

MMRA & Trucks and Traffic

1. MSYRG has attended 3 community representative meetings held by MMRA for this precinct and although the information has been slow coming we are learning more about what is proposed by MMRA which will assist in our discussions. There appear to have been no significant changes to what was first proposed.
2. Following numerous requests MSYRG finally had a meaningful meeting last week with the senior project manager from Lend Lease (lead partner of the MMRA preferred contractor the Cross Yarra Partnership); the discussion focused on truck routes. He acknowledged that the route down Domain Road, Park Street, Toorak Road West onto St Kilda Road is the least attractive for Lend Lease because of the distance travelled, the Toorak Road West bottleneck and ongoing harm to, and disputes with, South Yarra residents and businesses. MSYRG made it plain that this route is completely unacceptable and put a strong case that the best options from Edmond Herring Oval is either Birdwood Avenue (night and day) or west down Domain Road to St Kilda Road.
3. MSYRG also insisted that the 'cowboy' truck contractors using residential streets must be stopped with effective penalties, monitoring and enforcement.
4. MSYRG has requested further discussions particularly when Lend Lease has found their dump site. MSYRG will continue to lobby strongly for the least intrusive route for South Yarra.

Traffic will be an ongoing issue as construction gets underway and MSYRG has already established direct contact with the City of Melbourne senior Traffic Engineer who has been most helpful

The Fawkner Park Tram Stop in Toorak Road West at Millswyn Street

1. MSYRG has made many requests to the MMRA, Yarra Trams and the City of Melbourne to improve the safety of tram passengers, and has made a number of suggestions including flashing orange lights as trams approach the Fawkner Park stop. Unfortunately nothing seems to have been done and we have written to VicRoads who have the final say
2. MSYRG continues to report incidents and near misses to the MMRA so it is most important that you inform us of anything you see that causes you concern (email secretary@msyrg.com.au)
3. MSYRG has asked that before a new tram stop and crossing lights are installed in Toorak Road West at Walsh Street all traffic and other issues and alternative solutions be considered.

Heritage Policy Review

1. MSYRG has made a number of formal submissions during the review process over the past 12 months or so to strengthen the protection of heritage properties in South Yarra and prevent inappropriate development. However it continues to be a struggle against a government that wants to soften or "dumb down" that protection.

2. As a result of our submissions and those of others the Inventory grading our buildings has been redrafted and is open for public comment.
3. However, in our view the revised policy and Inventory still fall well short of what is required to protect our remaining heritage. Consequently MSYRG will be making further submissions to the Planning Panel that will be making the final decision early next year.

Our Domain Village

1. MSYRG continues to press the City of Melbourne to keep the village in better order including cleaning the footpath and surrounds of dog waste due to thoughtless owners, removing commercial bins from the area and reinstating the tree surrounds.
2. A Victory: this week Telstra has done work to repair its pit outside the 7/11 on the corner of Domain Road and Park Street.
3. MSYRG has asked Council to increase the fine for not cleaning up after your dog and inform residents via a letterbox drop and dog-walkers via public signage
4. MSYRG has approved a change to Parking Permit law to prohibit issuing Permits to dwellings when the number of residents increases as a result of a development on the site
5. MSYRG suggests a phone App **SNAPSEENDSOLVE** that is useful for reporting incidents and eyesores to the City of Melbourne as well as local service providers, including South East Water, obikes, reddy-go, supermarkets (trolleys!!). Once you have installed the APP you must give your name and email. When there is an incident you want to report you take a photo, the App locates where the incident is, you choose the 'Incident Type' write a brief description and press SEND. You then get a follow-up email detailing what action has been taken e.g. CoM sends an email to O-Bike asking them to remove the reported o-bike.

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South Yarra and MSYRG have a difficult year ahead of us with what with the Metro Rail Project and many other issues as they arise.

Your membership and support of the Melbourne South Yarra Residents Group Inc. is most important and valued.

Please ask your neighbours and friends to become members of MSYRG: It is easy to join via www.msyrg.com.au

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Enjoy Christmas with family and friends

& HAPPY NEW YEAR