



## CCAG Presidents Report

### AGM: December 2018

CCAG worked in the following areas during 2017:

#### Communication

We maintained our website, keeping it up to date with our news. And we used our “mail chimp” newsletter system regularly.

#### Parking & Traffic.

We continued dialogue with Council’s Traffic Manager Jim Hondrakis and his team. Three current initiatives discussed are:

- Rochester/Canterbury/Maling Roads intersection – slow progress, but next step is Council survey of Rochester Road residents about traffic signals.
- Kendall Road Underpass & Lack of Footpath – local residents should be surveyed soon about two options.
- Multi Storey Carpark at Canterbury Station – more later.

#### Canterbury Stationers

Stationers is an initiative of CCAG that works on the gardens at Canterbury Station under the umbrella of Keep Victoria Beautiful.

We held working bees in March, May, September and November involving a total of 60 Working Bee-ers.

The March working bee was conducted as a Clean Up Australia event, and covered the Station and surrounding Maling Road shopping centre.

During 2018, we were lucky enough to receive Council Community Strengthening Grant of \$5,500 to install water tanks and indigenous gardens at the station, and that work was completed in early November.

Thank you to everyone involved – traders, residents & passers-by.

#### Maling Road & Canterbury Village SCs

CCAG believes that we can improve Maling Road & Canterbury Village Shopping Centres by engaging and working together. But it will need positive cooperation, persistence and leadership. More later tonight.

We should receive a \$5000 Community Strengthening Grant for a mural on Buckley’s Supermarket wall. More about that later tonight.

#### Graffiti Removal

We have two Graffiti removal kits in our network. Peter Adams north of Canterbury Road, and I have one for the south area. And Tim keeps removing graffiti in the pathways around the old Bowling Club

Urban Forest Up till last year, Amanda lead our efforts in Urban Forest. CCAG really needs someone to take over from where Amanda has left off.

## Networking

In March, our trusty volunteers letterboxed every residence in Canterbury, letting people know about CCAG, and inviting everyone to enjoy “Canterbury@Twilight” at Theatre Place 4pm on Saturday 7 April.

About 200 neighbours dropped in, enjoyed BBQ and live music, many of the Maling Traders got involved and our community groups networked:

- CCAG
- Neighbourhood Watch
- Canterbury Neighbourhood Centre
- Lighter Footprints
- Canterbury History Group
- Canterbury Baptist Church

In November, CNC produced its inaugural 3126 community newspaper, and CCAG members delivered it to letterboxes across the suburb.

## Strategic Planning

We congratulate our Councillors and Council Officers on almost completing Amendment C266 which will see heritage protection afforded to many more properties in Canterbury.

## Conclusion

At a personal level, I would like to thank our Committee. I believe we functioned well, with all committee members contributing with purpose, towards the common good.

Thank you Gordon for your chairing of all our meetings, and continuing to keep good books. Thank you Peter for all the Secretary work. Thank you Rob, for your insightful advice, and to you & Jean for hosting our Committee meetings.

Our informal sub-committees did a great job, for which we are very grateful:

- Jo – provided the creative inspiration for our Canterbury@Twilight event, always has a good idea, and was a driving force behind the 3126 community newspaper.
- Wendy - maintaining a constant positive dialogue with Council officers about maintenance at Maling Road.
- Tim – thinking and describing the Maling upgrade, and organised to renovate those garden boxes.
- Robin & Peter – just kept organising & working at improving the station.
- Pam – lead planting at the station.

Thank you to you our members for your support, involvement & enthusiasm.



John Constable  
Chair – CCAG  
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