



Darebin Appropriate Development Association: Protect Your Community

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Agenda: 7pm 13 February 2018

We acknowledge DADA is meeting on Wurundjeri country and pay our respects to elders past and present.

Present: Jessica Doyle, Chris Erlandsen, Maria Poletti, Anne Laver, Carolyn Lunt, George Kiriakidis, Meryl Waugh, Cathy Audley, Mandy Baird

Apologies: Kevin Audley

Business Arising:

- a. Correspondence prepared as requested and will be sent to President Poletti. Correspondence presented to DADA, accepted and will be emailed to Maria to send to correspondees.

1. New Business:

DADA acknowledges we are meeting on National Sorry Day.

- a. Website stats from the by-election – Advertisement in The Leader and following hits on the website. Advertisement on 14/11. 439 hits on election day 18/11.
- b. Membership fees now due from 1 January to 31 December 2018. Members present paid in cash and can be done online. Secretary to email receipts to members who paid and add new members to the list and send new membership forms. Establish new database for 2018.
- c. Federal by-election strategies – It was noted Alex Bhathal standing for Greens and Ged Kearney standing for Labor. Prepare letter for Alex and Ged re-introducing ourselves and reminding them of the importance of their planning, housing strategies, negative gearing and most vulnerable members of society.
- d. Refusal of planning application for 629 Plenty Rd – Three years ago we went to VCAT and won. Round two of planning application was made before Christmas. Planning Officer Craig Murphy provided a detailed rejection of the application.
- e. Handbook update – renewed every year and updated Maria working on this now. Cathy will review VCAT section to ensure up to date.
- f. VCAT comment re Council and underground parking – Carolyn Lunt activist living in Northcote. 22 Ross St was going to be 9 units, down to 8 units. Over 40 objections. Lost at VCAT. Member Joel said when it returns to Council, Council can decide whether underground carpark can exist. Disturbed VCAT member has made unfortunate decision. Carolyn seeking advice from DADA. DADA recommends putting signs in the street to oppose inappropriate development, requesting Councillors to make planning process more transparent by recording voting on planning committee.
- g. Protection of wildlife and developments – Carolyn raised awareness of wood Duck in trees in Northcote, possums in habitat. Referred to Wildlife Act 1975. Campaign for Council tree register on private land needs to continue.
- h. Local Government Act – Draft is finalised on 23 February 2018. DADA made a submission to the review of the Act. No significant impact re planning. Real time donation transparency. Previous submissions have been lost
- i. Lori-anne Sharp advised meet and greet with Ged Kearney on 23 February at 6:45pm.

2. From the press:

- a. Saturday's Age – Classifieds tiny advertisement Darebin Council tender: Streets for People Feasibility Study. Link to access <https://etendering.darebin.vic.gov.au>

- b. 31 January 2018 Developers Slammed on standards
- c. Cladding blow to owners to retribute \$60,000 to fix cladding
- d. JJ Richards waste contractors in proposals say things but don't deliver The Age Cara Waters
- e. Letter to the Editor 11/2/18 on Carnegie The Age Planning Alerts
- f. Crossings in Ormond residential building block above the rail line to recoup costs. Blocked at the eleventh hour to reject proposal undermines proper processes and increases red tape. 16/11/17
- g. Development blank canvas a unique opportunity 27/1/18 The Age
- h. Land Checker <https://landchecker.com.au/> site for land development

3. Objector Updates: None other than the one above.

4. Other Business:

- a. Report on Cladding – After Docklands building fire, there are 1400 buildings with subject cladding that needs physical checking. No sprinklers in 2 and 3 storey buildings. To raise awareness of cladding used in properties, pressure Council and Government to do more. Anne emailed Darebin Council to ask if survey on cladding has been done on properties in Darebin.
<http://www.theage.com.au/victoria/apartment-owners-face-60000-cladding-blow-after-court-ruling-protects-builders-20171221-h092gn.html>
<http://www.theage.com.au/victoria/dangerous-cladding-banned-on-buildings-above-two-levels-20171130-gzwkjw.html>
- b. 32 Dean St - Craig has met with Cr Susan Rennie and planners, he is concerned about lack of open space and neighbourhood character.
- c. Horizon Development approved by VCAT, but must do traffic study.

Next Meeting: 7.00pm, Tuesday the 13th of March 2018 at 572 Plenty Road, Preston (Corner of Josephine Grove).