

Ms Sherry Hopkins  
City of Yarra  
PO Box 168  
RICHMOND 3121

6th March, 2009

cc. Cr Amanda Stone  
Cr Stephen Jolly  
Cr Geoff Barbour

Dear Sherry,

**Re: Nominations for AMCOR Task Force – Alphington Paper Mill Action Group**

The community of Fairfield and Alphington has been working together over the past year in response to the planned closure and divestment of AMCOR's Fairfield Paper Mill. The residents have formed an association to address issues in response to this development. At its meeting on February 11<sup>th</sup>, the members resolved that the Association (formerly known as the Alphington River Front) be called the **Alphington Paper Mill Action Group (APMAG)**, and that it should incorporate forthwith. It was also resolved that the purpose of the Association be as follows:

The purpose of the Alphington Paper Mill Action Group is to represent the broader community surrounding the AMCOR site in Alphington. The Alphington Paper Mill Action Group will constructively influence local, state and federal government, and potential developers to adopt a quality, world leading model of socially, environmentally and economically sustainable living in the development of future uses for the site, integrated with the local community.

The incorporation of APMAG is the culmination of a series of community meetings and consultations since the announcement by AMCOR early last year of its intention to close the mill and vacate the site. These meetings were auspiced by the South Alphington & Fairfield Civic Association Inc (SAFCA), which will be well known to Council, as having represented the Alphington & Fairfield community (including residents, businesses, institutional organisations, visitors and others) over many years, in relation to a wide array of issues. SAFCA has a strong and ongoing interest in the AMCOR site and its development. However SAFCA considers that this issue is so large, that it is very likely to divert resource from other interests. For this reason, SAFCA has decided to help establish and support in any way possible, a separate organisation devoted to representing community interests in relation to the redevelopment of the AMCOR site. That organisation is APMAG.

Community meetings culminating in the incorporation of APMAG, have included a large public meeting held at Alphington Primary School in May 2008, attended by approximately 250-300 interested parties (including all then Langridge Ward Councillors). This meeting was publicised widely in Alphington & Fairfield by community and email networks, and by an extensive letter-box drop throughout the entire local area. The flier publicising the meeting included a survey of community sentiment in relation to key aspects of the future use and development of the AMCOR site, and expressions of interest in future developments and meetings. Responses were sought and obtained not just from those who attended the meeting, but many who sought further information and

involvement in the community group. From these responses and from those who attended the meeting we have developed a mailing list of in excess of 200 households who have been informed about and invited to subsequent meetings. Accordingly, APMAG is in direct contact with over 200 residents who have come forward in response to our public meetings regarding the AMCOR redevelopment.

Numerous further meetings have been held regularly since May last year in relation to various aspects of the community response to the matter, including in making submissions to Council as sought. The survey responses (approximately 90 returned) collected in 2008 have been analysed and have formed the basis of the SAFCA/APMAG responses to Council's consultations in relation to the site and its adoption of Design & Development Principles for the site.

APMAG continues to actively canvass community sentiment in relation to the AMCOR site, including consulting with a range of key stakeholders including those listed below.

APMAG believes through its association with SAFCA, its links with the full range of community, sporting, educational and other groups in the community, and its work over the last nine months in leading the community response while its organisational structure has taken place, it is best placed to articulate and represent community views in this matter.

In response to Council's request for three community representatives to sit on the Task Force, APMAG has undertaken a lengthy consultative process to nominate the following people to this Task Force. These nominations were endorsed by a formal meeting of APMAG on 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2009 and by the following as representing the Alphington & Fairfield community:

South Alphington and Fairfield Civic Association Inc (SAFCA) – letter attached

Alphington Bowls Club (ABC) – letter attached

Alphington Primary School (APS) – letter to be endorsed at next school council meeting

Yarra River Keepers (YRK) – letter attached

Alphington Paper Mill Action Group (APMAG) – minutes of general meeting attached

Alphington Community Centre (ACC) – letter attached

The APMAG nominees are:

Jeff Katz

Bojun Chiswell

Eve Williamson and Ian Patrick (Eve may wish to share the role with Ian Patrick if travel commitments for work become significant)

Each nominee has been a long time resident of the Alphington community, has been active within the community, and has a genuine interest in representing the community in response to the

proposed redevelopment of AMCOR. Nomination forms, and an outline of each nominee are attached for your perusal.

