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Election Saturday 24th November 2007

The AGRA AGM in August was extremely well attended and we thank all residents who attended for their time. We had a large turn out and every one who attended had a chance to hear and question our guests about their political position and to meet them later and talk to them about matters of personal importance. Ross Fox (Liberal candidate) and Mark Dreyfus (Labor candidate) and Jenny Lindell our Labor Victorian MP for the seat of Carrum all stayed back to listen and answer questions. Ritchie's supermarket supplied excellent refreshments which were very much enjoyed by all. Our thanks to the two candidates and to Jenny Lindell MP and also to Ritchie's Supermarkets.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to the following new members of the AGRA Committee, David Cree, Daniel Maloney, Lucinda Bertram and Karina Ces. The experience and enthusiasm these new members bring to AGRA is welcome and we are sure will strengthen our capabilities into the future.

AGRA has already thanked the committee members who did not stand again however we take this opportunity to do so formally so please join us in thanking Genine Howison, Phillip Birley, Rupert Harvey and Mike Ryan for their past services over a number of years to AGRA and our community.

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We wish all residents
a very happy Christmas.

Federal Election Preview

By Zareh Ghazarian

Promises have been made, doors have been knocked, political fliers have been delivered and babies have been kissed. With the finish line in sight all candidates are now looking forward to what the electorate has in store for them when Australians vote on November 24.

Aspendale Gardens is in the electorate of Isaacs, which includes a range of suburbs including Mordialloc, Carrum, Keysborough and Dandenong South. The seat has been held by the Labor party since 1996 by Greg Wilton and then Ann Corcoran from 2000 onwards following Mr Wilton's death. Labor's margin has dwindled over the last few elections and in 2004 came close to losing the seat. Had it not been for preferences of other minor parties, primarily the Greens, Labor would have lost this seat in 2004.

Of the minor parties, the Greens performed best across the electorate in 2004 winning 7% of the primary vote (but less than 5% in the Aspendale Gardens voting booth). Family First won 2.4% in Isaacs which was a similar result to the local voting booth. The Democrats, One Nation, Citizens Electoral Council and an independent all won one per cent of the vote or less.

This year seven candidates are contesting the seat. Aside from the major parties, candidates from the Greens, Family First and Australian Democrats will all be standing in addition to a candidate from the Liberty and Democracy Party and an independent. The sitting member, Ann Corcoran will not be contesting the election as she was defeated by Mark Dreyfuss during the Labor party's candidate pre-selection process. The Liberal party's candidate is Ross Fox. Currently Labor holds Isaacs by a paper thin margin of 1.5%. So the seat of Isaacs, at a normal election, would be a key seat.

But this isn't a normal election. According to virtually all published opinion polls, the Labor party has been comfortably ahead of the Liberal National coalition since the start of this year. Some polls, with just a few days to go, are pointing to a big win to Labor. Indeed it is difficult for any party that seeks its fifth term in office to win seats. Traditionally it would defend the seats it already has to minimise any losses. So, a prediction? Based purely on the sustained opinion polls showing a swing against the Government, the Labor party should win Isaacs comfortably, but you never know.

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AGRA Committee meetings are held at the Community Centre at 7.30pm on the last Wednesday of every month (except December). All the community is invited. The next meeting is on Wednesday 28th November 2007. All submissions from groups in the community are more than welcome and should be forwarded to samc70@iprimus.com.au.

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Presidents Report:

As you know many years ago AGRA adopted a policy to raise issues with candidates prior to a Council, State or Federal election so that candidates and each political Party are clearly aware of the needs and issues that we believe are of importance to our local and regional community. We emailed our questionnaire to all known candidates on the 29th of October. We have kept our questions to the candidates to what we would term, "local federal issues." Their replies are printed in this pre-election Newsletter.

The federal election is almost upon us and the seat of Isaacs is deemed a marginal seat requiring only a 1.5% swing to change it from Labor to Liberal. At the time of writing Labor appear to have a commanding national lead in the polls which should make this a safe Labor seat. However, nothing in life is certain and we know that the electoral battleground is not so much on the national front but is in the marginal's. This means that your vote is very very important to each candidate and to each Party. A lot of pork barrelling has already taken place federally and it would be fair to ask where is our share? At the time of writing nothing of real significance has been committed to by either major party for the electorate of Isaacs.

You will of course vote based upon a range of issues that are personal and important to you, hopefully we have covered some in this Newsletter. If the federal election is close run

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the seat of Isaacs may determine who governs this country for the next three years so your vote really does count and your needs should be listened to. There are lots of voters throughout Australia who would love to live in a marginal seat because of the power that brings to the voters to make politicians address our needs.

AGRA gave each candidate a comprehensive report on each of the issues we believe a federal government may be able to help our community with. Both Mark Dreyfus and Ross Fox have attended AGRA Committee meetings and both attended the AGRA AGM in September. We print elements of the letter sent to each candidate below highlighting the history and our requirement for six projects or issues. We also gave each candidate the opportunity to make a general statement at the end of the questionnaire. We trust that we have asked the right questions and that each candidate's reply is of help to you.

29th October 2007: To all candidates for the Federal seat of Isaacs.

To candidates; Colin Long - Greens; Mark Dreyfus - Labor; Ross Fox - Liberal; Laura Chipp Democrats; No others known;

As most of you will know AGRA write to all candidates before a Council, State or Federal election and seek your own and your Party's response to the issues that we believe are important to our community. We record six questions and one statement below.

We will print your answers in the pre-election AGRA Newsletter including a summary of each question asked. We allow each candidate 1,000 words to answer all questions and make a general statement, you can divide that allowance up as you see fit. The AGRA Newsletter is distributed to over 2,100 homes one week before the election. This gives all candidates an equal opportunity to communicate with our residents.

We will remind voters that Isaacs is a marginal seat currently held by the Labor opposition with a 1.5% margin and that their personal vote may in fact determine who forms the next federal government.

1. Completion of the Mornington Peninsula Freeway (MP)

If elected to the seat of Isaacs can you and your Party help our community at the federal level to get the

MPF Extension between Springvale Road and the South Road Extension constructed by 2009? This completion date was originally promised by the State Labor Government in 1999? This project is part of the long term solution to traffic issues in Kingston and the southern region. The MPF extension will remove the exceptionally heavy traffic from Wells Road that travels to and from the current MPF Freeway terminal on Springvale Road. This traffic splits Aspendale Gardens in half and is destroying community amenity. Wells road needs to become a local region arterial road with a 70kph limit instead of being an extension of MPF.

The need for these freeways to be constructed as soon as possible has been further reinforced by the recent opening of the South Road Extension which has already proven that on its own it does not offer any improvement to the city's and the regions traffic woes but does contribute to further traffic bottlenecks. As forecast by many people including AGRA this \$25,000,000 one kilometre one lane each way road is not living up to expectations. For your information Kingston Council is not happy with the performance of the new South Road Extension and passed a motion to that effect at their meeting on the 22nd of October. Copy supplied.

