

### Introduction

Welcome to the September Newsletter of the St Albans Business Group Association. This newsletter has some of the important events that will happen around St Albans in the coming months. Please note in your diaries the Moon Lantern Festival on 26 September and of course our Festival Fund Raiser dinner on 9<sup>th</sup> October at L'Amour receptions.

I would also like to thank the committee members for their continual input and support of the Association and St Albans businesses. The committee members are all unpaid volunteers who dedicate time to ensure your interests are being looked after. If you are interested in becoming a committee member, please contact me on (03) 9366 4011 or Ray Jacobs on 0402 992 116.

### Fund Raising Dinner - Year of the Monkey

The Festival committee is organising its yearly fund raising dinner again. This is a fun night, now at a different venue very close to St Albans.

It will be held:

Friday 9th October  
L'Amour Receptions  
81-95 Henry Street, St Albans

Costs are \$45 per person for a five course dinner. BYO or drinks are available at the bar.

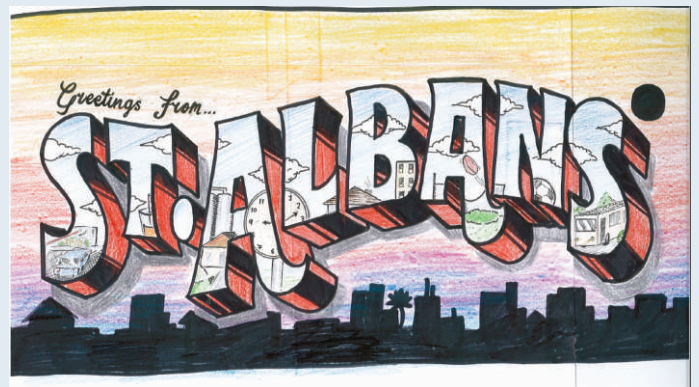
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St Albans



### Murals

In cooperation with Brimbank City Council and Telstra, the Association will be able to install two murals around St Albans. One will be on the IGA car park wall, another on the Telstra fence.

These colourful murals will be created with the help of young local artists, thus providing them with useful skills. It will also engender a great sense of "Place" which will help create a better shopping environment.



### Lights

In cooperation with Brimbank City Council the Association has been successful in obtaining two grants to install security lighting in two hotspots in St Albans. They include the laneway behind U&I Café and the laneway behind Nando's in St Albans Square. Combined with a planned graffiti clean-up these areas will dramatically improve these areas and thus contribute to our safer shopping environment.



## Level Crossing Construction Works Set To Commence

First Stage: Sunday 4 October – Thursday 29 October 2015

An alliance including Leighton Contractors, Aurecon and Hyder Consulting has been awarded the contract for level crossing removals at Furlong and Main Roads in St Albans. They will work with Public Transport Victoria, Metro Trains Melbourne and VicRoads in construction, which will take place over approximately 12 to 18 months. This project will improve safety, reduce congestion and increase train services.

Due to the complex nature of the project, construction activities will need to be done continuously through October (24 hours). While we will do all we can to manage impacts, this work may be disruptive.

Works will be at St Albans Station Platform 2 and 3, McKechnie Street and West Esplanade, St Albans.

### When work will occur?

Sunday 4 October to Friday 29 October. This will include weekend and night work.

### What is happening?

The crews will be demolishing existing station buildings on Platforms 2 and 3 and conducting excavation and earthworks to build the foundations for the construction of new services and facilities. There may be some noise experienced from demolition, excavation and boring into the ground to establish the foundations for the new St Albans Station. The team will put in place measure to minimise the impact of the work on the surrounding community as much as possible, and apologise for any inconvenience and appreciate your understanding during this process.

## Changes to train services Sunbury Line: 4 October – 30 October 2015

From 4 October until 30 October no trains will stop at Platform 2 at the station when buses will replace Watergardens/Sunbury trains between St Albans and Keilor Plains. The replacement bus stop will be situated in the station's East Esplanade car park for this period.

*Level Crossing Removal Project Package 2 (St Albans) overview video at [www.vic.gov.au/levelcrossings](http://www.vic.gov.au/levelcrossings)*

## St Albans Moon Lantern Festival

The St Albans Business Association with various community groups will provide a Moon Lantern making workshop for our kids with entertainment and presents.

It will be held:

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September  
 Victoria Square (behind IGA car park)  
 10:30-5pm Moon Lantern Workshops  
 2pm-5pm Entertainment  
 5pm Moon Lantern Parade

There will be a free sausage sizzle, ice cream and various foods and music. This is a fun day for all and is not to be missed!

