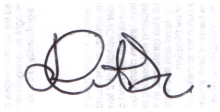
AGM | Wednesday 17 March 2021

President's Report 2020

CANTERBURY COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP
Progressing the future
Protecting the past

Dear Members & Supporters,

- Welcome to this our 8th AGM.
- I have tabulated our activities during 2020 and provided the attached for your review & information.
- I have come to end of my time working on the CCAG Committee, during which I "co-invented" CCAG, served as Secretary for 4 years, and President for 4 years.
- Canterbury Community Action Group - its naming at inception was a compromise of two visions - "Action" & "Community"
- My emphasis has been on "Community" - generating opportunities to bring our community together, for the benefit of our community.
- Highlights for me include:
    - Bradshaws - community coming together to get a better outcome for the 101 Maling site.
    - Stationeers - since 2015, installation of murals & gardens, and working bees each quarter.
    - Clean Up Australia - since 2017, annual community cleanup of Maling Road and Station.
    - Maling Shopping Centre improvement - since 2017, generating community and Council momentum.
    - 3126 Deliveries - since 2018, volunteers delivering all 6 editions to all 3200 Canterbury homes, in support of Canterbury Neighbourhood Centre.
    - Maling Murals - in 2019, stimulating community discussion on public art, & now a Council promise to have two Maling sites installed by mid 2020.
- I am hopeful that:
    - Canterbury Friends will be the mechanism for future community working bees on Council assets around Maling Road.
    - Council & Community will support, develop and implement the Maling Place Plan
    - State government will upgrade parking at Canterbury Station, improve access across Canterbury Road and construct the Box Hill to Hawthorn shared path.
- After 8 years, I think we have achieved a network of passionate and inspiring people who care about the Canterbury community.
- There are many people I sincerely thank:
    - Members & Volunteers - everyone who supported & helped this year and before.
    - Past committee members - Lorri Buttner, Amanda Rasmussen-Huang and Lisa Hollingsworth.
    - Peter Barclay - joined our Committee this year and provided valuable perspective of a Maling Trader.
    - Jo Marchese - a creative force on many initiatives, over many years
    - Wendy Wilkinson - a constant force for improvement around Maling Road.
    - Rob Ewing - in May, resigned after 7 years on Committee. We miss his measured legal advice, and his knowledge of Canterbury's wheeler-dealers.
    - Tim Wilkinson - joined Committee this year, spent countless hours and energy. Tim revolutionized our Comms (Facebook, Canterbury Connect and Website) and much more.
    - Peter Jenkins - Committee for 8 years, and Secretary for four years, running our Committee and efficient email communications to our network.
    - Gordon Black - Treasurer for 8 years, chaired every CCAG meeting for the last four years and provided valuable advice & support to me.
- I have enjoyed working with you all over the last 8 years, I thank-you for your support, passion and inspiration.
- And I look forward to volunteering with you all for many years to come.
- I have found involvement in the CCAG Committee and Presidency to be personally fulfilling, and I highly recommend the life experience.



John Constable
President, CCAG

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Canterbury Community Action Group - Activities 2020

Month	Topic	Action
All	CCAG	CCAG Committee Meetings - January, February , March, April, May, June, August, October, November, December
January	Stationeers	Metro approves installation of seats under Station.
	Murals	Completed the Grant Completion form to Council, Seek funds for murals from Council
February	CCAG	Peter Barclay & Tim Wilkinson attend first Committee meeting at Faversham House
	Stationeers	Seek assistance from Council on selection of seats
	Murals	Assist Strathcona to gain Metro & Council agreement for Canterbury Road murals.
	Networking	Provide letter of support for MRBA grants for Kriskindle and Autoclassico
March	Stationeers	Clean Up Australia Working Bee - 19 people
	Maling	Meet Council to advance Theatre Place bin enclosure
	Networking	Write Article For & Deliver 3126 Magazine
	Urban Forest	Lobby Council to improve tree protection during Planning Approval process.
April	Murals	Gain approvals process from Metro for Strathcona Mural
	Murals	Completed and submitted Final Report on Murals
May	Maling	David Cowan & Jane Addis attends CCAG meeting to provide briefing on the Place Making Vision
	Maling	CCAG advises network to contribute to consultation on the Place Making Vision
	Maling	CCAG makes submission to Council on Place Making Vision
	CCAG	Tim completes systematic assessment of CCAG's projects and priorities
	CCAG	Tim starts to update CCAG website
	Stationeers	Greenlink & VINC donate plants for the gardens. Those plantings completed.
	Murals	Approached Bendigo Bank to gain funding for IGA Mural
	Climate	CCAG provides letter of support for Council to declare Climate Emergency
	Traffic	Meet with Council Traffic Engineers about ongoing topics
	CCAG	Rob Ewing resigns from CCAG Committee after 8 years service - sadly missed!
June	Networking	Write Article For & Abandon Delivery of 3126 Magazine
	Traffic	Send letter & Zoom Meet with Paul Hamer & John Kennedy MLA about Railway Carpark, Station Access & Canterbury Road safety
	Maling	Provide info on safety around Maling Road to Council, to support its Grant applications
	Stationeers	Working Bee - 10 people
July	Traffic	Contact Bicycle Victoria to help lobby for bridge over Canterbury Road, and the Box Hill to Hawthorn Bike Path
	Climate	Mat Dixon from Council attends CCAG Meeting to discuss Climate Action
	Maling Road	Council releases Maling Place Plan
August	Maling Road	ZOOM Meet with Council to discuss & help promote the Maling Place Plan
September	Networking	First Edition of Canterbury Connect posted on Facebook, CCAG Website & to email network.
	Maling Road	CCAG seeks Council assistance to set up Canterbury Friends
	Climate	CCAG makes submission to Council on Climate Action Plan
October	Murals	Council provides Letter of Support for IGA Mural
	Networking	Canterbury Connect issued.
November	Stationeers	Two Working Bees - 10 people (COVID Limited).
	Maling Road	Theatre Place bin enclosure commissioned
	Murals	Council agrees to progress and fund COTE and Strathcona murals
	Networking	Canterbury Connect issued.
December	Stationeers	Working Bee - 10 people (COVID Limited). Succeeds in renovating the gardens in Theatre Place
	Networking	Canterbury Connect issued.
	Murals	Council announces Community Art Engagement process to ensure the development of future artwork is a true representation of the community's past, present and future,