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The South Road Extension is supposed to be the start of the Dingley By-Pass and the Mornington Peninsula Freeway Extension and should have been built as two lanes each way. Construction should have continued to complete this north/south and east/west freeway link. This would complete Kingston's major traffic objectives while supporting commuters and businesses that cannot use public transport and have to use cars and trucks, to get to their destinations quicker, safer and with a reduction to Australia's import fuel bill while at the same time reducing Australia's greenhouse gas emissions. A major benefit will be a significant reduction of traffic volumes on the Nepean Highway between Frankston and Moorabbin, on Station Street, Wells Road, through Aspendale Gardens and Dingley etc. A win/win result.

John Nevins, City of Kingston CEO, has warned of the growing problems with traffic within and through the region. He points out that even with improved public transport an annual 1.5% increase in traffic volume is taking place and that this forecast will continue. The conclusion is that our major road infrastructure is getting close to collapse and that a wise government would now be making the investment to complement and support the massive housing infill and development of new housing

estates to meet the Governments own 2030 Melbourne population growth objectives.

The MPF Extension and Dingley Bypass is no longer just a City of Kingston major priority project it is now a regional issue requiring vision and drive and a real commitment to meet the needs of commuters (voters) which is something we are not getting at State level. We ask whichever candidate or federal party believes they can make a difference to say so and give voters a commitment that they will make a difference if elected by promising to give financial support to this project and to "guide" the State Government towards completing this much needed and promised infrastructure by 2009 or thereabouts.

The question is, can you as a candidate for Isaacs obtain an assurance of federal government assistance to help the State Government fund this much needed road system and get it built by 2009/10.

Candidate Response:

Mark Dreyfus - Labor Candidate for Isaacs; I'm grateful to the Aspendale Gardens Residents Association for this opportunity to give my views on a number of important local issues, as well as some of the wider issues in this election campaign.

My Liberal opponent says he has a "plan" to ensure completion of the Mornington Peninsula Freeway. His plan will presumably have to include persuading his own party, since the Liberals opposed completion of the Freeway at the 2006 state election.


The Liberals have a record of broken promises on road funding in this area. In 1996 the Kennett government promised to build the Dingley by-pass, but did not deliver on this promise. At the 2006 election the state Liberals dropped this promise. The failures of the Kennett government in allowing development without adequate transport infrastructure have contributed to the long-term traffic problems Melbourne is now experiencing.

If elected I will work with state and local government, and with the local communities affected, to find solutions to traffic problems across the electorate. Whether the Mornington Peninsula Freeway is extended is a matter for the state government, but as part of a Rudd Labor government, I will work to ensure that Victoria gets its fair share of federal road funding.

Ross Fox - Liberal Candidate for Isaacs; While Wells Rd and other roads are the responsibility of the

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state and local governments I have not let this stop me raising the important issue of local road infrastructure. For some time I have been working to address traffic congestion in Wells Rd and other problems experienced as a result of local rat-runs and hoons. I have had several meetings with VicRoads, Kingston Council and AGRA to raise local road issues. I was disappointed that Kingston was not able to put the MPF extension on their list of priorities for the regional councils group for the federal election and immediately raised this with them. At every opportunity I have been raising the need for construction of the MPF extension and Dingley bypass and further investment in local roads and transport infrastructure. I believe that only with a strong economy and a local member committed to the local area will we see the outcome our community needs. I will continue to raise the importance of this road link, particularly to pressure the state government to recognise its significance.

Colin Long - Greens Candidate for Isaacs; I understand the desire of Aspendale Gardens' residents to reduce traffic flows along Wells Road, which functions as a barrier dividing the suburb in half. However, the Greens do not support the construction of more freeways. It is accepted by progressive transport planners throughout the world that freeways do not solve traffic problems: they merely shift the problem around and actually increase vehicle numbers. They do not decrease CO2 emissions: indeed, the Environment Effects Statement for East Link showed that the road would increase CO2 emissions by 17%. On these grounds alone, the construction of more freeways is irresponsible.

Many parts of the South-Eastern suburbs, including Aspendale Gardens, are poorly served by public transport. At a time of rising petrol prices (and they will continue to rise thanks to growing global demand for oil and the need to price carbon emissions) residents of areas like Aspendale Gardens are being sold short by anyone who suggests that a freeway will solve transport problems. In the long term, only real

alternatives to car dependence can provide the possibility of breaking car dependence, and freeing up household budgets to spend on things other than fuel and vehicle costs. A massive increase in federal expenditure on public transport is needed. I'm not talking about a few extra bus services. Improving bus schedules so that they run every 5-10 minutes seven days a week is necessary. There are real possibilities for linking buses (or even light rail down Springvale Road) with Frankston line railway stations.

Council Officers and VicRoads may predict increases in traffic, but the days of predict-and-provide planning should be over. We should be planning to *reduce* traffic level increases, not planning to accommodate them. Global warming is the greatest challenge facing humans today. It is happening now. The old way of doing things is no longer adequate. We can and must reduce our CO2 emissions dramatically. At the same time, by reducing car use we will produce more sociable and pleasant neighbourhoods and reduce our expenditure on getting around.

Laura Chipp Democratic Candidate for Isaacs; I understand there is nothing more frustrating than being stuck in gridlocked traffic. It is also horrendous to imagine the environmental impact this kind of congestion produces. Democrat policy has always supported projects that will reduce environmental pollution. But I think this issue is bigger than this particular freeway. It is an inevitable conclusion that our fossil fuels will one day run out. At present public transport is expensive, unreliable and in some cases ridiculously far away and for these reasons taking public transport to work is not an option for many people. I firmly believe that we need to drastically upgrade rail, light rail and bus networks so that taking public transport a viable option for many commuters. We need to improve public transport frequency, amenity, safety, reliability and accessibility, particularly in outer metropolitan areas such as Isaacs. If these systems are upgraded it will greatly reduce the congestion on our roads and freeways.

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What is significant is that Australia Post has not challenged the case for a post office in our shopping centre or the numbers we supplied justifying that need; instead they say that their research proves that a local post office is not needed because 88% of the shoppers already use one! Using their convoluted logic no one would ever be able to justify a supermarket or school anywhere either. What they are really doing is protecting their current agencies. In

effect Australia Post is telling this electorate that if one million people used our shopping centre they could not justify a post office because most of those people already use one. You could not blame the community if they came to the conclusion that what the Post Office really mean is that they have contracts with their current agencies that prevent them recognising and responding to any increased growth in the community. Sounds like federal government monopolistic protectionism doesn't it?

By ignoring this community request over many years the federal government has chosen to support Australia Post with their protectionist view despite many requests for help. They have chosen not to step in and fix the problem. Now they have a chance to do so.

