



Malvern East Group

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From the Working Group

This will be an abridged newsletter as we have to get the information about the development of the Monash/Caulfield Campus out to affected residents and we have been given very short notice by DSE of the Information Sessions. More about that later.

Two members of your Working Group attended a meeting of representatives from 70 Residents' Groups from across country and city areas of Victoria. Anger at the Planning Policies of the Bracks Government was evident. Residents decided to hold a protest rally on the steps of Parliament House on May 3/06. A subsequent meeting of the Working Group decided to call this loose coalition of groups "Planning Backlash."

I counted 13 members of MEG at the rally and that was marvellous considering that Melbourne was gridlocked on May 3 because of accidents on the Monash and in the Burnley tunnel. (The people bringing our sound system into town also had an accident!)

Tony Resci of Sydney SOS was the guest Speaker. Tony warned us of the dangers for existing residents when planning decisions are not made at local level as is happening in NSW. He referred to the 'ram, jam and cram brigade'...and we all know about them. There is a push in Victoria to take planning decisions out of the hands of local government. That means that residents will not have a say about what happens in their area. We must make sure that doesn't happen.

**"PLANNING BACKLASH"
WAS LAUNCHED
AT THE RALLY
ON
MAY 3/2006**

MEG Meeting

In our last newsletter we asked you to keep May 25 free for a meeting of MEG. We have had to cancel that date because our speaker will be interstate. June 8 is the date...the venue is Northbrook House (behind the Malvern Library in High St.) All the information about the meeting is on the flyer attached to this newsletter.

We are grateful to Council for giving us an 'in kind Community Grant' for the use of this venue. We are not exactly flush with funds.

Announcement...It's a Win!

It is with a great deal of pleasure that we bring you good news hot off the press. **The residents of Wilmot St. had a win at VCAT. A Refusal to Issue a Permit for the dual occupancy at 16 Wilmot St. was announced this week.**

We could do with a few more announcements like that.

7 Belgrave Rd. Application for dual occupancy was refused under delegation by the Planning Department.

53 Alma St. Application for demolition of the timber building on the site and plans for a 2storey dwelling has received a Recommendation for Approval by the Planning Department and will be considered by Council on May 15.

24 Tollington Av. Council's decision was set aside by VCAT and a permit was issued.

790-792 Warrigal Rd....3 storeys, 20 dwellings will be heard at VCAT on 14/6/06.

3-9 Wilton Vale Crescent....Appeal against decision to Grant a Permit has been appealed. VCAT hearing is on 29/6/06.

14-16 Elizabeth St./6-10 Warner St. (the old MECWA site). VCAT hearing 12/5/06.

URGENT NOTICE!!

PRIORITY DEVELOPMENT PANEL (PDP) INQUIRY MONASH/CAULFIELD CAMPUS

I received this notice on May 10. Registration for the Information sessions was requested by May 12...I have asked for an extension and have been informed that replies will be accepted on Monday May 15 and certainly no later than Tuesday May 16.

A key aim of the project (Monash Fusion) is to integrate the University Campus with the activity centre "to create an active, vital and sustainable centre" and proposes:

- New education office and student accommodation buildings
- Redeveloping Caulfield Plaza and associated car parking
- New active retail, public open space and upgrading of Campus Green
- Upgrades to connections between Caulfield Station, the University Campus, Dandenong Road and Derby St.

Concept plans have been prepared by Equiset.

As a next step and prior to providing its report to the Minister, the PDP is seeking Community and key stakeholder input in respect of the proposed planning scheme provisions.

As key stakeholders we are invited to Information Sessions on Friday May 19. We are also invited to provide the panel with a written submission regarding the project. These have to be sent to the PDP by **Thursday June 1 /06**.

INFORMATION SESSIONS

FRIDAY MAY 19 /06

4.p.m. to 4.30p.m., questions to 5.15p.m.

6p.m.to 6.30p.m., questions to 7.15p.m.

**Monash/Caulfield Campus
Building H, Level 1 (entry level)
Lecture Theatre 1.25**

To register for the information sessions call 9637 8890
or email
priority.development.@dse.vic.gov.au

Registrations close on May 12.

REMEMBER....we have got an extension until May 15..no later than May 16.

**ALSO REMEMBER THAT ZAGAME CORPORATION'S APPEAL FOR
THE 22 STOREY BUILDING IS TO BE HEARD BY VCAT**

AND WE ALL KNOW WHAT VCAT DOES!.....