

## **Meeting of the Port Phillip Council 18 November 2020**

The following statements were submitted prior to the meeting. Submissions made live during the meeting include some variations and can be listened via our live stream webpage:

<http://webcast.portphillip.vic.gov.au/archive.php>

### **Jack Vukoja– Public Question Time**

The main issue I want to raise is pedestrian safety and access from Acland St to the beach foreshore, does the council have an intention to look into this important arterial for tourists in the precinct around Luna Park. With the future redevelopment of St Kilda pier and Brooks Jetty I feel Shakespeare Grove should be part of the investment into the new tourism destination's. I can imagine a wide boulevard for pedestrians linked by a pedestrian overpass to create seamless access between the different zones. There is also no bike lanes and I witness a lot of hooligans speeding on motorcycles and cars especially after dusk when people are leaving the beach, lots of discussion and possibilities are available around this subject, I appreciate that you might consider some of my thoughts,  
cheers

### **Norbert Oberholzner - Item 7.1 Petition - Requesting to investigate alternative options to make the Kerferd Road Crossover at Herbert Street safer**

My question refers to the recent attempt to a trial closure of the median crossover at Kerferd road between Montague and Herbert streets.

The council distributed a letter to residents (10 August 2020) with the subject of "trial of safety improvements at this intersection".

While I share the concerns of safety at this intersection, I am concerned as to how the council approached this matter and came to a decision.

The council did not thoroughly consult with residents in the greater area.

It was stated in the letter that only 26 "community" residents petitioned that this trial go ahead.

In a more thorough community petition that was initiated a total of 258 residents have requested for the trial NOT to proceed.

That is TEN times greater than the initial petition.

Thus going to prove that most rate paying residents do not want this crossover to be closed.

The council did NOT consider the inconvenience or loss of amenity to neighbourhood residents that would be caused by removing this access.

This crossover has been in place since approx. 1890 and is shown on the MMBW plans of that time. There have been adjustments done to this crossover in the past to make it narrower. The Kerferd Place and Young St crossover has already been removed.

It is a designated crossover between the Albert Park shopping precinct and the shopping strip in Mills St. Therefore providing ease of access to BOTH areas.

The impact that this closure would cause is extensive and the council did NOT fully investigate all of the repercussions to local residents.

No calculations/surveys seem to have been performed prior to this trial, though in the last few days a "car counting device" has been installed in Herbert St.

What is the reason for this?

If the numbers are low then there would be no reason to change the crossover.

If the numbers are high then this increase in traffic volume would be unacceptable if diverted into smaller local streets.

I would like to be involved in any further surveys, as any change will have a great impact for local residents.

Residents wanting to travel across Kerferd Rd to access the shopping areas would have to divert out onto busier roads as in Canterbury/Ferrars Rds or Richardson St.

Also residents would be using the Hambleton St crossover to perform a U turn to drive back up to Montague St. increasing the volume at this point would create more safety issues that are not warranted.

Many residents in Hambleton St are not wanting for this to happen as I have had their feedback.

Council did not look at alternatives, the most logical would be to leave it as it was originally intended.

I believe the best option would be to convert this intersection into a roundabout of a similar scope and detail as at Richardson St.

This would allow for a more controlled dual lane traffic flow and allow easier pedestrian access.

The council's letter dated 10 August refers to the "Shrine to Sea project" as an "Objective" by the Victorian State Government who will be funding it.

This can only create more issues for local residents if this boulevard were to be built and SHOULD not take precedence over ratepayers wishes.

This does not include what could happen along Queen and Albert Rds with their major feeder traffic volumes.

The council should not entertain this Vanity/Beautification project as a reason to change the Kerferd Rd crossover against the wishes of its ratepayers.

I question you all on the above facts and to leave the current road as it is.

But if there is to be change, a detailed and thorough investigation MUST be performed.

### **Cooper Allen - Item 7.4 Petition - Request to allow building of a BMX track on Julier Reserve, Port Melbourne**

1. We'd like the creation of a track somewhere in Port Melbourne (Westgate Park is quite sketchy and is more of a pump track with no real jumps)
2. We are happy with whatever rules the Council wants to set for safety. If you or the Community believe it is unsafe, we can talk to you or the Community about what we should do to make the track safer.
3. There is a large community support and it is something for the kids to do when they outgrow the playground and as most parents would agree, its better than going to parties/sneaking out etc.
4. It doesn't use much space and still leaves plenty of room for people to walk, run and take their dogs to enjoy the park.

