

Carlton Housing Redevelopment newsletter

News from the Department of Human Services for the Carlton community
April 2012

Project news

New children's playgrounds

The Carlton Housing Redevelopment is creating a revitalised neighbourhood, including new social and private housing, parks, gardens and playgrounds as well as a retirement living and aged-care centre by Australian Unity.

Recent activity during the last three months includes building the new children's playground and the tenants' barbecue area beside 510 Lygon Street.

There is a new tenant car park beside 140 Neill Street with new pathways and landscaping.

For senior tenants, at 530 Lygon Street, there is new exercise equipment and landscaped seating areas.

New children's playground next to 510 Lygon Street building

New community garden at 530 Lygon Street

Residents of 530 Lygon Street will shortly have access to a new community garden with 30 individual plots and 4 communal garden beds for herbs and fruit trees.

Community gardens are a great way to meet other people, while allowing you to get your hands dirty and grow your own food.

The garden is currently being built and is expected to be finished in May–June this year. Interested social housing residents are invited to contact Cultivating Community on 9429 3084 for an application form.

A meeting with gardeners and interested tenants will be arranged in the garden before it is opened.



Project news (continued)

Keppel & Cardigan Streets site

The second stage of the project includes 50 social housing apartments and 98 private apartments. The building works have reached lock-up stage and they are due to be completed by September 2012. The private apartments are being marketed by Australand and over 90 per cent have been sold.

New social and private housing construction in Cardigan Street



Improvements to the high-rise buildings

The Department is progressively upgrading existing units in the high-rise buildings and this will continue throughout 2012.

Upgrade works for 27 apartments on levels 15 to 17 of the 480 Lygon Street tower are currently underway and are on track to finish in the middle of 2012. Meanwhile, works on 24 apartments on level 11 and 12 of the 510 Lygon Street tower are underway and are expected to be completed in the latter half of 2012.

Building a new foyer at 140 Neill Street began in January this year and is expected to be finished by October 2012. The new foyer will provide a new safe, modern entry to the building from Drummond Street with more natural light. It will include a community meeting space and better security guard facilities.

Elgin & Nicholson Streets site

The third stage of the project will include 112 social housing apartments and 116 private apartments. The design of the new housing buildings and the new public parks and playgrounds were reviewed by the Community



Artist's impression of social housing at the Elgin and Nicholson Streets site

Liaison Committee before being lodged for a planning permit with the Department of Planning and Community Development. A sales suite for the private apartments is located on the corner of Elgin and Canning Streets. The building works are planned to start in the second half of 2012.

Australian Unity Centre

A new aged care and wellbeing centre is being designed by Australian Unity. It will include 160 high and low care beds as well as a day respite service. The building will also include many facilities that will be available to the public, such as medical suites, seniors' gymnasium, a hydrotherapy pool, cafe and a community and meeting room. A planning permit has been lodged with the Department of Planning and Community Development. The building works are planned to start in the second half of 2012.

Artist's impression of Australian Unity Wellbeing Precinct, corner of Rathdowne and Reeves Streets



Carlton's Work and Learning Centre opens its doors

The new Carlton Work and Learning Centre was officially opened on Thursday March 22, by the Minister for Housing, the Hon Wendy Lovell. It is the first of five DHS funded Work and Learning Centres to be established across Victoria in partnership with the Brotherhood of St Laurence.

Based on successful training and skills programs run by the Brotherhood of St Laurence, the new Carlton Work and Learning Centre will provide tenants with intensive support to secure work or training opportunities. This includes jobs generated as part of the redevelopment of the Carlton Housing Estate and aged care jobs in the Australian Unity Wellbeing Centre.

This initiative will build on the significant number of job and training opportunities already created through the redevelopment project, including employment in construction with St Hilliers, the Carlton Hospital partnership project and a local computer enterprise.



Housing Minister Wendy Lovell MLC and Member for Northern Metropolitan Region Craig Ondarchie MLC with Legese Kidane outside the new Carlton Work and Learning Centre

The new Centre will also work closely with the Department's Public Tenant Employment Program which fills job vacancies for roles in maintenance, landscaping, security, building and construction and for the redevelopment project.

Need help finding work?

Residents seeking assistance into employment or training should visit the new Work and Learning Centre, which will operate from the Church of All Nations, 180 Palmerston Street, Carlton.

