

# Welcome

Welcome to the June Newsletter.

A big thank you to many people this month, for help around the town, and after a big fight we finally have the results.

June events are listed on page 2



# Thank you

Thank you to all our members for their support and work over the past 6 years whilst we at MEEPPA, along with the Mt Evelyn Community have been fighting the inappropriate Safeway Development in the heart of our town.

What a wonderful result Justice Dwyer found that all the things we have been saying all this time were correct and that the development was an oversized and unsympathetic monstrosity Congratulations to everyone who contributed to our wonderful success.

It was wonderful to see so many of you at the "We Won" party and especially our Guest Tony Nguyen from Canungra.

# Where to next?

I was asked this repeatedly on Friday night 'what will Woolworths do next?' Woolworths have been given 28 days to appeal to the Supreme Court over the VCAT Decision Order dated May 5. If they are still determined it would be far far cheaper for them to redesign the proposal and go right back through the Full Formal Process of Council – full Re - Notification. Right back to the start.

Current opinion is that a Supermarket of maximum 1600 sq. metres – just under the size of IGA might just be 'squeezed' onto the site. Woolworths do have smaller Supermarkets but given what is happening at Mullumbimby and Canungra they are looking for space of between 3800 - 4200 sq. metres. They have always liked to have their 'badging' out there so the temptation might be there. Whatever they try the whole site in the middle of the township is just under 4000 sq. mts. so allowing for the relevant setbacks under the DDO provisions, the Residential Interface with Snowball Avenue and the height constraints a large Supermarket would be out of the question.

There is always the outside chance that they could challenge and appeal the provisions of the DDO as being 'overly restrictive' (?) but that would be a totally different case and not specific to this decision. Then separately challenge the whole decision in the High Court. For any of this 'Leave' (Permission) would have to be granted.



"And the Oscar goes to?"

# Another thank you

Thank you to Tony Sykes, Barry Marshall, Gwenda Donaldson and the students from the Mt Evelyn Christian School for their help on the Owl Land on Friday.

## June events

Our next meeting is June 2, starting at 7:30pm at the Community Room, Wray Crescent. Everyone is welcome.

The Owl land working bee will be Sunday 1st from 10am to 12. Parking is available across the road at Pemroke, please bring protective clothing.

Meeting dates for the rest of the year:

- 2nd June
- 7th July
- 4th August
- 1st September
- 6th October
- 3rd November
- 1st December

If you would like anything to go on the agenda for these meetings please email us at [meeppanews@gmail.com](mailto:meeppanews@gmail.com)

# Powerful Owl Management

On Wednesday 28 May, Clare and Franc presented Powerful Owl Nesting and Roosting Sites along with Flight Plan Mapping Evidence to a Panel of Council and DSE people during a special Meeting in an attempt to declare at least 3 (possibly 4) areas around Mount Evelyn as P.O.M. (Powerful Owl Management Areas) under the 'Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 'Statement No 92'. None of the Breeding Areas off the Owl Land have ever had any special protection and all are now extremely vulnerable. The areas, especially Quinns Reserve are under threat from Human Interference as well as from maintenance crews and was the reason that MEEPPA invoked an 'Owl Core Nesting Protocol' last year. This will be formalized at this meeting and a 'Protocol' established to review the 'Owl Land Management Plan' which must also reflect the overall protection of the 4 main sites that have been studied and mapped to date.

MEEPPA wish to express their gratitude to Mayor Tim Heenan and the SYR for the valuable acquisition of a Brush Cutter for Owl Land Maintenance.

# Mt Evelyn Rallies Against Woolworths



Don't forget to check [www.mtevelynraw.com](http://www.mtevelynraw.com) to keep up to date with all the Woolworths development information.

We are currently updating it with every article from the local newspapers to this date. It will also give details of what you can do if the fight continues.

All information and events to do with this issue will be published on Mt Evelyn RAW.