In addition, through discussion with Cr Amanda Stone, we understand that additional community representation will be possible when the Task Force is looking at particular topics. We have a number of residents who wish to be involved in the process and would like to be invited to such topics. We understand that residents such as Ms Sandra Grulli of North Fitzroy, who is a member of APMAG is very interested in participating in the Task Force for the duration of the Sustainability topic. We are aware of others and would bring these names to the attention of the Task Force as it progresses.

Yours sincerely,



Eve Williamson  
Acting President  
APMAG

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5 Margaret Grove  
Alphington 3078

Attachments:

Letters:

South Alphington and Fairfield Civic Association Inc  
Alphington Bowls Club Inc  
Yarra Riverkeepers  
Alphington Community Centre  
APMAG Minutes of General Meeting on February 11, 2009

Nomination Forms:

Jeff Katz  
Bojun Chiswell  
Eve Williamson  
Ian Patrick

## **Nominees**

### **Jeff Katz**

Jeff Katz is a long time resident of Alphington. Jeff has been and remains a member of the SAFCA committee for all but two years since 2000, and has through SAFCA, convened the Alphington & Fairfield community response to the future redevelopment of the SAFCA site through public meetings, strategic consultations, formal submissions and representation of the community at Council and other meetings. Jeff was part of the SAFCA sub-committee which met during 2004 and 2005 to consider the implications for the community of the eventual closure of the AMCOR mill, which has been mooted for many years. Jeff has a long history of working with the community through SAFCA and also has close links with Alphington Primary School, Alphington Community Centre, Alphington Junior Football Club, North Alphington Cricket Club and other sporting and local community groups. Jeff is also a current member of AMCOR's Neighbourhood Consultative Committee.

### **Bojun Chiswell**

Bojun has lived in Alphington for 25 years. Bojun was involved in the restoration and maintenance of the Alphington wetlands (working with SAFCA, AMCOR and the Merri Creek Management Committee). Bojun was a founding board member of the Yarra Riverkeepers Association during which time she was nominated as Middle Yarra Representative (Alphington / Fairfield inclusive) during negotiations with Melbourne Water and was a school Riverkeeper representative. Bojun has also helped arrange two community street parties. Bojun is now a member of the Alphington Paper Mill Action Group, which was formed from a base of 200 residents. Bojun is 29 years old and so also represents the younger generation in Alphington, as well as childless family groups. Bojun is Media Manager for the Alternative Technology Association, Australia's only independent, not-for-profit sustainable living organisation and thus has worked with all levels of government, community volunteer groups and private stakeholders to develop mutually acceptable sustainable living projects and solutions.

### **Eve Williamson**

Eve Williamson has lived in Alphington for over 18 years and is a founding member of the Alphington Paper Mill Action Group and is currently the Acting President. Eve has been an active member of the AMCOR Neighbourhood Consultative Committee, worked with a local community group on the restoration of the Rudder Grange and Coate Park river corridor, and is a member of the Fairfield Canoe Club. Eve is a pharmacist and runs the commercial operations of an Australian Pharmaceutical company and as such has broad commercial and business experience. Eve represents the Alphington community West of Chandler Highway and is passionate about sustainable development of the AMCOR site.

### **Ian Patrick**

Ian has lived in Alphington for 10 years and was previously a member of the AMCOR Neighbourhood Consultative Committee. Ian is a consultant involved in planning and evaluation of health, welfare and community development programs. Ian represents the Alphington community East of Chandler Highway, and will promote sustainable development of the AMCOR site that reflects community preferences and needs.

**Evidence of Community Endorsement**

**South Alphington & Fairfield Civic Association Inc**  
PO Box 5040, Alphington, Vic, 3078



5 March 2009

City of Yarra  
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Attention: Ms Sherry Hopkins

Dear Sherry,

**Re: Nominations for AMCOR Task Force**

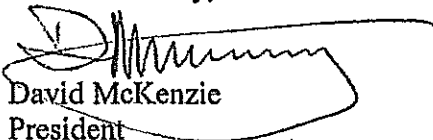
Following Amcor's announcement early in 2008 regarding the intended closure of the Amcor mill, SAFCA considered the best way that the community's interest could be represented in planning how the site would be developed.

