



ASPENDALE GARDENS NEWS

DELIVERED TO 2300 HOMES AND GROWING*

*SUBJECT TO NEW 3-STORY GENERAL RESIDENTIAL ZONING

WINTER 2019

SPORTSGROUND FEEDBACK MYSTERY

COUNCIL DEPARTMENT 'LOSES' COMMUNITY FEEDBACK, PUSHES 110 CAR PARK MULTI-STOREY PAVILLION

City of Kingston's Sport and Recreation department has proposed to dig up the much-loved Aspendale Gardens football and cricket pitch, and replace it with a complex including 110 car parks and 4 soccer fields, likely to be accompanied by a multi-storey pavillion with liquor license for private events. (See page 2 for map)

AGRA hosted a community feedback session on 20 September 2018. It was clear that residents generally supported a moderate proposal with 2-3 soccer fields, moderate parking and zero liquor-license.

A separate consultation was run by the Sports and Recreation department in July of 2019. The event was marred by

controversy when residents claimed the 'consultation' was in name only because no-one saw council officers take any notes.

One resident said they questioned the need for function space and liquor license, and received a bizarre response "Are you against facilities for the elderly?"

The council officers appeared to be oblivious that Aspendale Gardens already has a community centre, and in fact they were standing in it.

The community feedback for a modest proposal appeared to go missing for the 22nd July 2019 council meeting when

the department recommended maximum development.

Local resident **Cr Bearsley** could not vote due to her residential proximity. Other councillors modified the motion to include more consultation. "You can see the substantial impact that this will have" said **Cr Eden**.

"Assuming the project will be going ahead one way or another, we need to consider how we minimise and protect the amenity of residents".

In the meantime, the CoK Governance department is investigating the "strange case of the vanishing feedback". Whodunnit... and why?

Tuesday
AUG 27

AGRA AGM

SAVE THE DATE

Join us on **Tuesday 27 August 2019 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

It's been an exciting year for Aspendale Gardens. NBN has arrived and the freeway extension project is making progress! There are challenges on the horizon too, including residential zoning changes which allow 3-storey developments in parts of Aspendale Gardens.

We're looking forward to the AGRA AGM. We are very pleased to have representatives joining us to update residents on the Mordialloc Freeway project and proposed sporting development.

We encourage all Aspendale Gardens residents to join us on the night, hear what AGRA has been focussing on over the past year and provide your input on what our agenda should be for the coming year.

We are always on the lookout for 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

Reny Frighetto, President, AGRA Inc

AGRA AGM AGENDA

Tuesday 27 August, 7.30pm

**Aspendale Gardens
Community Centre**

- **Update from President**
- **Mordialloc Freeway**
- **Aspendale Gardens Sports Field**
- **Police update on crime issues**

President:	Reny Frighetto
VP, Editor:	Andrew Bearsley
Treasurer:	Jacinta Chapman
Secretary:	Lucinda Bertram
Committee:	Peter Boardman, Tony Firman, Henry Warren, Brian Stuart
Guests:	Cr Tamsin Bearsley, Ken Carney, Danny Hird

*AGRA meets every month (except December).
We chat about how to make Aspendale Gardens
even better and catch up on what's going on.
Join us - residents welcome!*

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



CoK Sports and Recreation Department
Proposed Design of Aspendale Gardens
Sports Ground, Parking and Pavilion

1. CARPARK WITH LIGHTING AND REGULATED ACCESS (110 SPACES + 3 ACCESSIBLE SPACES)
2. PERIMETER PLANTINGS
3. VEHICLE AND PEDESTRIAN PATHWAYS WITH LIGHTING AND REGULATED ACCESS
4. NATURAL TURF AFL, CRICKET AND SOCCER FIELDS WITH SYNTHETIC CRICKET WICKET
5. PAVILION
6. PLAYERS AND OFFICIALS SHELTERS
7. SYNTHETIC TURF CRICKET PRACTICE NETS
8. BEHIND GOAL FENCING (TYPICAL)



