## Dear HNA Subscribers

The Annual General Meeting of the Hampton Neighbourhood Association was held last Monday August 10. At this meeting a new committee was elected. The new committee is a blend of 'old' and 'new' HNA members and it is great to have representation from Orlando St.

The new committee is:

President Tony Shepherd
Vice President John Balmer
Secretary Suzanne Gipson
Treasurer Melissa Lovejoy

Committee members; David Osborn, Tony Batt, Bruce Fikkers and there is currently one committee position vacant.

Thank you to David Osborn for all of the work he did as President in the HNAs first year and to the other committee members who have 'stepped down' for their work also.

The AGM was followed by a general meeting where the latest development - the sudden and unexpected reversal of Bayside Council's decision on traffic movement in and out of the VicTrack/DHHS development site - was discussed.

In summary:

At the April Council meeting, Council voted for Option C (a realigned Koolkuna Lane meeting Willis St on the east side of the Scout Hall site) It appears that Council learned in July that DHHS and VicTrack do not support the closure of Koolkunna Lane.

On August 6 Willis St residents received notice that this decision had been overturned and that Option A (existing Koolkuna Lane alignment with traffic reversed was the likely solution) This Option was the least acceptable option from the community consultation process conducted in early April, the least efficient from a traffic movement perspective and seems to have been arrived at for the convenience of VicTrack and the movement of buses.

On August 10 Council Officers hosted a drop in session for Willis St residents at the Community Centre.

On August 25 at the next Council Meeting, Council will be voting on item 10.1 'Hampton Willis St Precinct-Traffic Management and Scout Hall Site'.

HNA propose that Council should vote against item 10.1 Now that DHHS/VicTrack have advised that they do not support the closure of Koolkuna Lane and the purchase of 6A Willis St new analysis and community consultation is required to ensure that the best possible traffic flows are achieved to meet the needs of all stakeholders not just VicTrack and it's focus on bus movements.

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This is very short notice but if you are free on Tuesday night between 7 and 8 please come to the Council meeting and show your support for the HNA. We need to have a visible presence to show Councillors that we are serious. I

We are able to leave after our issue has been dealt with so it wont be a late night.

**Council Chambers** Boxshall St Brighton Meeting commences at 7pm

Kind regards Suzanne Gipson for HNA