We will recommend that all users of the Aspendale Gardens shopping centre, (who come from as far afield as Waterways, Patterson Lakes, Chelsea Heights, Aspendale and Edithvale) take this issue into account when considering each candidates response and commitment to this question when deciding who to vote for in the coming federal election. We will remind them that Isaacs is a marginal seat that requires only a 1.5% swing to determine who will form the next federal government.



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Candidate Response:

Mark Dreyfus - Labor Candidate for Isaacs; A post office or post office agency in Aspendale Gardens would have obvious benefits for residents, particularly older people. If elected I will work with the local community to persuade Australia Post that a post office should be established.

Ross Fox - Liberal Candidate for Isaacs; For sometime I have been working to address the need for a Post Office at Aspendale Gardens. I have been calling for Australia Post to make their position clear so that any impediments can be overcome. I first wrote to Australia Post early this year on the issue after meeting with AGRA and discussing the issue in some detail. I have also spoken with the managers of the Shopping Centre and a likely franchisee. If elected I will continue this campaign in greater strength to overcome any practical impediments. I have already been able to obtain enhanced postal services in Carrum Downs. As someone who will have occasion to use a post office at Aspendale Gardens I look forward to doing the same in Aspendale Gardens for the growing community.

Colin Long - Greens Candidate for Isaacs; Absolutely the Greens support the localisation of economic activity and the provision of infrastructure that supports local communities. Localised facilities reduce the need for travel; encourage walking or riding and interactions between local people. Aspendale Gardens should have a post office.

Laura Chipp Democratic Candidate for Isaacs; If there is a need for a particular service in the area and there is the demand there to justify its establishment then a Post Office should be built. Again this is an environmental issue. One can only imagine the

amount of pollution that is being produced by a 7-10km round trip to visit the Post Office.

3. Channel Deepening in Port Phillip Bay.

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We understand that 10 Bayside Councils including Kingston support this project with the proviso that the State Government proves that it will not damage the bay. We also understand that these same Councils are not convinced that this is the case and have questioned the process complaining of a lack of transparency by the State Government on the issues including the need for open and rigorous public examination.

Our community also have real and personal concerns about the potential damage to the bay's ecosystems but even more importantly the risk to the health and welfare of our residents and businesses that rely on the bay for recreation and enterprise.

If the State Labor Government is fair dinkum about their belief that the dredging and dumping of up to 3.87 million cubic metres of contaminated settlement (otherwise described as toxic wastes) into sealed areas opposite Mordialloc will be safe and secure and will not cause damage to the ecosystem or to the health and welfare of individuals and businesses within the bay why have they passed legislation that states that the Port of Melbourne Authority etc will not have to pay compensation?

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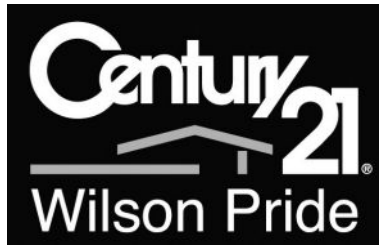
metals, including the banned pesticide DDT, arsenic, mercury and lead opposite Mordialloc beach **and “sealing” it with a 50cm thick sand cap after it has been exposed underwater for 120 days** is as safe as the Government claims then why is the Government protecting itself and its business and union mates by removing the rights of the people to sue and receive compensation should the 'guaranteed' safety fail? For the record the press have reported that this material is too toxic to be dumped in Bass Strait. Clearly the Government and big business do not believe their own rhetoric when they claim that it will be safe.

Our question to each candidate for the federal election is that if elected can you and your party assure our community at the federal level that you will **guarantee** that this project does not get a federal go ahead if there are any doubts about the safety of the project in particular that the dredged material sealed into a toxic dump in Port Phillip Bay opposite Mordialloc will not leak and cause health and commercial problems. Alternatively the federal government will take on responsibility for any adverse outcomes should the health and safety of the bay users be adversely impacted should the promised safety mechanics fail? Such assurance needs to be reinforced by federal legislation that ensures that any person or business adversely affected by the project must be fully compensated by the State or Federal government.

Candidate Response:

Mark Dreyfus - Labor Candidate for Isaacs; I am very concerned about the environmental health of the Bay, and I believe that any dredging should proceed only in conformity with the strictest environmental guidelines. If elected, I will work to ensure that no Commonwealth approval is given to this project until such guidelines are in place and compliance is guaranteed.

Ross Fox - Liberal Candidate for Isaacs; Approval for the proposed Channel Deepening is primarily the responsibility of the State Government. Reports that



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the state government have deliberately undermined the transparency of the evaluation process to ensure appropriate environmental safeguards are in place and the local community is protected are of significant concern. Where the Federal Government does have oversight approval authority under the Environmental Protection Act I will take a strong and active interest in the considerations. As a local resident and someone who appreciates the environmental significance of the bay and our foreshore I want to ensure that the local environment is protected in line with the powers granted to the Federal Government.

Colin Long - Greens Candidate for Isaacs; Unlike the ALP and Liberals, the Greens do not support channel deepening. This project is simply too dangerous. If dredging does not proceed it is possible that a small number of ships will not be able to visit Melbourne fully loaded. If the dredging proceeds and does irreparable environmental damage (and its safety cannot be absolutely guaranteed), Melbourne will effectively be destroyed. The Bay is one of the great attractions of living in the southeast bayside suburbs. Marine ecology experts warn that Australian waterways are at great risk from rising sea levels as a result of climate change and the best way to deal with the risks is to minimise damage to those

waterways. Dredging is exactly the wrong thing to be doing at this time. At some stage our politicians have to understand that there is no economy without a healthy environment.

Laura Chipp Democratic Candidate for Isaacs; Port Phillip Bay belongs to the people of Victoria and it should be a big focus in this election. The trial dredging occurred over a year ago and we still have not been informed of the results of these tests. The Democrats believe that this deepening has a real potential to damage the bay's ecosystems. The Environmental Protection Agency in its final report acknowledges that the area may never fully recover. We believe that there has already been substantial damage to the sponge and coral gardens from the trial dredging.

The Democrats also want to initiate an inquiry into the need for, and design of, a National Oceans Act, which will establish a National Oceans Authority. The Act will:

- (a) Ensure there is a legislatively backed regional marine planning process;
- (b) Ensure all regional marine plans include target areas for marine protected areas and timelines for their proclamation;

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4. Primary School Funding;

This issue has been raised by an AGRA committee member who asked that we seek a federal response.

The future of our children is the future of our country and that impacts on all of us one way or another. The Australian Primary Schools Principles Association which represents Government, Catholic and Independent school principles has identified five priorities that require government attention and help. They are;

1. A need to overhaul the funding system.
2. A curriculum that is clearly defined and uncluttered.

3. More funding for students with disabilities, learning difficulties and behavioural problems.
4. Literacy and numeracy leaders in every school.
5. Resources to develop a curriculum area of excellence as a specification.

Please advise what you and your party will do about these needs particularly from a funding point of view.

