

## Glen Eira Residents Association AGM 2008

October 14<sup>th</sup> 2008, St John's UCA Elsternwick

### Apologies

Heather Welsh  
Ann Abbot,  
Joy Steward,  
Geoffrey Paterson,  
Maureen Dowling,  
Philippa Pleydell

### Minutes

Accepted *nem con*

### Report President

- Thanks to members to Committee.
- Significant action for GERA future: Special meeting: guidelines for the future, keeping in touch and involving our membership.
- Good to see council taking some steps to improve consultation: sometimes good, sometimes falls down badly and expensively.
- Primary objectives: short of open space. Money from developers does not go to providing more open space. A long term struggle to change that. \$1.5m per year. Public park at Caulfield Racecourse. It is a racecourse, public recreation ground, open space and public park. GERA and council are agreed that preservation of that division is important in spite of the Trustees perceived indifference.
- Loss of open space will continue as long council doesn't look upon open space as the most highly valued by the community.
- Liveability inquiry. Parliamentary select committee into public land.
- Level crossings.
- Many developers can't finance developments into the future – with an flow-on effect for development applications

Received (*Alex Scutt/Felicite Campbell*)

### Treasurer's Report

Accepted  
Jack Campbell, Cheryl Forge.

## **Election of Office Bearers**

All positions declared vacant

President: Don Dunstan  
Vice President: Christine French  
Treasurer: Joy Steward  
Minute Secretary: Geoffrey Paterson  
Web Co-Ordinator: Alex Scutt  
Committee: Jack Campbell  
Kevin Robins  
Cheryl Forge  
Alex Scutt

Don Dunstan resumed the chair:

Important issues for the next year include:

Open space in the public domain, at Caulfield Racecourse.

Involvement with other community groups: SaveOurSuburbs,  
GECA – recently formed with a view to forming an umbrella group for all community  
groups in the municipality.

## **Other Business.**

Recognition of Anne Abbott's and Max Pleydell's time on the committee and letter of appreciation to be sent.

Make a donation to the Elsternwick Club for the use of their room for the AGM. \$50 to cover expenses incurred. (Carried)

## **Guest Speaker**

Mr Ian Quick, President of Save our Suburbs.

Local Government Act and changes to Planning laws.

Vote of Thanks and response: Jack Campbell

Meeting finished: 9.30pm

## **Attendance**

Jack Campbell, Felicitie Campbell, Mary Walsh, Geoff Paterson, Cheryl. Forge, Christine French, Michael. French, Max Pleydell, Don Dunstan, Alex Scutt, Kevin Robins, Aidan Kent.