



Malvern East Group

A Member of *PLANNING BACKLASH*

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From the Working Group

Attached is the notice of our AGM to be held on Wed. October 18/2006 at Northbrook House. At the meeting we will present the Convenor's Report, a Financial Statement, a discussion about the future organisation of MEG and four Local Planning Stories. We hope to see you there.

Our membership has grown from 30 in June 2005 to 63 in June 2006. In July/Aug., many members renewed their membership and MEG's membership grew. This month we welcome three new members... Ross Mentiplay, Evan Mentiplay and Peter Norman. Peter Norman is the Chairman of Directors of the Bendigo Community Bank in Malvern East and we are delighted that he has joined MEG.

Our thanks to those who have renewed their membership and to those who gave us a donation. Members who have not yet renewed may do so by mail before the AGM or on the night of the meeting.

Remy Favre's paper on **VCAT EXPOSED** presented to us at our meeting in June has had much exposure in recent weeks. An article in Melbourne Weekly on Aug 23/06 brought a flurry of enquiries and requests for copies of the document. This was sent to everyone who

identified themselves. Not everyone was happy to do this.

VCAT requested a copy and gave us the name of the enquirer and there was a request from an employee of the Parliamentary Library for a copy for an anonymous M.P. VCAT received a copy but the Parliamentary Library did not.

After the document was studied at VCAT, Stuart Morris, President of VCAT, leapt into print on September 12/06 defending his organisation against accusations of bias.

In the Age on September 15/06 Barry Boyers, a developer in the Bayside area, vigorously defended VCAT against the "no-progress, not-in-my-street, you-can't-live-in-my-suburb, everything-should-stay-like-it-was" crowd.

It's heartening for us to know that developers defend VCAT. It makes us realise that we are on the right track in criticising it and wanting its powers curbed.

We are working continually through "Planning Backlash" to make politicians aware of our dissatisfaction with the way M2030 is systematically (and almost surreptitiously) destroying the valued attributes of Melbourne suburbs. The petition which many of you signed was presented to the Leader of the Opposition on September 11/06 and read in the House on September 13. 3,215 residents signed the document and signatories came from

just over 300 suburbs and country towns in Victoria.

To ensure that the Government is aware that Planning is an issue for the election there will be a Rally outside Bracks' office on...

**SUNDAY OCTOBER 15 AT 2.30
101 Douglas Pde (cnr Napier St.)
Williamstown. Melways 56 B7
Ideal spot for an 18 storey building!**

It's Market Day at Williamstown so you could make it a real day out.

**BRING YOUR SIGNS AND JOIN
THE OTHER
RESIDENTS' GROUPS**

Planning Applications

317 and 319 Waverley Rd. Application for Shop 4 (the corner shop to be used as a food and drink premise with a maximum of 20 seats.

There is an existing allocation of one car space for this shop. The specified rate is 0.6 spaces per seat. Applicant notes that there are only 2 spaces occupied in the area allocated to the 43 units in the student accommodation. Application for Shop 3 to be used as a take-away food premise, specifically a 'pizza store.'

4-6 Clarence St. Application to approve the use of the Church Hall for the Academy of Dance was made by Council on September 4/06. It was a 5 to 4 vote for a business to operate in a Res.1 Zone.

16 Wilmot St. 2 storey dual occupancy. Refused under delegation Sept.20/06.

15 Rowena Pde. New 2 storey dwelling at rear of site. Permit issued under delegation.

52-56 The Boulevard Use and development of land for a Child Care Centre and associated car parking dispensation.

617 Waverley Rd. 2 dwellings on a single lot. Construction of an additional 2 storey dwelling at rear of site. (Info. requested.)

151 Waverley Rd. Use and development of land as a restaurant with dispensation from requirement to provide more than 4 car spaces, associated with liquor licence and business identification signage.

314-316 Waverley Rd. Use and development of land for a dwelling at the rear of an existing shop. (Info. requested.)

708 Waverley Rd. Three dwellings on a single lot.

543 Waverley Rd. Two single storey dwellings on the lot and create access to a Road Zone, Category 1.

20 Paxton St. Two 2 storey dwellings on a single lot.

19 Abbotsford St. Two dwellings on a single lot. Additional dwelling at rear.

2 Webster St. Removal of restrictive covenant.

616 Waverley Rd. Three lot subdivision.

39 Sycamore St. Two lot subdivision.

VCAT Hearings.

30 Sydare St. Alterations and ground level additions to a dwellings on a lot less than 500sq.m. Notice of Decision to Grant issued. Appeal against NOD. 27/9/06

17 Abbotsford Av. Construction of 2 two storey dwellings on a single lot. Appeal Against Refusal. 11/9/06. Awaiting Mediation Hearing.

7 Belgrave Rd. Two dwellings on a lot in an Heritage Overlay. Awaiting decision.

790-792 Warrigal Rd. 20 flats in 3 storey building over basement car parking.

Permit refused by VCAT. **(It's a win for residents!)**

3-9 Wilton Vale Crescent Appeal against Decision to Grant. VCAT issued a Permit with minor alterations

to conditions. **(It's a loss for residents!)**

16 Wilmot St. Against Refusal to Grant. Awaiting date.