Candidate Response;

Mark Dreyfus - Labor Candidate for Isaacs; A Rudd Labor government will invest \$42 billion in education to improve literacy and numeracy, improve curriculum and improve retention rates. If elected, I will be working with the state government and local communities to see that our schools get their share of this funding.

Ross Fox - Liberal Candidate for Isaacs; Early learning and education is vitally important to the future of our community and our country. As a younger member of our community I have as much stake in the future as anyone and I am concerned to see that every child has the opportunity within the education system to realise their potential. Where there are opportunities for me to showcase the excellent work being done by teachers, principals and parents in local schools to deal with the range of abilities I will do so. Education is a passion of mine and as someone who has a family member who is disabled I am acutely aware of the strain this can place on families. I believe that we need to keep the economy strong so that we can continue to invest in education and early learning locally. If elected I will work to ensure that this occurs and where possible assist the educational needs of local children.

Colin Long - Greens Candidate for Isaacs; Greens policy aims at a public school system that is internationally recognised as among the best in the world. It is Greens policy to:

Provide an increased share of the Commonwealth's schools budget for public schools.

Introduce smaller class sizes.

Provide specialist teachers available for all children with special needs and/or learning difficulties.

Provide timely re-training and professional development for teachers.

Introduce funding mechanisms that do not attempt to impose narrow ideologically based outcomes on schools by the threat of withholding federal monies.

Ensure that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people's educational outcomes at least match those of the rest of the Australian population.

Invest the money saved from ending public subsidies to the very wealthiest private schools into a national equity funding programme for public schools.

Institute a broad-ranging investigation into the funding of school education.

Fund reduced class sizes in all public schools that suffer socioeconomic disadvantage, starting with those that recruit students from



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communities that have a high proportion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, and those that cater for children with special needs.

Substantially increase specialist support services for students with special needs, including those with a disability, and students from non-English speaking backgrounds.

Support decisions about curriculum, testing, reporting and teaching methods being made by experts in consultation with teachers, parents, students and the community.

Increase capital works and maintenance budgets for public education infrastructure.

Laura Chipp Democratic Candidate for Isaacs;

Late last year the Schools Resourcing Taskforce findings revealed that the public school system needs an extra \$2.4 billion a year to meet the minimum educational goals set in 1999 an extra \$835 a year on every public primary school student. The AEU says that this is actually \$2.9 billion in today's prices.

The Democrats believe that we should immediately lift the Commonwealth tied **public schools funding** by \$2.9 billion a year. We would raise Commonwealth per capita funding for primary schools to the same level as for secondary schools currently 10% of AGSRC for a far greater emphasis on early childhood development.

We support more funding for schools, including increasing universal access to free preschool for three and four year olds. We need incentives for the states to reduce class sizes, particularly in the first three years of schooling. We need to conduct an international review of best practice in curriculum design and its applicability to the Australian education context. We also need a 'Primary Specialist Program' to fund coordination and resource material for science, visual and performing arts and physical education in all primary schools and guarantees of adequate access to specialist teachers in physical education, languages, and the arts for primary schools.

5. Funding completion of Mordialloc Creek between the Wells Road and Waterways.

While this is a State matter we would like to know if elected would your Federal Government assist with funding to complete the concept of the creek becoming a healthy meandering waterway to the Bay.

Candidate Response;

Mark Dreyfus - Labor Candidate for Isaacs; The section of Mordialloc Creek referred to in the question,

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between Wells Rd and Waterways, runs through privately owned land. I support the work that Kingston Council and Melbourne Water are doing with the landowners to improve the local wetlands environment. Kingston Council has a plan to improve the section of the creek between Wells Rd and the mouth of the creek, which the Council has asked the Liberal federal Environment Minister, Mr Turnbull, to fund. Mr Turnbull has not responded. If elected I will work with the new Environment Minister to see that this project gets speedy consideration.

Ross Fox - Liberal Candidate for Isaacs; I have been working with council and the federal government to raise this issue and secure the funding necessary to revitalise Mordialloc Creek and enhance it as a local environmental asset. As a local resident I see and enjoy the value of our local environment. If elected I will continue to work to ensure appropriate resources are sought to preserve and enhance the environmental value of Mordialloc Creek.

Colin Long - Greens Candidate for Isaacs; Absolutely! The Greens support the restoration of urban creeks and streams as much as possible. There is no reason why the Commonwealth could not provide funding for this project.

Laura Chipp Democratic Candidate for Isaacs; The Democrats have been a leading force in preservation of Australia's waterways for over 30 years. One of our greatest achievements is our successful action to save the damming of the Franklin River in Tasmania. I would greatly support funding the plans for Mordialloc Creek to create a healthy waterway to the bay.

6. Sports Fields on the secondary Drain behind the Aspendale Gardens Primary School.

If elected can you and your party help our community at the federal level to obtain federal government funds to support Council's plan to develop two cricket fields and other sporting infrastructure with appropriate facilities on land purchased by the COK for this purpose?

Candidate Response;

Mark Dreyfus - Labor Candidate for Isaacs; The Howard government has failed to fund this project during its 11 years in office. It has funded many other projects of this kind, but mostly in marginal Liberal seats. If elected, I will work with federal, state and local governments to get funding for this project.

Ross Fox - Liberal Candidate for Isaacs; While this is not a direct responsibility of the federal government this community asset would help local children to lead active and healthy lifestyles, something which I wholeheartedly want to support and advance. I would be pleased to assist with identifying how this field can become a reality for the benefit of the entire community.

Colin Long - Greens Candidate for Isaacs; Yes, I support the creation of these sports fields, providing the proper hydrological surveys are completed and there is no risk from flooding for any buildings constructed on the site. The commonwealth government should provide funding for the creation of the fields. The Greens are strong supporters of public open space and recreational fields, and I have been active in defence of public space in Kingston for a number of years.

Laura Chipp Democratic Candidate for Isaacs; The Democrats are extremely concerned about the obesity crisis facing Australians. We would support projects at a community level that encourage local community involvement in social sporting activities.

7. The One Special Federal Issue that you would like to report on?

Candidate Response;

Mark Dreyfus - Labor Candidate for Isaacs; Interest rates and housing affordability. This week the Reserve Bank increased interest rates for the sixth time since the 2004 election at which Mr Howard promised to "keep interest rates at record lows." Nearly a third of all families in the Isaacs electorate are purchasing their homes, and they will all be hit hard by the mortgage hikes that will follow this rate rise.

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interest rates and the cost of living rise. At the same time the Howard government's unfair and extreme industrial relations laws threaten to reduce family incomes and lengthen their working hours.

The Howard government has become tired and arrogant after 11 years in power, and has run out of ideas and energy. Australia needs new leadership to tackle its economic and social problems. The reason interest rates are rising is because of the inflationary pressures in the economy. These pressures result from the failure of the Howard government to tackle Australia's acute skills shortage and the infrastructure bottlenecks that push up costs.

