

E-mail from: Dick Davies to all WCA members

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Subject: WCA Member News

Dear WCA Member,

Happy New Year to all our members. Here's hoping it will be less eventful than the last.

There are a number of things that WCA will be doing this year that you may wish to participate in or contribute to and I am sure that there are other issues members will wish to progress through the Association as time goes by. We will be listing our schedule of activities, regularly updated on our website www.warrandyte.org.au. We also list minutes of meetings and other correspondence of interest as well as ongoing items of interest. Many thanks to Sandy Burgoyne, (our webmaestra!) for keeping it updated. Comments, contributions and help with website are all welcome.

Some activities you may be interested in so far this year:

Bushfires: WCA will continue to liaise with the CFA, Emergency Services and both Councils on the Township Protection Plans (TPPs). Whilst these are disappointingly rudimentary at present, consisting of little more than a Melways map and a few phone numbers, they were produced under pressure and we are hoping that subsequent editions will be improved. The Royal Commission will report in July, so its final findings will be of great interest.

We have a regular meeting scheduled with Manningham Council for February at which we wish to discuss the TPPs, 'Neighbourhood Safer Places' and a broader Transport Plan for Warrandyte, something we have advocated since our Traffic Forum meeting in Dec 2005. There have been various suggestions, some hotly contested, to ease traffic congestion by widening the bridge, building another etc. Our view is that single shot solutions need to be developed in the context of an overall plan agreed by both Councils which covers both emergency and everyday situations. It should include amongst other things, better foot and bike paths, disability access, emergency access etc.

There is a 'Mullum Mullum Ward Meeting' with Manningham Councillors' scheduled for 7.30pm on Wednesday 11 February in the Senior Citizens Hall in Taroon Avenue. A hot topic at that meeting will be the plan to build a Vodafone tower at the footy oval which some residents are petitioning against. It will be an opportunity to hear views from both sides.

A proposed development of the East End Post Office Site has gone to VCAT who deferred the hearing until 2nd February at 2.15pm. No reasons are given but Harlock Jackson had asked for more time to finalise amending plans. WCA will be represented.

As usual we will have a tent at the festival in March volunteers to spend an hour or two will be needed then!

Finally as always the Management Committee would appreciate help in organizing WCA, these include administrative as well as lobbying activities. Many people mean to renew their membership but never get round to it. If you can help in some way it will be appreciated.

Kind Regards

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