### **Louisa Williams - Item 7.5 Petition Speeding vehicles and excessive traffic noise in Port Phillip**

I am representing many community members from Fisherman's Bend to St Kilda who are concerned with the speeding and noise issues that are worsening over the years.

This applies to all vehicles ie. trucks, cars and motorbikes.

To date, we have received around 600 signatures of concerned members via a petition to seek support in remedying the issue.

There is a Facebook group for the community called 'Port Melbourne Focus' and there are numerous posts on a regular basis with all concerned about these same issues.

Concerns are expressed from all demographics: elderly, families, children, tourists, students etc.

Obviously, summer is more pertinent as the location attracts many from outside of the area... we believe these people to be the major issue as it was not an issue during lockdown.

From the petition submissions, the regular themes coming across are excessive speeds (from 100KM to 200KM in the main streets but also down some of the local streets), speeding down smaller streets to avoid the main roads, noise with hotted up cars and mufflers, laps up and down the beach, racing through red lights, U-turns at dangerous intersections and no consideration as they fly down retail strips and through pedestrian crossings.

We are hearing of some community members who are actually moving out of the area due to the speed and noise plus an impact to retailers. Some of the local car parks are being used as 'hoon gathering places'.

Majority feel that it is a matter of time before a tragedy occurs. Many brace themselves for significant crashes as they hear the hooning noises.

There is major frustration that nothing has been done despite so many complaints...either from Council or Police. Feedback is lack of resources and a suggestion that each party is responsible but no collaboration. I am optimistic that this is changing.

In addition, the influx of cars also bring rebel behaviour such as anti-social behaviour, throwing rubbish out of cars, road rage and a reluctance to wear masks.

With COVID restrictions easing and dining on the streets, we now have an added safety concern. Recently, a car went into a bus stop on Graham St and have had various cars plough through fences so dining on streets is a worry.

We are concerned for all students who are building their independence but very trusting ie. they walk with the green man and don't anticipate cars flying through red lights. All schools would be impacted: PMPS on Graham St, APC students crossing Pickles St, the new school on Fisherman's Bend, Port Melbourne Specialist school near many main roads, Middle Park Primary on Mills St and more....

I understand that Martin Foley's office is starting to address the issue but we are really keen to see a police presence, plans put into action and long-term sustainable remedying of the issues before a tragedy does occur.

We would be more than happy to work with relevant parties to discuss solutions which would include EPA monitoring noise, undercover police presence, speed bumps in smaller streets with cameras on main roads and deterring consequences etc.

## **Matt Van Rensburg - Item 7.5 Petition Speeding vehicles and excessive traffic noise in Port Phillip**

Madam Mayor, Councillors, Council officers

Thank You for the opportunity to present.

Matt Van Rensburg PM Apartments OC chairperson.

This statement is in support of petition submitted by Louisa Williams item 7.5 on the agenda as well as being specific to PM Apartment residents.

### **Location of concern**

PM Apartments located on the block abounding Tarver Street, Prohasky Street, Plummer Street.

Roads are a throughway to commercial precinct – Tycab, Container shipyard - gates on Prohasky street - truck stop.

Truck routing on Tarver & Prohasky Streets to commercial area & Westgatebridge

Surrounding main/thoroughfare roads – Graham, Plummer, Williamstown, Cook

### **Background**

PM Apartments first of many residential developments as part of Fishermens Bend re-development

PM Preparatory School

Commercial shopping – Woolworths/Dan Murphy's

Increased residents and kids

Major growth in the coming years - transition from commercial to residential

### **Concerns**

- Traffic Management - truck routings/Truck stop/Commercial entries
- Noise pollution – hoons, motor cyclists, suped up vehicles, truck air brakes
- no specific days or times - not limited to weekends/public holidays - although worse
- Safety (lack of street lighting)
- Speeding

Multiple Authorities-different responsibilities. Who do we go to?

Vic Police, Highway Patrol, VicRoads, Traffic Management, EPA, Council.

Requires a co-ordinated plan of attack. Understand that at State level there is some action - what is that action - Communication is important.

Seeking SPOC ownership/responsibility if possible - task force.

What are the plans to progress Fishermens bend project/initiatives specific to the concerns above?