This year the Howard government has wasted tens of millions of dollars in pork-barrelling projects in marginal seats, such as the failed takeover of the Mersey Hospital, and also on blatantly political advertising campaigns. The Howard government has become the highest-taxing, biggest-spending government in Australian history. All this wasteful spending pushes up costs and increases pressure on interest rates. That's why interest rates, rents and prices are rising.

A Rudd Labor government will restore responsible management of Australia's economy, putting downward pressure on inflation and interest rates. Labor is committed to budget surpluses over the economic cycle, and to maintaining the independence and inflation targeting policy of the Reserve Bank to keep interest rates low. Labor is also committed to

productivity growth by investing in education, skills, training and key economic infrastructure all helping to keep prices down.

Labor will strengthen the Trade Practices Act and boost competition by introducing criminal penalties for cartels that engage in bid rigging, market sharing, output restrictions and price fixing something Mr Costello promised to do in 2005, but didn't deliver on.

Labor takes the issue of housing affordability seriously, and will work with the states to reduce housing costs, rather than treating the states as enemies, as the Howard government does. I agree with the Property Council of Australia, which says that housing costs could be reduced by streamlining development assessment processes and implementing a range of efficiency reforms, eliminating costs and time delays resulting from complex and inconsistent development assessment systems.

Responsible economic management, restoring fairness to our industrial relation system, and relieving the pressure on working families these will be the key policies of a Rudd Labor government. If elected, I will take an active role in seeing these policies carried through. These policies will improve housing affordability in the Isaacs electorate, and that will help relieve the financial burdens on working families in suburbs like Aspendale Gardens.

Ross Fox - Liberal Candidate for Isaacs; With instability in global financial markets and other international economic pressures we need an experienced team to keep the economy strong and our nation secure. It is important that we have the resources to make investments that will protect our local environment and provide infrastructure that we need.

I believe we also need a strong local voice who lives and works in our community. Until now we have had local representation but for the first time in more than a decade there is a real threat that this may end for the local community because of the factions in the Labor Party.

I believe my record as a candidate working on local issues such as road infrastructure speaks for itself. If elected I will be redoubling my efforts to work for our community.

Colin Long - Greens Candidate for Isaacs; Climate change is the biggest issue facing us. Neither of the big parties takes it seriously. There is a lack of leadership on the issue. How we decide to live today

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has implications for other people in our world and for our children and subsequent generations. The lifestyle that we live today and the economy that we depend on which, in turn, is dependent on never-ending growth and rampant consumerism is not sustainable into the future. We must find alternatives. This is not a matter of ideological choice. It is a matter of survival.

The Greens will encourage the development of a 21st century economy in Australia by shifting the tax burden on to resource inputs, particularly through a carbon tax, and off employment, through abolishing or reducing payroll taxes. The Greens will focus the national effort on the creation of new jobs in the environmental management and renewable energy technology. The Greens will also encourage the upgrading of the nation's skills base, by increasing per-student University and TAFE funding to 1996 (after-inflation) levels and abolishing university and TAFE student fees.

Laura Chipp Democratic Candidate for Isaacs; A Federal issue that is of very high importance in Isaacs and throughout Australia is the high inefficiencies, duplication, cost shifting and buck passing that currently occurs between the governments in the health care sector.

The Australian Democrats and I are committed to a health system that is universally accessible, delivering high-quality and efficient services. One that is setup to meet the health challenges of the 21st century with an emphasis on prevention and primary care. We believe that Medicare is the fairest and most efficient way of delivering health care.

There needs to be radial reform in this sector immediately. To help ease long medical care/hospital waiting lists, we propose that there needs to be a Commonwealth/State health Commission set up to pool funding and to distribute this funding according to health priorities and not based on where you live or how much money you have. This system will add to healthcare effectiveness and will distribute health services in a fairer way.

We need to spend more investing in primary health care, and establish a national health policy and also a national preventative health taskforce. Additionally, more money needs to be invested to provide our community with more support through community-based mental health centres. These facilities are desperately needed to support the hundreds of thousands of people living with mental health illnesses around Australia. Additionally, there also needs to be further investment and drastic reform in

aged, community and child care facilities, dental care and material healthcare.

I am very passionate, and optimistic that the Australian Democrats can help fix the health care system. The Australian Democrats will make healthcare easier, cheaper and fairer for all Australians to access.

Our thanks to all candidates for spending their time considering the issues that AGRA believes are important to our community. Interestingly all candidates are first time candidates, we do not have a sitting member standing for re-election. It is probably fair to say that first time candidates really mean what they say, let's hope whoever is elected in Isaacs maintains their personal commitment and integrity into the future. We wish all candidates the very best return on their efforts for this election.

AGRA Reports

Notes from the AGRA August AGM;

Report to the meeting by Jenny Lindell our local State MP

The President welcomed Jenny Lindell MP to the meeting and congratulated her on being elected Speaker of the House.

Mordialloc Bridge Reconstruction; Jenny advised of the regional impact of the Mordialloc Bridge Reconstruction VicRoads essentially did not realise the impact of road works would be as great as it was. Measures were quickly taken by the Government to fix the problem. Cr Ronke also advised meeting that the upgraded Mordialloc Bridge will have dedicated bicycle lanes when upgrades are completed.

Public Transport; In response to a question relating to the need for improved public transport services Jenny replied that one extra service will be servicing

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MPF; In response to a question about the severe traffic issues we are suffering in Aspendale Gardens and the need for the MPF Jenny said, "Traffic issues and congestion are not just an Aspendale Gardens problem it happens everywhere. Traffic problems fixed in one area will then become a problem somewhere else. What can we do, this is a fact of life - not much can be done about it."

Light rail service down Nepean Hwy from St Kilda Rd to Cranbourne was raised by a member of the meeting. Jenny advised she was not aware of such a plan.

Motorcyclists; Resident Barry Despard asked why motorcyclists are charged a levy when their impact on the roads they use is less than other vehicles. Jenny Lindell responded that it was because of the extra incidences of motorcyclists injured in accidents.

Contact; Jenny Lindell strongly urged all members of the community to get in contact with her if they feel something is not up to their expected standards. She advised this would make it easier for MPs to lobby the

government and bureaucracy and get a positive outcome on the problem. She recalled how the many stories about the cost to business, reduced family time, etc, gave her ammunition to fight for changes to the Mordialloc Bridge construction. Jenny urged all residents to inform her of any concerns so she can fix them up as soon as possible.

Statement to the meeting by Ross Fox (Liberal) and Mark Dreyfus (Labor)

MPF; Both Ross Fox and Mark Dreyfus made the following statements about completing the MPF Extension through to South Road.