NOW DELIVERING THE MORDIALLOC FREEWAY

Work is expected to start by the end of 2019, with the project scheduled for completion by end of 2021 pending relevant approvals. As part of the Mordialloc Freeway project, the following is planned:

- build bridges over Springvale, Governor, Lower Dandenong and Centre Dandenong Roads, along with new freeway entry and exit ramps
- build bridges over Old Dandenong Road and sensitive Waterways area
- connect to Dingley Bypass with traffic lights
- upgrade the existing interchange at Thames Promenade, Chelsea, with the Mornington Peninsula Freeway, along with freeway entry and exit ramps
- build a new shared walking and cycling path along the entire freeway.
- The McConnell Dowell/Decmil Joint Venture has been selected as the preferred tenderer for the project. This appointment will ensure feedback from the recent Environment Effects Statement (EES) consultation period can be considered as part of the design refinement process.

NEW COMMUNITY REFERENCE GROUP ANNOUNCED

The new representatives for the second term of the Community Reference Group (CRG) for the Mordialloc Freeway project have been announced. We are thrilled that Ken Carney, long-time campaigner for the freeway and past AGRA President, was selected and will represent AGRA on this reference group.

The representatives offer a diverse mix of community views. They are:

Jon Gerrard, Dingley Village

John Sunter, Dingley Village

Peter Wain, Waterways

Shanthi Pillai, Waterways

Ken Carney, Aspendale Gardens

Michael Poulakakis, Aspendale Gardens

Margeaux Hawkins, Mordialloc

Margaret Hunter, Mordialloc

Terri Bateman, Edithvale

Phil Newman, Frankston South

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AGRA SUPPORTS THIS CAMPAIGN

WHY WE NEED TO UPGRADE GOVERNOR RD

from **Cameron Howe**,

Founder - Carrum and Patterson Lakes Forum



According to the state government: "Daily traffic volume is estimated to increase along Governor Road, west of the Mordialloc Bypass (Freeway), by more than 50 percent." In just an hour, between 8 and 9am, approximately 2,100 vehicles travel between Boundary Road and Bate Drive, and by 2031 approximately 17,900 traffic movements are expected.

The developing commercial district in conjunction with the rising population density are some of the factors leading to exponential traffic volume increases. Currently there are two sets of traffic lights at Springvale Road and Burkedin Boulevard, however a further two sets are planned to improve the safety of entering into and out of commercial hubs.

Governor Road is characterised by narrow, one-way lanes that continue to deteriorate, and as a short-term solution a number of pot holes have been filled in. Previously the City of Kingston has resurfaced the eastern end of Governor Road that was in better shape, however do support the duplication of Governor Road between Springvale and Boundary Road. In a statement the City of Kingston said: "Governor Road is a vital route for local businesses and nearby residential areas, yet the single lane road is congested due to growing traffic."

Accidents frequently occur at the intersection of Boundary and Governor Road, which in a 2016 RACV and Leader News RedSpot Survey ranked as a leading concern. RACV believes that replacing the roundabout with traffic lights will dramatically improve safety and congestion.

Duplicating Governor Road and replacing the Boundary/Governor Road roundabout with lights will improve traffic flows and safety. The project featured in the South East Transport Strategy to enhance freight networks last year and it is time to build this critical infrastructure project.

EVERYBODY LOVES GOOD NEIGHBOURS



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

Meet **Dr Raelene Hiddle**, who together with **Dr Melissa Hayes**, runs Living Chiropractic at 109 Wells Road, Aspendale Gardens
Ph: 9580 2282

What do you love about Aspendale Gardens?

I love the people, I find in the community everyone is so interlinked. Everyone I see is related or a friend of another in some way.

How long have you been in business? I think I was just about your first patient in AG?

We opened 10th April 2000...over 19 years now. When we opened there was no shopping centre, it was all so very new. Waterways didn't exist either.

Why did you become a Chiropractor?