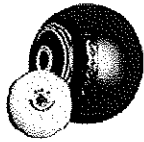
Given the wide interest and the many possible issues that could arise, SAFCA resolved that it would be best to establish a separate community organization dedicated to representing the community on this matter. SAFCA initiated a public meeting mid 2008 to consider that proposal. The actions taken following that meeting have lead to the formation of the Alphington Paper Mill Action Group (APMAG).

SAFCA wishes to advise Council that it endorses APMAG as the principal representative of the Fairfield and Alphington communities in relation to the Amcor mill site redevelopment.

Further, we endorse Jeff Katz, Bojun Chiswell-Bjorkman, Eve Williamson and Ian Patrick as community nominees to the Amcor Task Force.

Yours faithfully,

  
David McKenzie  
President



# Alphington Bowls Club Inc.

ABN 51-653-875-788



4 March, 2009

Ms Sherry Hopkins  
City of Yarra  
PO Box 168,  
Richmond, 3121

Dear Sherry,

**Re: Nominations for AMCOR Task Force**

The Alphington Bowls Club is a key stakeholder in the proposed AMCOR site development and we have been working closely with the local Fairfield and Alphington communities in relation to the planned closure and divestment of AMCOR's Fairfield Paper Mill.

A key element of this process has been the formation of the **Alphington Paper Mill Action Group (APMAG)**, whose prime purpose is to represent the broader community surrounding the AMCOR site in Alphington. The creation of the Yarra planning Taskforce dedicated to this development is another positive step to ensure a positive outcome is achieved.

Alphington Bowls Club endorses the following community nominees to sit on the Yarra planning Taskforce:

Jeff Katz  
Bojun Chiswell-Bjorkman  
Eve Williamson and Ian Patrick

Yours sincerely,

**Mark T Perry**  
**Alphington Bowls Club Board of Management**  
Ph: 0417 307 735  
marktperry@bigpond.com.au



*Working together to protect & enjoy the Yarra*

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6 March 2009

Mr Jeff Katz  
Amcor Paper Mill Action Group (APMAG)

Dear Jeff

**Re: Nominations for AMCOR Task Force**

We congratulate APMAG on taking the initiative to ensure that the views of the community are heard in regard to the future use of the AMCOR site in Alphington.

The City of Yarra has asked for three community representatives to sit on its AMCOR Task Force, and for this purpose we are happy for those representatives to be Jeff Katz, Bojun Chiswell, Eve Williamson/Ian Patrick.

In providing this endorsement we expect these representatives to consult regularly with the community about the work of the Task Force, and to take on board not just the views of the local community, but also the interests of the wider community and the natural environment as both are impacted by what happens on the AMCOR site. We are concerned in particular about impacts on the ecological and social values of the Yarra River. On that matter we look forward to playing a direct role in the deliberations of the Task Force.

Yours sincerely

**Ian Penrose**  
**Yarra Riverkeeper**  
For and on behalf of the Yarra Riverkeeper Association.



**Incorporation of Alphington Paper Mill Action Group (previously Alphington River Front)**  
**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> Feb 2009**  
**Alphington Bowls Club**  
**Meeting Minutes:**

**Background of this group (Eve Williamson (EW))**

- development of SAFCA sub-group to work on AMCOR re-development
- after incorporation it will be a separate organisation from SAFCA
- purpose is to represent different groups in Alphington community and take concerns, needs ideas of community to government taskforce

**Procedure of incorporation at this General Meeting (EW)**

- nominate and accept purpose
- nominate of public officer
- nominate and adopt of model rules
- nomination of people to the committee

**Public Officer Nomination (EW)**

Sandra Grulli: moved motion for Michael Mansfield to act as Public Officer  
Margaret Buck: seconded motion

**Purpose Nomination (EW)**

The Purpose statement was discussed and amended to:

**Amended Statement of Purpose for Alphington River Front**

The Alphington Paper Mill Action Group (APMAG) represents the broader community surrounding the AMCOR site in Alphington.

The Alphington Paper Mill Action Group will constructively influence local, state and federal government, and potential developers to adopt a quality, world leading model of socially, environmentally and economically sustainable living in the development of future uses for the site, integrated with the local community.

Tom Wood: move motion for adoption of amended statement of purpose  
Michael Long: seconded motion

**Model Rules Adoption**

The website link to Model Rules published by the Consumer Affairs were circulated prior to the meeting.