Ross Fox said Vic Roads had told him that no feasibility study has ever been carried out for the MPF Extension. They told him that any of the previous studies relating to the impact of the Eastlink Tollway on the surrounding region would become less accurate the further you got away from the roads in question and they agreed that Wells Road was an 'unknown' in relation to Eastlink. Ross said that a cost benefit analysis must be arranged for the MPF. Ross promised that he would work to make the MPF project a reality if elected as far as he is concerned the MPF is vital in the local area and region.

Mark Dreyfus said that it is inevitable that all freeway roads will be linked up, but not sure when. Mark would argue for a better share of federal road funding towards this objective if elected.

It will be interesting to see how these statements compare with the latest candidates pre-election responses already recorded in this Newsletter.

Wetlands and Environment;

CLC Group and the planned Discovery Centre;

We are still waiting on the concept plans to be made available for comment. Seems to be a very slow process!

Yammerbook Stage 2. Expansion of the lakes and creation of an Island, etc.

The reserve is located on the left hand side at the northern end of Wells Road. The major feature is of course the large lake. The Yammerbook Committee held a planting day on the 1st of September and about 500 understorey plants and shrubs were dug in on the north bank. This planting was led by Fran Goninan from the COK.

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The Yammerbook committee again ask that residents keep dogs on a leash near the waters edge to protect any new vegetation and to protect any birds that may decide to breed. We restate that Councillor Ronke has told us that he is very optimistic that necessary funding for this project will be available in the 2008/9 Council budget. The Committee have not met since July however a lot of things have been happening in the meantime. See next item.

Completion Mordialloc Creek between Waterways and the Wells Road Bridge.

Our community want Mordialloc Creek between Mordialloc Bridge on Wells Road and Waterways designed as an extension of the upstream Waterways concept. We have great news! Selected excerpts from a 'Living Links' meeting on the **14th of September** with representatives from the COK, the Yammerbook Committee, MBCL, Melbourne Water, PPWPCMA and AGRA.

The City of Kingston is keen to be involved in the management and funding of the Living Links proposal for the Mordialloc Catchment Area. Melbourne Water will be working with the Developer to seek outcomes along and adjacent to

Mordialloc Creek that complement and extend the works undertaken at the Waterways Estate

Meeting notes dated the **11th of October**. This meeting was with Jonathon Guttmann Manager Strategic Planning and Nigel Brown Team Leader at the City of Kingston. Ken Carney represented the Aspendale Edithvale Aspendale Gardens Village Committee (AEAG VC) and AGRA.

Melbourne Water now has a consultant working on plans to develop Mordialloc Creek as a Wetland area. Earth will be removed from the drain area and used as fill for the industrial development. Council have asked Melbourne Water for a landscape plan which will be passed onto members on the distribution list for this document for input. AGRA will communicate with our residents. It is not confirmed yet whether there will be any form of footbridge across the Wetland to the industrial estate.

We have asked for the landscaping to include earth banks similar to those used to screen the residential areas from industry at Epsom or the screening of Waterways from Springvale Road. We have also asked for plantings to include River Red Gums and similar natives to assist with the blocking out of the industrial buildings. These should be on the industrial side of the new Wetland so that the view of

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the wetlands is open to residents and cyclists. Council will follow up. We have also asked that the possibility of processing some water from the creek through to the Yammerbook lakes to help reduce salinity be considered.

Graham Daff from Melbourne Water (MW) phoned me after the meeting with Council and confirmed that Melbourne Water are working with the Developer and that plans are being drawn up for the new Wetland. He also mentioned that Aboriginal cultural heritage factors have been satisfactorily processed. It is planned that work will start this summer and may be completed in two stages half this summer and half next. He said the Wetland will be about 50 metres wide. MW will letter-drop the local community.

So this will be another area where residents will need to be alert to the fact that earthmoving equipment will be operating in the creek area during this summer and that some dust will be in the air. Normal dust controls will of course operate.

AGRA comment; Providing we are able to achieve our objectives relating to screening of industry this is going to be a wonderful outcome for the residents of Aspendale Gardens and in particular for those residents who back onto Mordialloc Creek. This is also a great outcome for our flora and fauna. The Waterways wetlands have already gained recognition for their success in attracting a range of birdlife and this at a time when we are all concerned about the continued loss of habitat. The extension to Mordialloc Creek is really good news beyond Aspendale Gardens. Well done Melbourne Water and the City of Kingston!

General Matters;

New Shopping Centre Development

Excerpt from the AEAG VC Minutes: - *The City of Greater Dandenong has approved a shopping centre development on the corner of Hutton Road*

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Entrance Nurten Parade.

Well as you all can see the old walls have gone and the planter boxes are now in. Please read Karina's report later in this Newsletter. Our thanks to Karina and to Council for improving the entrance to Nurten Parade.

Hooliganism;

It was reported at the last AGRA meeting that hooligans have broken windows in some houses and also lit spot fires on some of our roundabouts. These were reported to the police and again anti social behaviour and possible drug dealing near the rage cage and the park at Joelle Court was mentioned. It is also reported that someone tried to set fire to the gazebo in Stevenson's reserve. We will write to the local police seeking more patrols however we are only going to stop this behaviour if residents immediately report anything suspicious to the police by dialling 000. If you get the chance take any vehicle numbers and personal descriptions and also take a photo with your phone camera. This also applies to those people who ride their motorbikes through the secondary drain etc. Don't forget some of these mindless hooligans actually live in Aspendale Gardens!

Motorcyclists using the wetlands and drains in Aspendale Gardens;

Excerpt from COK Village Committee minutes: - *I always recommend contact the Police on 000 at the time of an offence being detected. In addition a person may choose to contact the Special Solo's Department of the Traffic Management Unit Victoria to discuss any issues and request their assistance. The Special Solo's Department addresses these types of issues and can be contacted on 9865 2111. This unit has the operational capability and authority to intercept the unauthorized motorcycles and take the appropriate action.*

Missing Palm Tree at the roundabout on Royal Palm Bld and Pacific Drive;

You will remember that a resident wrote to us advising that Council had promised to replace the Palm Tree that died at this site nine months ago and that nothing has happened. Council have responded advising that their traffic engineers have checked the safety situation including the risk of blocked sight-

lines at the roundabout and have decided that replanting the tree would be dangerous. Due to conflicting action by Council AGRA are going to clarify this claim.

Sanctuary Place School Car Parking.

In August AGRA held an open day at the shopping centre and a resident of Sanctuary Place told us that local residents are suffering badly because of the excessive amount of traffic that blocks off exit and access for residents to their properties. AGRA worked with the local residents on this subject some years ago and we understood that the residents were happy with the signage put in place by Kingston Council. The resident said things have changed because an empty lot that was being used by parents as a car park to drop their children off is no longer available and this has made the situation worse. AGRA will review our files and will then write to all residents to get an update on your views.

Traffic Safety and Amenity

Road between Bowen Road, Waterways and Braeside Park; More good news!

