

## Presidents Report 2020

We have seen a strange year with Covid19 shutting us all down, but still construction has continued on the APMAG site and some of the issues to do with traffic and parking have continued. More new residents have moved in and the construction of apartment and townhouses continues. Double-B's are still traversing the local streets and pressure on street parking continues to aggravate the local residents.

**Community Reference Group:** APMAG, WARI and SAFCA and the local sporting groups are represented on the Community Reference Group along with Councillors and senior Council officers and have continued to meet every couple of months with Council Officers and Councillors.

## Highlights/Achievements for APMAG during 2020

- Riverfront monitoring is continuing, and reports and remediation works are still to be agreed between the developer and Council - APMAG is still actively lobbying the developer and Council to get copies of the reports and recommendations
- The ownership of the riverfront and ongoing negotiations between Council, Glenvill and various state authorities have continued
- APMAG has continued to lobby VicRoads, City of Yarra and the developer about the construction traffic and safety for other road users.
- **Construction Traffic;** As part of the original planning permit new traffic lights are to be installed at the corner of the former Latrobe Avenue (now Mills Boulevard) and Heidelberg Road. These lights are still the subject of ongoing design work and no date for the installation of the lights has been agreed. Glenvill have suggested that temporary lights be installed to manage right turn into Mills Boulevard and APMAG sees this as a good solution to manage Construction Traffic across the neighbouring streets until the final installation is in place. This would relieve the rat running by large trucks through residential streets as they find routes to ensure they can turn left into the site at Heidelberg Road, the lights would enable them to enter the site by either a left or right turn from Heidelberg Road

## Development updates

- Hickory Construction has started work on the basement for the Caydon Development on the corner of Heidelberg Road and Chandler Highway. Piling and earthworks are likely to continue, we are told, until December 2020.
- Parkview Road – road construction works are scheduled for the next few months and will be the resurfacing and the landscaping for the precinct.
- Pedestrian lights over Heidelberg Road opposite the House of Lights site are nearing installation – we are told it should be before the end of the year.
- Approval has been granted for delivery of the affordable housing on Heidelberg Road by Community Housing provider CHL
- Another revision to planning permit for the Village Precinct including deletion of the school location and an increase in dwelling has been lodged with Council.
- **Boiler House – demolition and progress;** Glenvill have lodged a planning application for the demolition and replacement building and this is currently being assessed by Council

And finally, thanks to the committee, without the full support and participation of the committee APMAG could not continue to represent the Alphington Community. This year has again been challenging for me personally and I would like to thank the committee for their ongoing support.

Thankyou also to the members for your continued trust and support, don't forget that APMAG is your community voice and it needs your input and participation. Please join the committee and help ensure that APMAG continues as your voice as the development continues.

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