

CoRBA - Melbourne
Coalition of Resident and Business Associations

Carlton Residents Association Inc.; Collins Street Precinct; Docklands Chamber of Commerce; Docklands Residents Association; East Enders Inc.; East Melbourne Group Inc.; Flemington Association; Hosier Inc.; Kensington Association; Melbourne South Yarra Group Inc.; North and West Melbourne Association Inc.; Parkville Association Inc.; Parkville Gardens Residents; Residents 3000 Inc.; Southbank Residents Association Inc.; Yarra Park Association; The Pasley Streets Precinct Group; Wilkinson Publishing; Yarra Park Association

MINUTES

CORBA MEETING WEDNESDAY 14th November 2018 AT 6PM
Venue: Kathleen Syme Library & Community Centre
251, Faraday Street, Carlton. (Meeting Room 3)

1/ Welcome, Apologies & Attendance.

Apologies: Phil Lukies, Robert Moore (Parkville Association)

Attendance: Michael Kennedy (EE), Shelley Faubel (rep. EMG), Tony Penna, Bill Cook, Yolande Leonardi.

Chair: Michael Kennedy

Minutes: Yolande Leonardi

Meeting Start: 6.15p.m

2/ Confirmation of last minutes of 8th August 2018

Moved: Michael : **Seconded:** Shelley

3/ Matters arising from previous minutes

Local Govt. By Election Follow Up:

CoRBA reiterated that it has been highly active in local govt. reform proposals with submissions to both the Napthine and Andrews governments.

Michael reported that he, Jackie Watts and Ken Coghill have met with the Premier's staff and that he and Jackie Watts have met with the Opposition. Following CoRBA's work, the Liberal party has committed to implementing the recommendations of the Georgiou Review and reform of local govt.

It is ongoing in that at last change of govt., Michael and Jackie Watts visited the Shadow counterpart but received little traction from the Labor Govt.

4/ Correspondence

(a) Air Services Amendment Bill

The Rally on parliament steps on 14th November, organised by EMG was attended by over 80 people, despite rain. In addition to East Melbourne residents, residents from Richmond, Carlton, Collingwood, South Yarra and Camberwell participated. Fiona Patten MLC, Cr. Jackie Watts, Adam Bandt MP and Ellen Sandell MP attended and addressed the rally and Bruce Atkinson (President of the Upper House) was a late apology. A number of residents also addressed the rally about the

aircraft problems and their impact. 60 supporting signatures were obtained on a petition circulated at the rally.

Follow up will be on social media. The security aspect, including risk of terrorism resulting from unrestricted air traffic was also raised, in addition to the health and amenity impacts. These matters are being pursued with politicians and police commissioners at state and federal level.

(b) New member contacts

CoRBA is very pleased to have renewed contact with the two Parkville based associations - Parkville Gardens Residents' Association and Parkville Association. Changes in leadership groups often lead to loss of contact when details are not forwarded to us. A welcome was extended to our Parkville colleagues.

5/ (a) Queen Victoria Market Update.

Yolande summarized the reports from the Save Queen Victoria Market Group over 4 People's Panel workshops.

It appears that there has been a deadlock which has led to 4 rather than 3 workshops and now a 5th which is to be held on 14th November. The deadline for objections to the CoM's suggested shipping containers being used as stalls in String Bean Alley is also 14/11/2018.

A brief discussion questioned why there was opposition to the use of Shipping Containers which can be easily, cost effectively constructed, and incorporate infrastructure that the market is sadly in need of. The Little Hero apartments in Russell Place (CBD) was cited as a perfect housing solution using shipping containers.

However, as CoRBA has not taken a position on the Market renewal it will not be making a submission.

(b) Southbank - linear park update - Tony reported "greening" of Southbank to have commenced. Two parks are imminent. The one in front of MTC and the ABC has begun and succulents have been planted along the tram tracks. The second, Boyd Park has begun with the school having been demolished. Stage 3 is pending as Crown (casino) is expected to contribute \$100 million.

6/ Membership

- (a) Fees - In response to the "sliding scale" of membership fees, Yolande surveyed the precincts and had returns from Pasley Street, Residents 3000, Docklands Community, EMG and Southbank who stated they are happy to keep the \$50.00 fee as voted upon at the August meeting. However, if a group has less than 10 members it would seem reasonable for them to pay \$20.00

Bill will contact those outstanding.

- (b) Discussion of whether we should approach small businesses to join CoRBA was discussed, but no resolution reached.

7/CoRBA – Future meetings.

There was, and has been consensus that CoRBA should return to having its meetings at Melbourne Town Hall.

Given that Ben Rimmer is due to leave and a new CEO appointed, the matter has been deferred until 2019

8/ General Business

Financial Report (Bill)

There had been no income since last meeting. Outgoings are: Web hosting \$250.20
Balance: \$1457.16.

Bill reported that the only outstanding matter was the increased payment to our Web Manager of \$750.00. This was approved at the August meeting and should go ahead. However we need to assured of membership payments to be able to meet our website commitments.

9/ Meeting Close.

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 7.10 pm. The next meeting will be on 13th February 2019. Venue TBA.