This subject was discussed at the meeting on the 11th of October with Jonathon Guttmann Manager Strategic Planning and Nigel Brown Team Leader at the City of Kingston. The objective of the meeting was to update where the Bowen Road and the Cycle Path link between Aspendale Gardens and Waterways is up to. This project was due for completion by the end of 2007. This report also covers the path behind Royal Palms etc.

Council do not think that a pedestrian or bike path between Bowen Road and Springvale Road either at the back of Royal Palms or following the Mordialloc Creek levee bank will be required once Bowen Road and the cycle path links between Aspendale Gardens and Waterways are operating.

The footpath between Royal Palms and Springvale Road on the eastern side of Wells Road will shortly be completed when the last development (proposed Car Wash operation) on the corner of Wells and Springvale

Road is completed. It is expected that this path and cycleway will also remove the need for any paths behind Royal Palms and the Richfield Retirement Village. Jonathan said for the record that there is an 'on road' cycle path on Springvale Rd from the corner of Wells Road to the entrance to Waterways which may have recently been extended to Governor Rd.

Once the Bowen Road link is operating cyclists from the western areas such as Aspendale Gardens, Mordialloc and Aspendale will be able to ride on the existing path under the Mordialloc Bridge at Wells Road and continue as they do now along the Bowen Road track behind Winners Circle to the Bowen Road entrance to the Waterways Wetlands.

Local motorists, cyclists and walkers will also be able to use the future Bowen Road link from Wells Road through Waterways to gain access direct to Braeside Park. This will be achieved by exiting onto Governor Road through Burdekin Parade. In addition walkers and cyclists will be able to use all of the numerous paths through the Waterways Wetlands. It is expected that many keen walkers and cyclists will visit the wetlands and even visit the kiosk on one of the larger lakes. These areas are open to the public.

The Waterways Developer plans to complete all major infrastructures (roads) within the Waterways Estate no later than April 2008 and these include the Bowen Road links. Road building will take place during this summer Normal dust controls will of course operate.

Access to Bowen Road will be a left in left out system from Wells Road. AGRA pointed out that most

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vehicles coming out of Bowen Rd will be visiting the Aspendale Gardens Shopping Centre, the school or the Community Centre and will therefore immediately try to move across Wells Rd to the right hand lane to turn into Nurten Pde. This could be a risky move. Council have since reported that Vic Roads do not see any need for this safety feature. It appears we have to wait to see how things go. It's a worry!

The Waterways Developer and the COK have also been unable to convince Vic Roads to allow the Developer to install the planned traffic lights at the Burdekin/Governor Road junction. We have been advised that the Developer wants to do this and to finance it but Vic Roads are waiting on a trigger count before they will allow the lights to be installed. So where does the safety of the local community fit in with Vic Roads? Clearly this is another case where it doesn't. This traffic safety matter will be raised at the November AEAGVC meeting.

Aspendale Gardens Rat Run;

You will remember that Council promised to carry out another vehicle survey to determine if we are in fact 'officially' suffering a rat run through and Brannigan Drive and Kearney Drive. No doubt you all saw the traffic count pads recently placed (now removed) at a number of strategic road points throughout Aspendale Gardens. We expect Councils report to be given to us in November. We will review and then decide our next action if one is required.

Various Traffic Safety Issues Aspendale Gardens - Duty of Care. Excerpts from letter sent in the last few days to Jenny Lindell MP State Parliament, relating to;

It was great to have you attend the AGRAAGM and to also have your direct input into some of the items on the agenda.

In response to some of the traffic issues raised at the meeting you said some were news to you and you strongly urged all members of the community to get into contact with you if they feel something is not up to their expected standards.

It is on this basis that we have decided to write to you about four traffic safety matters some of which you are already aware of. We strongly believe they will all benefit from your personal support and advocacy. We have taken note of how Government can make Vic Roads resolve issues that they do not want to address and we have been impressed how local members of Parliament have been able to step in and get Vic Roads to perform and do their job in the interest of the community.

Quite candidly as time goes by the perception at AGRA and within our community is that Vic Roads do not care about the safety of our residents or for that matter for the people of our region and this perception is strengthening. The Mordialloc Bridge debacle combined with our own ongoing issues is a good example of Vic Roads indifference. As you know we have been trying to resolve these matters for a number of years without success. Clearly Vic Roads and/or Government appear to have too many traffic safety matters to focus on with the result that our local and regional safety needs are not being fixed.

Jenny we are willing to meet with you and the COK and Vic Roads to go through these matters if this helps. We look forward to your help.

Road Safety Issue Number 1.

Safety on Wells Road by Construction of a Central Barrier - Duty of Care

As you know AGRA has been trying to get this road safety matter resolved since 2004. Our initial effort through the Aspendale, Edithvale Aspendale Gardens Village Committee and the COK initially resulted in prompt assurances from Vic Roads through Council that this safety barrier would be



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constructed within 6 months. Nothing happened and we subsequently discovered that the project had been put on the back burner and placed onto a list of unknown state-wide road safety projects that the State Government has to prioritise.

It is now nearly the end of 2007 and it is obvious that the barrier has not yet got to a position on the list where Government will authorise construction.

On the 6th of April 2006 David Anderson CEO Vic Roads wrote direct to AGRA and advised that Vic Roads are not aware of any commitments to fund this barrier however a proposal to extend the existing barrier has been developed for consideration in a future program and that the timing of any works will depend on their relative priority across the state and that at that stage it was unlikely to attract government funding in the short term.

Subsequent follow up by AGRA has got nowhere and soon we will be at the 4 year mark. The Government seems to be taking a long time to fix this matter which seems to fly in the face of the Victorian Governments Road Safety Strategy, Arrive Alive!

This problem needs fixing promptly and we expect the Government to get this project completed now. What value a life? Jenny please help us to get this fixed now. Please help your community.

Road Safety Issue number 2.

Traffic Island Wells/Springvale Rd. A general problem for people in wheelchairs or parents with prams; (Raised kerbing on the traffic island on the Michael Angelo's corner of Wells Road and Springvale Road). Duty of Care

This is the traffic island where people cross from the 7/11 petrol station to visit either Michael Angelo's or the Medical Centre on the North West corner of Wells Road. The problem is that there is no break in the kerb to allow people in wheelchairs or parents pushing prams to safely get onto and off the traffic island. On the 13th of July 2006 we alerted the COK to this safety issue.

Vic Roads have failed to honour a request they made through Council to meet on site with a representative from AGRA so that they could establish what the problem is. Instead and after more than one year Vic Roads has now responded to requests for this dangerous situation to be fixed. They told Council that they are now, "investigating appropriate treatments for this intersection with a view to

developing a proposal for State Government funding consideration in 2008/9."

Vic Roads reply means that these low cost safety works will be 12 to 18 months away and even that time frame is subject to the State Government approving the request for funding. So there is no commitment, no timeline.

