



PRESS RELEASE

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Community calls for representation on the Caulfield Racecourse Reserve Trust (CRRT).

The State Governments announcement on Saturday of the seven new members of the Caulfield Racecourse Reserve Trust (CRRT), is a bitter blow to the Caulfield & surrounding communities.

After over a decade of reports, inquiries, consultations and presentations, it seems little has changed regarding community involvement in the access to the centre of the reserve. After all of this, not one local stakeholder group member has been appointed to represent the local community. Not one from local sporting groups, environmental groups, residents groups, schools, local councils or similar has been appointed to voice community opinion.

Instead we have a number of career board members whom seem linked with State Government, Racing Industry and Property Development.

Here we are 4 years after the scathing Auditor General's Report, which lamented the lack of community representation on the CRRT.

The 54 hectare reserve was originally established under the Crown Grant, to be used for three purposes – a racecourse, public recreation ground and public park.

With the repeal of the Crown Grant, which stood for over 150 years, it appears anything goes for the Racecourse Reserve.

The Victorian Environmental Assessment Council has reported that the Glen Eira Municipality has the least amount of open space of any municipality in Victoria. The Stonnington municipality the 2nd least amount of open space.

After years of campaigning, greater involvement of the local community and access to the centre of the reserve by local residents and sporting clubs, has still been denied.

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