I was 9 years old and was very ill with asthma. After many hospital stays my parents took me for treatment to a Chiropractor. The treatment rectified my health issues with asthma and changed my life. From that day I said to myself I want to be a chiropractor and do this for other 9-year-olds with asthma. I knew then I was going to be a chiropractor. I love life changing moments.

If you weren't a Chiropractor what would you have been?

I thought about becoming a surgeon as I actually got accepted into medicine. That's because I was so fascinated with healing people's limbs from stem cells. Or maybe a real estate agent (no not really - haha!)

Why do you do what you do?

To make a difference to people's lives. I had a patient who came to see me after ten years from his first visit. He said "you made such a difference to my life when I was 6 I just want to let you know. I remember that adjustment and what you did for me". I get a real kick out of people's feedback on their changes. I absolutely love that I can help people without any drugs. I just like to help people in every way enjoy their lives to the fullest.

What studies are needed to be a super Chiropractor?

It takes 5 years of university, I did 7 years which included a 2 year science degree.



How far do your patients travel to see you?

My furthest come from Merimbula twice a year. There's no discount for the travel - haha!

What are the health benefits of a check up?

It's very personal depending on what the issues are. One big benefit is the ease of movement, you might not even realise that you've been restricted with movement for so long. It's a total realignment of your body. It's about making very precise adjustments throughout.

No.1 health tip?

Keep walking, everyone must keep moving. Feeds the spine, the neurology benefits are massive. Movement is always key!

Love how you've never missed one of your annual open days over the years. Great commitment!

It's all about giving back to the locals who have supported us over the years. It's a thank you to our clients and educational to others. We have lots of fun and also fundraise for local charities at the same time.

What do you enjoy doing when you're not at work?

Going to gym, reading and researching to write industry case studies and a bit of snow skiing.

What is your favourite drink?

I just discovered pink gin, that's good!

Where is your favourite restaurant?

I like Hendricks for lunch on White Street.

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PLANNING CHANGES IN OUR HOOD

Council is reviewing planning residential zones. Now is the time for you to provide input.

Experts estimate Melbourne will grow to 7.9 million people by 2051. The Victorian Government *Plan Melbourne* sets out how all local Councils will have to take their "fair share" of the growth.

If City of Kingston are forced to take on population growth by state government, they prefer to have it centred around key activity centres, close to public transport, shops and services in order to protect the neighbourhood character and amenity of quieter residential streets. Under proposed changes, most of Aspendale Gardens is considered "NEIGHBOURHOOD RESIDENTIAL ZONE (NRZ)" however streets around the shopping centre have been nominated as "GENERAL RESIDENTIAL ZONE (GRZ)".

According to the City of Kingston website, GRZ "will encounter modest housing growth in the form of townhouse and unit development as well as detached houses."

In GRZ, "new housing will generally be up to two storeys (9 metres), consistent with the preferred neighbourhood character of the area, however low scale medium density housing of **up to three storeys (11 metres)** may be experienced."

Look up your proposed zone

We encourage you to visit: housing.kingston.vic.gov.au to see which zone, growth area and neighbourhood character type has been proposed for your property.

Have your say

The community survey has closed but you can share your views on the Draft Housing Strategy & Neighbourhood Character Study by emailing housing@kingston.vic.gov.au or mailing Strategic Planning, PO Box 1000, Mentone 3194.

The zoning hasn't been voted on yet, and until it is, your opinion can still be added to the research and can affect the outcome.

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Aspendale Gardens
SHOPPING CENTRE

NBN - ARRIVED

There was a collective cheer when NBN started the rollout in Aspendale Gardens in March! Although some residents reported initial installation difficulties, most are now on much improved speeds compared to ADSL2.

One resident commented on Facebook: "I'm with Kogan (billed as Vodafone) and get 100mbps which is brilliant. Well worth the wait. They post a free modem and NBN send a box and you plug it all in the wall like ADSL and it works straight away. So easy."

Other residents reported positive stories and speeds with Aussie Broadband, Telstra, Optus, TPG and Southern Phone.