Jenny, all they have to do is knock out some kerbing, replace it with angled kerbing and lay a small amount of concrete to make the island navigable for prams and wheelchairs. This is a clear example to us of failure by Government through Vic Roads a failure to accept your duty of care to the community.

What value an injured or killed invalid or mother and child? Jenny please help us to get this fixed now.

Road Safety Issue number 3 Need for Keep Clear Sign at the Exit from Michelangelo's Site on Springvale Road. Duty of Care

There are many reports from the local Medical Centre and drivers that this exit is extremely dangerous. The need for a keep clear sign painted on



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the Springvale Road surface has been on the books for years and its need fully supported by Council. Despite this support the "keep clear sign" has not been painted. There have been a number of accidents and near misses at this exit which proves that the original community warning was correct.

Vic Roads have said they will do nothing and then they have prevaricated not committing one way or the other. This safety issue must be fixed. What is it with Vic Roads, is a coat of paint on the road surface worth more than a life? This problem needs fixing now and we expect the Government to get this project completed now. What value a life? Jenny please help us to get this fixed now.

Road Safety Issue number 4

We need your help to get a set of traffic lights installed at the Burdekin Parade (Waterways) and the Governor Road junction. Also a path must be built between Burdekin Parade and along Governor Road to give safe access to Braeside Park. Duty of Care

The Waterways developer wants to fund the traffic lights at Burdekin Parade now. The COK support the need for the traffic lights and the path.

We have been told that the Bowen Road bicycle and motor vehicle road links connecting Aspendale Gardens and Waterways residents will be operating by the end of April 2008 at which point in time families and children from Aspendale Gardens, Aspendale and Edithvale will use the bike paths and roads to visit Braeside Park.

If there are no traffic lights or paths operating at Burdekin Parade by then we forecast that accidents will take place in that area. These accidents will almost certainly involve children. One look at the road junction will be enough to convince you of the need for these safety facilities.

Vic Roads don't want to install the lights until a certain number of properties have been completed in Waterways. We say why wait, this is about public safety and the developer is ready to pay for the lights to be installed now.

Jenny we again seek your help. We are willing to meet with you the COK and Vic Roads to go through this issue. We look forward to your help.

Signed Ken Carney, AGRA. We are hopeful that Jenny can help us with these drawn out traffic safety issues.

Trucks Using Exhaust Brakes on Wells Rd.

You will remember from our last newsletter that Council told the Village Committee that they have approval for signs to be installed telling truck drivers that they must not use engine or exhaust brakes on Wells Road. Signs have to be placed within 300 metres of an intersection and we advised that we need the signs at all controlled intersections on Wells Road. Council have told us that the signs will be installed this month. Again our thanks to Council for achieving this positive outcome.

Bus Stops Winners Circle

In response to an e-mail received from a resident new AGRA committee member Lucinda Bertram has started an evaluation of the current situation for those residents of Winners Circle who use public transport.

Lucinda has already prepared a comprehensive report that identifies the distances some residents in Winners Circle have to walk in order to get to a bus stop. In some cases this can be over one kilometre. Lucinda has also listed a range of points for consideration and the Committee are going to ask the CEO of the bus company if he is available to attend our next committee meeting so that we can evaluate the options and problems and together hopefully identifying some opportunities.

AGRA 3 to 5 year Action Plan: (Future Long Term Objectives and Strategy).

We will be reviewing the needs of Aspendale Gardens at our November meeting and developing objectives and plans. We ask residents to tell us of any needs or issues you think we should include in our considerations. Don't forget you can e-mail us at kjcarney@iprimus.com.au

Development Objections

AGRA is currently processing two objections in the area.

Lot 6 Springvale Road; AGRA objected to this proposed development to rezone the land for residential use on the basis that all vehicles going to the new residential site would have to use Maidenhair Mews in Royal Palms for access. Ken Carney and John Zeccola from AGRA attended the VCAT hearing and clarified that the zoning for this land is already residential and that only a few properties can be constructed on the land available and this should

not be a problem. We decided to accept VCAT's guidance. The essence of the application was really that the owner is separating a part of the large block that is zoned Green Wedge from the part zoned residential. The outcome may be that the end of Maidenhair mews will have a road extension to service a small number of dwellings.

2 Springvale Road 24 hour car wash on the corner of Wells and Springvale Road: AGRA has withdrawn our objection that was based on possible excessive noise and light at night affecting the residents in the Richfield Retirement Village that is next door. We have been advised that the residents of Richfield have come to an agreement with the developer and they are happy.

Ken Carney, President.



**The Nurten Parade
Entrance
by Karina Ces**

The heavy rains came last week to greet the completion of the Nurten Parade Entrance Upgrade. It

looks great and will look even better when the kangaroo paws are in flower. Thank you to Cr John Ronke and the City of Kingston.

The plants are all natives and have been selected for their colour, size and drought tolerance, in case the rains stay away. My husband is currently reading up on Indian Rain Dancing, so if you see someone out there with a feathered head band, please don't call the psych ward!



**Aspendale Gardens Kinder
Christmas Raffle**

Rotary has very kindly chosen to support the Aspendale Gardens Kindergarten Annual Christmas Raffle as one of their many community projects. The bumper prize this year comprises of 2 bikes, heaps of hardware from Mitre 10 Mega, vouchers from Michelangelo's and more.

Tickets will be sold through the kinder and at the Bendigo Bank stall at the Shopping Centre every Saturday, so please support the kinders' major fund raising effort.

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Hello Neighbours! For information regarding any of our activities or programs or to give us some ideas about what you'd like to see run at the Centre, please don't hesitate to call Jan or Gina on 9587 5955. We would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a very happy and safe festive season!

Here's some of the activities happening this term:

TINY TOTS' PLAYGROUP

For babies (6 months - 18 months) and their carers. Mondays 11 am - 1 pm
Bookings essential (Ph. 9587 5955)

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phone Domenic 0416 137 588

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Wednesdays 4.30 - 5.30 pm (6 - 8 yrs)
5.30 - 6.30 pm (9 - 12 yrs)

Community Sewing Group

Meets 1st Wednesday of the month
7.30 - 9 pm (Ph. Kelly 0425 261 585)

Aspendale Social Netball

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Preparation is the vital key to a long lasting even tan. The greater the preparation before your spray tan, the longer your tan will last, and more evenly it will wear.

We encourage you to plan your spray tan a week in advance allowing you to exfoliate & moisture everyday for 6 days prior. On the day that your tan is to be applied, exfoliate but *don't* moisturise. The aim of this 7 day process is to slough as many of your dead skin cells as possible, and nourish your new skin with moisturiser so it is as supple as possible and ready for when the tan is applied.

Tan Activation Time:

It takes approx 6-8 hours to fully develop. This can vary depending on the individual, so the longer you leave the tan to process on the skin before showering the superior the result will be. Avoid coming in contact with water, exercise, excessive sweating, perfumes, make up, moisturisers & deodorants within the first 6 hours immediately after your application.

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