



Ranelagh Residents Association

Ranelagh Estate Newsletter

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The RRA Committee would like to wish all our Ranelagh Estate residents and their families a very merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year.



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A "Call to action" from the RRA's newest committee member, Andrea McCall:

I am a passionate supporter and resident of the Ranelagh Estate. My family has lived here for over 30 years and we love it for its greenery, its design and its historical and heritage significance.

I was therefore horrified to hear that the State Government, under planning Minister Richard Wynne, is changing the planning code within two years with no consultation with us about these changes. These changes

are called VC110.

These changes mean:

1) That no planning permits will be required for certain residential buildings and

2) There will be no right of appeal by us to challenge them.

We will be denied **natural justice** and the right to object to an overlarge McMansion or development on our doorstep.

Each of us should have the right to object to any development if it adversely affects us, our family or our home and lifestyle. **We should have the right to appeal.**

If you agree with me, please voice your objection by joining the Ranelagh Residents Association to help us fight this terrible threat to our beautiful Ranelagh Estate.

What is VC110? See page 3.

Your RRA Committee

The RRA Committee is a group of Ranelagh Estate residents drawn from RRA membership who donate their time to ensure our very special environment will continue to be protected from over-development and that the features planned by Walter Burley Griffin in 1923 are preserved for the enjoyment of all.

President—Victoria Grounds

Secretary—Leigh Eustace

Treasurer—Paul Curtis

Public Officer—Ken Burrows

General Committee—Andrea McCall, Jo Kidder

If you would like to correspond with the Committee please email mail@ranelaghestate.org.au

Responses to “Feedback” at RRA’s Annual General Meeting held 18 October 2017

We are grateful to the people who contributed their suggestions for RRA action. Below we list them and the outcomes we hope to achieve.

Underground the powerlines.

We will raise this with the relevant authorities (several!) and report back in the next Ranelagh Newsletter. The original power poles and bare copper wires installed in the 1920s have only recently been replaced with insulated cables, so the opportunity for undergrounding may have passed.

A comprehensive examination and report on the existing trees in Lot M.

Lot M is owned by the Ranelagh Club, so this is a matter to be raised with the Club. This we will do, although our experience with the Club to date has met with resistance to any Club expenditure on Lot M.

Cypress trees along Wimbledon Avenue: protect existing, and replant gaps.

The original planting (alternating *Cupressus macrocarpa* and *Eucalyptus gomphocephala*) is protected under Heritage Victoria listing. In 2011 the Shire commissioned a Vegetation Management Plan for Ranelagh. It includes detailed recommendations for management and staged replanting of the Wimbledon Avenue trees with “like for like”. We have been pressing the Shire to commit to these recommendations, and will continue to do so – particularly during 2018, which we have dedicated to the theme “Regenerate Ranelagh”.



Wimbledon Avenue trees ... dense on one side, bare on the other side.

Protect road reserve at Ranelagh entrance, to screen John Butler carpark.

Similar answer as above ... the 2011 VMP needs to be put into action!

Shire should give high priority to the 2009 Conservation Management Plan when considering planning applications located on Ranelagh Estate.

We have been hammering this one ever since the CMP was endorsed by the Mornington Peninsula Shire Council in July 2009. We have recently met with the Shire’s new Heritage Planner on this exact matter and we are expecting support from this quarter in bringing the CMP to the attention of the Shire’s statutory planners.

More, younger members in the Ranelagh Residents’ Association; a more public face; a sound cooperative relationship with the Ranelagh Club.

We are so with you on these three!

To the writer of these suggestions (unsigned) - please contact any RRA committee member to discuss your ideas on how to achieve these admirable objectives.

Looking for that unique gift?

Sale Poster for Ranelagh Estate, 1924

A full-size meticulously reproduced copy of the original poster promoting the first land sub-division sales in Ranelagh.

Size 95 cm high x 64 cm wide ... \$50

Also available reduced to A3 size ... \$10

Available from RRA committee member Leigh Eustace, Mob: 0401 737 154 or send an email to: mail@ranelaghestate.org.au



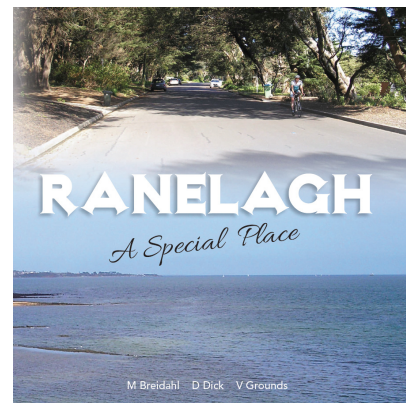
“RANELAGH – A Special Place”

This 200-page full-colour illustrated history of Ranelagh Estate, released just one year ago, has received accolades and already won several awards.

Read more about the book here:

www.ranelaghpublishinghouse.com.au

Available from Mt Eliza branch of Bendigo Bank during business hours ... \$45



What is VC110?

In March this year Victorian Planning Minister Richard Wynne introduced a piece of blanket legislation applying to every property in Victoria that falls within a General Residential Zone, no matter where.

This piece of "planning" now allows 3-storey development 11 metres high, with no planning permit required and no rights of appeal for neighbours. **Coming to your street very soon!**

FROM THIS.....



TO THIS.....



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