Peter Redden: moved motion to adopt model rules  
Sandra Grulli: seconded the motion

**New Name – Alphington Paper Mill Action Group (APMAG)**

The group discussed then voted upon a new name for the organisation being Alphington Paper Mill Action Group.

Margaret Buck: move motion to adopt new name of **Alphington Paper Mill Action Group**  
Ian Patrick: seconded motion

### Update on submission to Yarra City Council – Bojun Chiswell (BJ)

- BJ, EW and Jeff Katz met with Amanda Stone (AS) on evening of January 26, 2009. Amanda indicated that the DDDP was up for endorsement at council that week with only two amendments. We objected to this and AS indicated that she would accept a submission.
- Eve Williamson and Jeff Katz made community submission available to Bojun who amended the DDDP to incorporate views of community.
- Eve emailed document to Amanda Stone/Council Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> Feb afternoon
- amended DDDP document containing many of the community's submission points was unanimously passed by Council Wed 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2009.

### Update on Taskforce – Jeff Katz (JK)

- council meeting Dec 2008, resolution to set up taskforce
- Taskforce will create guidelines for developer
- Taskforce members - Amanda Stone (Mayor), Geoff Barbour, Steve Jolly, Darebin Council rep, Department of planning rep, 3 community reps and maybe Fiona Richardson (state member)
- Amanda Stone hosted a meeting of community representatives on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> Jan 2009
- various community stakeholder groups at the meeting (including ABC, River Keepers, APS, and SAFCA) were happy to work through APMAG (previously ARF)

Peter Nurse: Moved motion to endorse 3 APMAG community taskforce reps Eve Williamson / Ian Patrick (job share), Jeff Katz and Bojun Chiswell.

Michael Long: seconded motion

### Nominations to Committee / Working Groups.

The following people indicated their willingness to join the APMAG Committee of Subgroups:

Name	Function
Michael Long	Built Form
Sandra Grulli	Sustainability
Bojun Chiswell	Committee
Ian Patrick	
Margaret Buck	
Jeff Katz	
Kate Herd	Open Space / River front
Mark Meaden	Sustainability
Peter Jacob	
Michael Mansfield	
Peter Redden	
Peter Nurse	
Nola Farrelly	
Tom Wood	Open Space
Saraid	Media and Communications
Chris Lea	Sustainability
Bruce Watt	Open Space or Transport / traffic

Next meeting proposed for Wed 25<sup>th</sup> Feb 2008 and later changed to Tuesday March 2, 2009.



*Alphington* | **Community Centre**

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4 March 2009

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Co-ordinator, Strategic Planning  
City of Yarra  
P.O. Box 168  
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Dear Sherry,

**Re: Nominations for AMCOR Task Force**

On behalf of the Alphington Community Centre's Committee of Management I take great pleasure in supporting the nominations of three community representatives - namely Jeff Katz, Bojun Chiswell-Bjorkman, Eve Williamson & Ian Patrick (shared position) - to sit on City of Yarra's Amcor Task Force. The nominees are long term residents of our community and all have been active on a range of issues in our community.

The residents of the community of Alphington & Fairfield have formed an association - **Alphington Paper Mill Action Group (APMAG)** - to represent the broader community surrounding the Amcor site in Alphington. After a lengthy consultative process the above nominees were endorsed at a formal meeting of APMAG on 11 February 2009 and by representatives of our community ie South Alphington & Fairfield Civic Assoc (SAFCA), Alphington Bowls Club, Alphington Primary School, Yarra River keepers and Alphington Community Centre.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely,

Elsbeth Chambers  
Co-ordinator

## **Nomination Forms**

## AMCOR TASKFORCE NOMINATION

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Name: ...Eve Williamson

Address: 5 Margaret Grove, Alphington, 3078

Telephone (business hours)...0418 89 22 87

Email (if available) .....eve.w@phebra.com

Are you a resident, property owner or business operator in the Alphington or Fairfield Area?

Resident  Yes

Property owner  Yes

Business operator  No

Are you a member of a community or special interest group?  
Please provide details below.

Name of group ...

Alphington Paper Mill Action Group, Acting President

Fairfield Canoe Club, Member

AMCOR Neighborhood Consultative Committee, former member

Why do you want to be considered for the Amcor taskforce?

