



PRESERVING AUSTRALIA'S OLDEST GARDEN SUBURB

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HH Mayor and Councillors

Dear Ms Miscamble,

At our recent Trust committee meeting we discussed how shocked we were by the removal and reconstruction of the kerbing (& gutter) in Gladesville Rd, alongside St Josephs College.

Astonishingly, this work has resulted in the replacement of the sandstone kerb stones with concrete. This has drastically diminished the streetscape and setting for this landmark building.

It may very well be that the kerb required maintenance; but we are distressed at the loss of such a high profile example of one of the heritage characteristics of Hunters Hill. It is ironic that this has happened at the same time the college, in replacing its slate roof, has sourced slate from the same quarry in Wales as provided the original roof.

Just as we expect Council to protect historic buildings, we also expect Council to protect and maintain other reminders of Hunters Hills early history. Indeed this is embedded in Hunters Hill Local Environmental Plan 2012, which states (1.2, Aims of Plan) that one of the 'particular aims' is 'to conserve Aboriginal heritage and European heritage that influence the character and identity of the municipality'.

I am reminded of the lane behind my mother's house in Parkville (Melbourne), in which the original bluestone paving had been modernised with a covering of asphalt. In the 1980s, as a contribution to preserving the heritage of this early suburb of Melbourne, the Council cleaned Parkville's lanes of their asphalt covering, and relaid them as they would have been in originally.

I hope you can provide a full explanation and justification for this action, presumably approved by Council, and reassure us that no other sandstone kerbing will be replaced by concrete, and that the stone removed from Gladesville Rd is being retained for reuse.

Yours sincerely

Alister Sharp, President
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