Also, wish to acknowledge and Thank John from PP EPA who has been working with us relating to other matters.

Thank you for your time.

### **Alan Wilson - Item 7.5 Petition Speeding vehicles and excessive traffic noise in Port Phillip**

The traffic noise on Beacons field parade is an ongoing issue for cars racing but now since we have opened from Stage for it is all week through to early hours of the morning. Last night again with motorbikes block the road while oh Ute did burnouts and doughnuts in the middle of the intersection only metres from my daughter's bedroom. We ask what Council and VicRoads are going to do about it urgently?"

### **John Turnbull - Item 14.3 Review Submissions for Proposed Tenancy Agreement - Port Melbourne Soccer Club**

Update on Community Initiatives:

Aimed at beginners, MiniRoos Kick-Off is a fun, **introductory program** taught in a supportive environment for boys and girls aged between 4 and 11 years old.

Weekly sessions build skills through progressive drills and games, and focus on fundamental movement skills.

MiniRoos Kick-Off will launch in 2021 and – subject to grant funding – we hope to provide this initiative completely **free of charge for CoPP residents**.

MiniRoos Club provides opportunities for **girls and boys of all abilities aged** between 5 and 11 who want to play small sided games as well as train.

The focus is on learning new skills, being active, making lifelong friends and, potentially, unearthing the next generation of Socceros or Matildas.

Following community feedback and our own internal review, **2021 will see us drop the price of our program**, bringing fees in line with other local clubs and lowering the barrier to entry for children from lower income families who want the opportunity to play at our club.

The club is delighted to be launching GO Girls on 21st November 2020, in association with Football Victoria and VicHealth.

Aimed at 12 to 14-year-old girls, GO Girls is designed for participants to experience, learn and practice soccer in an **inclusive, fun, all-girl**

**environment**, the emphasis is on social interactions and enjoyment rather than performance, results and competition.

We are the **first soccer club in Metropolitan Melbourne to run this initiative**, and the only club in Victoria putting this program on for free.

Our community women's program continues to go from strength to strength.

Despite the disruption related to COVID-19, 2020 saw us deliver 1146 hours of fun, fitness and learning new skills to 46 different players across 27 training sessions.

2021 will see the club increase its focus on supporting the growth of female coaches, with an aim to have equal representation across its community programs.

In partnership with City of Port Phillip, Football Victoria, Active Ageing Australia and One Ball, Port Melbourne Sharks will be launching Walking Football.

Walking Football is a small-sided, low-impact, modified version of the game, suitable for all levels of ability and fitness, from people who are returning to sport after a break or those who have never played before. Walking Football aims to provide participants physical & mental health benefits, social contentedness and promotion of the benefits of ongoing physical activity.

In light of confusion around our ongoing support of the One Ball initiative, we have taken steps to formalise our agreement through a **memorandum**

**of understanding**.

In addition to the existing benefits (including **A-League match tickets**, hosting One Ball's end of term meals and provision of kit and equipment) the club will also be awarding **social memberships to all participants and their families**, providing free entry to all senior home games, as well as sponsoring 10 participants through the program each year and providing coaching capacity.

The club is partnering with the Ethnic Communities' Council of Victoria to be a community champion. ECCV is committed to empowering people from culturally diverse backgrounds, advocating for human rights, freedom, respect, equality and dignity for ethnic and multicultural communities and building a socially cohesive and inclusive Victorian community.

The club is delighted to be supporting this mission and is looking forward to working with the ECCV on a number of initiatives starting from the 2021 season.

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The following six questions were submitted prior to the meeting and a summary of the questions were read out during the meeting by the Coordinator Governance.

### **Adrian Jackson – Public Question Time**

1. With predictions of extreme future flooding in low lying areas of Port Phillip why is Fishermans Bend being developed with buildings instead of open space ovals and parkland?
2. Who will pay for the parklets and who will keep them clean? What consultation has been undertaken? Who manages parklets when cafes are closed and are they fire safe?
3. Can Council explain what "Play Space" and "Pop Ups" are as mentioned in the council website and Have Your Say published on 13 Oct 20?
4. What is Council going to do, with police and government assistance naturally, about the illegal drugs, violent assaults and anti-social behaviours in Fitzroy St?
5. Why does council not ban alcohol on outdoor council areas all year around?
6. Can the 50kph speed sign in Patterson St be replaced with a 40kph sign?