- I am a founding member of APMAG and currently acting President. This community group has been established and sanctioned by the greater community to represent the community on the redevelopment of the AMCOR site.
- I have lived in Alphington for 18 years and I am passionate about Alphington area and wish to protect unique river environment
- AMCOR site is a unique opportunity to develop a show case development which is centred on the use of leading edge architecture for environmental sustainability;
- Wish to see improvement in transport and community facilities so that future generations can benefit.
- I have strong business and project management experience which will benefit the Task Force.

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# AMCOR TASKFORCE NOMINATION

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Name: ...Ian Patrick (Dr.).....

Address:..... 16 Roemer Cres, Alphington, Vic 3078.....

Telephone (business hours)...03 94974118.....

Email (if available) .....ipatrick@mira.net.....

Are you a resident, property owner or business operator in the Alphington or Fairfield Area?

Resident  Yes

Property owner  Yes

Business operator  No

Are you a member of a community or special interest group?  
Please provide details below.

Name of group ...Alphington Paper Mill Action Group.....

Position .....Member.....

Why do you want to be considered for the Amcor taskforce?

- Local resident aware of local issues and involved in community activities such as rehabilitation of Alphington wetlands
- History of involvement on AMCOR Neighbourhood Consultative Committee – aware of issues concerning the site and its eventual rehabilitation and use
- Involved in early planning meetings for Alphington Paper Mill Action Group
- Professional skills in design and evaluation of health, environmental, welfare and community development issues supported by Councils, and State and Commonwealth Government Departments

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# AMCOR TASKFORCE NOMINATION

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Name: .....**Bojun Chiswell**.....

Address:.....**7 Yarralea Street, Alphington 3078**.....

Telephone (business hours)...**0450 352 956**

Email (if available) .....**bojunchiswell@hotmail.com**

Are you a resident, property owner or business operator in the Alphington or Fairfield Area?

Resident - **Yes (over 25 years)**

Property owner - **Family owns property (25 years)**

Business operator - **Family member run business (7years)**

Are you a member of a community or special interest group? **Yes**  
Please provide details below.

Name of group ...**Please see attached documentation**.....

Position .....**Please see attached documentation**.....

Why do you want to be considered for the Amcor taskforce?

**I have been nominated as an Alphington communittee representative by Alphington's local residents. For further details please see attached documentation.**

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## AMCOR TASKFORCE NOMINATION

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Name: ...Jeff Katz

Address:...20 View Street Alphington  
Telephone (business hours)...0403-772-883  
Email (if available) ...jeff@familytransitions.com.au

Are you a resident, property owner or business operator in the Alphington or Fairfield Area?

Resident

Property owner

Business operator

Are you a member of a community or special interest group?  
Please provide details below.

Name of group

Committee Member of SAFCA (2000-2004, 2007-current) and Alphington Paper Mill Action Group

Member of Alphington Community Centre, Amcor Neighbourhood Consultative Committee, Alphington Junior Football Club, social member of Alphington Bowls Club, member of various informal organising committees of Alphington Primary School (including barista at the annual school fete!)

Why do you want to be considered for the Amcor taskforce?

As a ten-year resident of Alphington (and previously of Ivanhoe from where I enjoyed the physical attributes of Alphington), I have become passionate about the unique community and physical surrounds of the area, and committed to their preservation and improvement. I have been privileged to raise my children in a true urban community, where people know and look out for each other because they want to, and not just (but especially) in times of personal crisis. The Yarra River corridor, adjoining wetlands and parklands, playgrounds, pre-schools and schools have enabled my family & I to immerse our lives in this city oasis, and be enriched and fulfilled by the social and environmental connectedness on offer. I believe I have a responsibility to my community in return, and have thus been heavily involved in every level of community response to the redevelopment of the mill site since Amcor announced its impending departure in February 2008. (I was also involved on a SAFCA sub-committee to consider this eventuality some years ago.)

I believe redevelopment of the site provides a once-only opportunity to mould a necessarily bigger but better community, extending and enhancing all the special features of the area as outlined above, for more Melbournians to benefit from and contribute to. It provides the potential for Alphington to become and be seen as a recognised urban village integrating environmental with social and inter-personal sustainability of its broadly-defined community and the individuals within it.

I also believe the redevelopment, if not managed correctly, poses serious risks to the current uniqueness and amenity of the area. I wish to focus my energies on the creation of the former and thereby the avoidance of the latter.

I also feel the skills I have honed as a professional mediator (and formerly a practising legal practitioner) assist me in making this contribution.

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