

ECHRI PRESIDENTS REPORT 2024

Following an initial quiet period ECHRI has increased its activities thanks to a couple of members and in particular our Secretary, David Levin and the new webmaster, Andy Lloyd.

ECHRI was originally established around the campaign to save the Royal Hotel from demolition and with a focus on planning issues. With the finalisation of the Royal issue and the Dirty Apron matter there have been few if any planning issues to pursue.

WEBSITE

Thanks to Andy Lloyd ECHRI now has a new website <http://www.echri.org/> which is highlighting new issues such as the Council elections.

COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Andy and Colin Hocking worked up a questionnaire for council candidates and have provided their responses on the website. By the time this report is presented the election will be over and we will have an understanding of the make-up of the new Council.

POST BOXES

Following an alert from Carol Jasen ECHRI took up the issue of the unannounced removal of post boxes from East Clifton Hill. Despite a flurry of correspondence Australia Post has been unmoved and refuses to return the removed boxes, install any replacements or even provide the community with notices about the removal. David Levin has kept up the charge on this matter.

COOPERATION WITH OTHER GROUPS

Various members of ECHRI have continued to provide advice and engage with the multitude of other resident organisations in Yarra and will continue to do so. Providing a unified approach to the Council on planning matters remains a strong foil against the development pressures emanating from groups such as YIMBY and their cheer leaders in the property development industry.

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