Work and Learning Advisors, employed by the Brotherhood of St Laurence, are available between 9:00am and 5:00pm Monday to Thursday. On Fridays residents can meet with Work and Learning Advisors at the Yarra Centre for Work and Learning at 95 Brunswick Street, Fitzroy.

Alternatively, please call Dan Kavanagh on 9288 9931 to talk about your employment and training needs.

Meet local resident Alan Sanders

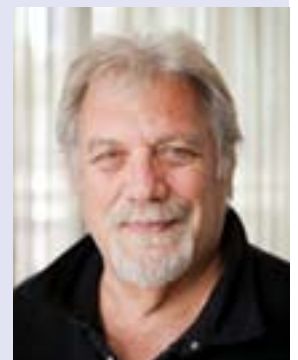
Alan Sanders is a Community Liaison Committee member and was originally based in the 530 Lygon Street building before moving to the new building at 522 Drummond Street. He loves his new apartment and enjoys having friends over to sit on his balcony and enjoy the view.

Alan likes the convenience of living in Carlton as it means that he is able to walk or catch public transport to get around the city. Since selling his car more than a year ago, he now also enjoys walking around his suburb to take in the ever-changing scenery.

Alan was involved with the CLC for six to eight months, before being formally elected as a representative in February 2012. He decided to get involved with the CLC because he wanted to find out what was happening with the redevelopment project.

"I am looking forward to being able to represent my neighbours' interests and ideas about the Carlton Housing Redevelopment Project at the CLC meetings", said Alan.

In addition to his involvement in the CLC, Alan is also an active member of his church, Enjoy Church in North Sunshine, helping with their various outreach programs and the church's administration.



Alan Sanders, one of Carlton's Community Liaison Committee representatives

Community Liaison Committee

The Community Liaison Committee (CLC) brings together public and private residents, businesses, local agencies and state and local government to discuss important issues about the housing redevelopment to help guide the project.

A representative for six of the seven buildings was elected on Friday 17 February. Congratulations to the following public resident representatives:

- Alan – 530 Lygon Street building
- Doug – 522 Drummond Street building
- John – 20 Elgin Street and 141 Nicholson Street buildings
- Lokman – 480 Lygon Street building
- Miguel – 140 Neill Street building
- Mustafa – 510 Lygon Street building

At the meeting in February, two residents from the new private housing joined the CLC.

The CLC meetings are held every two months. To find out more about the CLC or how you can get involved, please email carlton.redevelopment@dhs.vic.gov.au or telephone Marius Vogl on 9096 5875.

Eco Champions for sustainable living

Late last year the Department of Human Services and the City of Melbourne funded Environment Victoria to train 14 people in public and private housing in Carlton. They learnt about the water, energy and waste-saving features of their buildings. Armed with this knowledge, the Eco Champions have been busy spreading the word to neighbours on how to reduce their environmental impact and save money.



*Eco Champion
Rossana Fuentes*

Already the Eco Champions have presented to the Eritrean and Carlton Housing Estate Residents Services (CHERS) groups, held a drop-in session at the Carlton Neighbourhood Learning Centre and door-knocked new residents to provide translated leaflets on recycling measures. In the coming months, they will continue the foyer drop-in sessions so people can learn about living in an environmentally sustainable way.

For more information about the Carlton Eco Neighbourhood program visit www.environmentvictoria.org.au or call Charlie Davie on 9341 8108.

English

If you would like to receive this information in your own language, please contact your local Housing Office.

Arabic

معلومات بلغات مختلفة

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Chinese

其他語言的資訊

若需獲得用你的語言印刷的這些資訊請聯繫當地的公房辦事處。

Somali

Macluumaadka luqadaha kale ku qoran

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Spanish

Información en otros idiomas

Si desea recibir esta información en su idioma, por favor contacte a su Oficina local de la Vivienda.

Turkish

Başka dillerde bilgi

Bu bilgiyi kendi dilinizde temin etmek isterseniz, lütfen bölgenizdeki Konut Dairesini (Housing Office) arayınız.

Vietnamese

Thông tin bằng các ngôn ngữ khác

Nếu quý vị muốn nhận thông tin này bằng ngôn ngữ của mình, hãy liên lạc với Văn phòng Gia cư (Housing Office) tại địa phương.

For more information on the redevelopment please email Carlton.Redevlopment@dhs.vic.gov.au or phone 9096 5875.