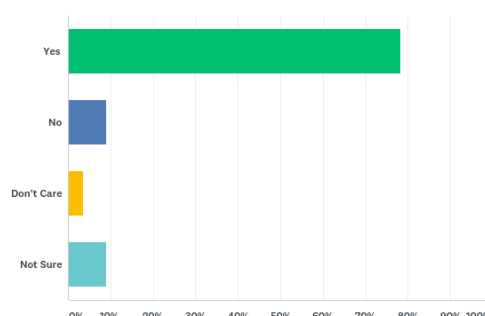


## RESIDENT FEEDBACK

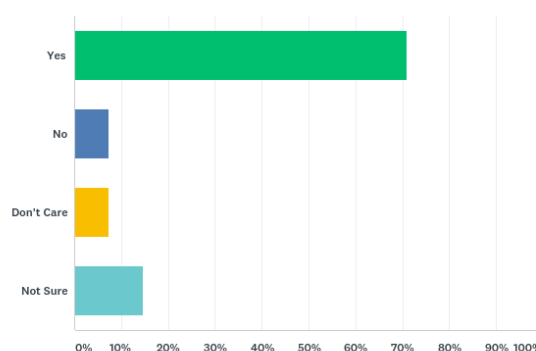
AGRA's Community Surveys are a valuable source of information for understanding what our community needs.

The results of the 2018 AGRA Community Survey are in, and we'll share what we've learnt at the upcoming AGM on Tuesday 21st August. In the mean time, here's what residents indicated about the Mordialloc Bypass (now Freeway) proposal.

Q8 Do you support the building of the Mordialloc Bypass?



Q9 Do you think the Mordialloc Bypass should be built to freeway standards?





### Enrol now for Term 3 Activities

Enrolments for Term 3 are now open, and all details are on our website.

### Volunteer Board Members Wanted

AGCS is seeking volunteer board members for our committee. Being a board member provides the opportunity to be part of a leadership team that works towards improving services for our community. It is also a great way to meet new people and develop new skills and experience. For more information, please contact the Centre.

### FREE Aged Care Information: Tuesday 7th August - 7pm

Are you an adult with ageing parents who are needing support? Jodie from the City of Kingston will be providing information on **Commonwealth Home Support Programs** (for people over 65yrs which provides a low level of home support to assist in maintaining independence and enable living at home for longer) and **Home Care Packages** (for over 65s who will benefit from some extra support).

### Women's Health Week: Information Evening: Tuesday 4th September - 7pm

Donna Bauer: the importance of positivity after cancer diagnoses;  
Daniella Hogarth: wellness and strategies to cope with the stresses of life;  
Danielle Chaseling (qualified physiotherapist): the benefits of exercise for both mental and physical illness. **Gold coin entry** - all proceeds to the Jean Hailes Foundation.

### Seeking Expressions of Interest

Would you be interested in attending the following activities/events at our Centre in Term 3? Please let us know....

**FREE Community Safety Talk** presented by Victoria Police

**Connecting heART with POETRY** - 8 week art/poetry course for women (cost - tbc)

### Upcoming Events in Term 3

Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> Aug - 7pm	Aged Care Information Session
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> Sep - 7pm	Women's Health Week Info Evening
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct - 10.30am	Seniors - Personal & Home Safety Info Session
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct - 6pm	Total First Aid Training (Session 1)
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> Oct - 1pm	Seniors - Back in Motion Physiotherapy Info Session
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> Oct - 1.30pm	Seniors - Healthy Ageing & Staying Connected
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> Oct - 1.30pm	Total First Aid Training (Session 2)

To register your interest in attending any of the above events or for more information, please contact the Centre or visit our website or Facebook page.

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