Many residents have been enjoying these speeds with Uniti Wireless, and it's great now that all of Aspendale Gardens finally has potential for high-speed broadband.



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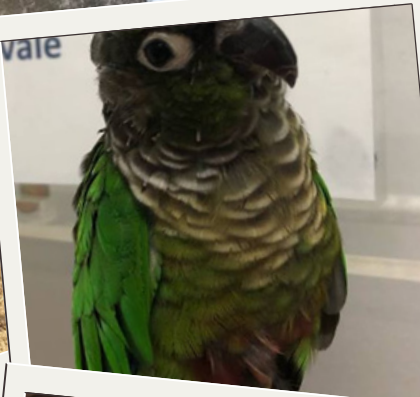
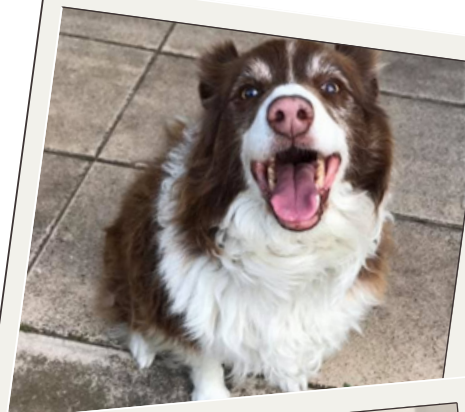
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ANIMAL ESCAPEES REUNITED!

The AGRA Facebook page receives regular posts about missing animals in the neighbourhood. Our community gets behind it, sharing the posts until the animal or the owner is found. Thanks everyone - we love reuniting our furry and feathered friends!



WHAT'S ON AT THE ASPENDALE GARDENS COMMUNITY CENTRE



An abundance of activities at your door step!



INDOOR TWILIGHT MAKER'S MARKET

When: Saturday 19th October

Time: 3.30pm to 7.30pm

Our Twilight Market is back!! We hope you can come along and join in the fun! Market Stalls, Kids Activities, Live Music, Great Food and much more!! We still have some stallholder spots available, please visit our website for details!

FIRST AID COURSE

When: Tuesday 12th & Thursday 14th November

Time: 6.30pm to 9.30pm

Cost: Entire Course - \$100.00 / CPR only \$50.00

Bookings essential – www.trybooking.com/BEFIE
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Participants can complete either:

Provide First Aid (HLTAID003) (inclusive of CPR, attend sessions 1 & 2); or

Perform CPR (HLTAID001) (refresher recommended every 12 months, attend session 1 in part only).

OTHER ACTIVITIES AT OUR CENTRE

ABBA Fitness Classes, Junior Giants Basketball Program, Bollywood Dance Classes, Hip Hop for Kids, Karate, Knitting/Crocheting Group, Occasional Care, Playgroup.

FREE SENIORS FESTIVAL EVENTS

LINE DANCING & LIGHT LUNCH

When: Monday 14th October & Friday 18th October

Time: 1.00pm to 3.00pm

We are excited about running two line dancing classes during Seniors Week. Dancing is known to improve strength, as well as increased balance and flexibility, leading to better stability and fewer injuries. A light lunch/afternoon tea will be provided.

KOGO KNITTING/CROCHETING GROUP & LIGHT LUNCH

When: Tuesday 15th October

Time: 12.00pm to 2.30pm

Our knitting/crocheting group is part of the Knit One Give One (KOGO) initiative, and we look forward to welcoming all crafters. We will also be offering a light lunch.

All supplies are provided, however you are welcome to bring your own needles and yarn if preferred.

Our knitting group meet each Tuesday from 1.00pm to 2.00pm if you would like to join us.

OVER 55's EXERCISE CLASS & TALK

When: Wednesday, 16th October

Time: 1.00pm to 3.00pm

Back in Motion Aspendale Gardens will run an exercise class and talk for over 55's with a qualified physiotherapist. These classes are good for strengthening, balance, fall prevention, core strength as well as general health and wellbeing.

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