



Alexandria Residents' Action Group

8 February 2017 Meeting

Alexandria Town Hall

- WestConnex – Tsunami Warning
 - Eco Transit video
- Understanding the health impacts – Danny Carrol (ARAG member)
- Alexandria Sunday FunDay – 26 March 2017
- Other business

Alexandria Carmageddon





The Problem

- Euston road – McEvoy street as a traffic sewer
- Today 6,000 cars, tomorrow 63,000 cars (Parramatta road [62,000 Haberfield](#)) (current)
- Welcome pollution, noise, loss of amenity and bad health impacts



Near Roadway Air Pollution and Health: USA EPA

- People who live, work or attend school near major roads appear to have an increased incidence and severity of health problems associated with air pollution exposures related to roadway traffic.
- These risks include:
 - Higher rates of asthma onset and aggravation
 - Cardiovascular disease
 - Impaired lung development in children
 - Pre-term and low-birthweight infants
 - Childhood leukaemia
 - Premature death

Vehicle emissions – a harmful cocktail of particulate matter, carbon dioxide, sulphur dioxide, nitrogen oxide, ozone etc

National Environment Protection Council
“... many pollutants are **without** a safe threshold” (2008 report)



How bad could it be ?

- Approx 3000 Australians per year die from air pollution & vehicle emission-related causes
- It's higher than the road toll

Doctors for the environment Australia, April, 2016

Living near busy roads increases dementia risk:
Lancet study, [SMH Jan 5, 2017](#)
[Air pollution and early childhood cognitive development](#)

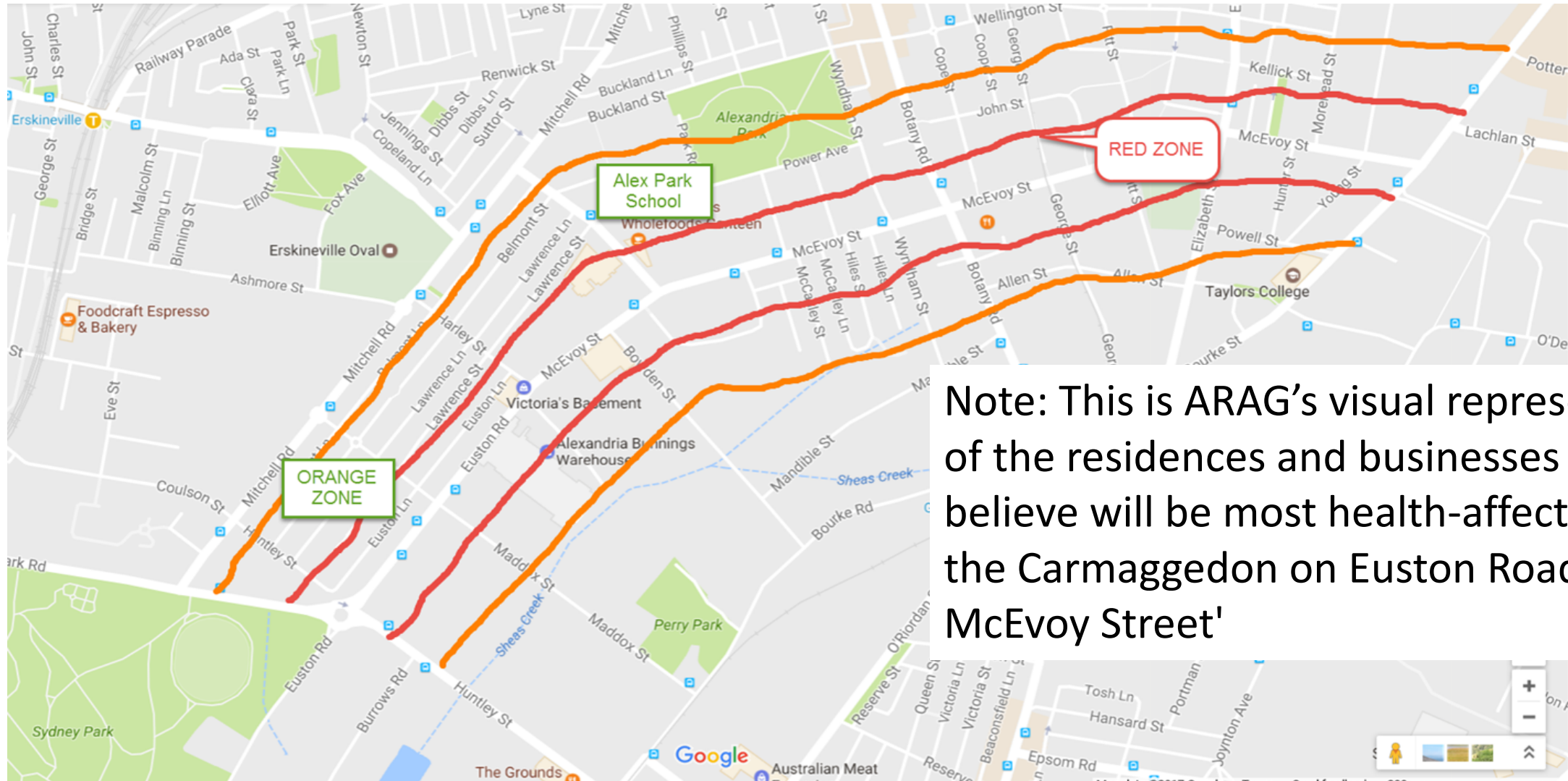
Heat islands: traffic is a major contributor

The solutions:

- Reduce traffic
- Increase public transport use
- Promote passive transport modes
- Increase vegetation near roads

- Children
- The aged
- The ill and people with cardio-vascular conditions

Pollution reality



“Car pollution puts child health at risk”

Deborah Gough and Sarah Whyte, [SMH , July 22 2012](#)

[Media release: Doctors call on environment ministers to adopt strict air pollution laws](#)

For more information, contact us via
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What does ARAG stand for?

- Alexandria Residents Action Group formed some time ago
- Current Co-Ordination Group held a strategy meeting to do some initial thinking about 2017
- As a start, we began brainstorming what ARAG stands for, but welcome your input
- Some of the initial thinking on the next slide



What does ARAG stand for?

ARAG stands for:

- Respecting Alexandria (Primary)
- Celebrating Alexandria (Primary)
- Improving Alexandria



Focus Areas for 2017?

What do you want to hear about in 2017?

- Traffic
- Transport
- Parking
- Development Projects – Design Excellence
- Childcare
- Aged care

Alexandria Sunday FunDay



Sunday 26 March 2017 / 11:00am-3:00pm
Alexandria Park, Buckland Street, Alexandria

- It's happening!
- Tell your friends and family to come and join in on the fun!

Can you spare some time to help with:

- Flyer distribution
- Support on the day (set up, pack up, BBQ duties etc)

Please see Vanessa



New Venue for Meetings in 2017

- Alexandria Town Hall is closing for renovations – April – October
- Alternative venues:
 - Ron Williams Activity centre - Kepos Street Redfern (near Surry Hills)
 - Redfern town Hall – main hall
 - Cliff Noble Centre - s available on the second Thursday of the month

Feedback on options please

- Alexandria to Moore Park road widening - inviting the Project representatives from Roads and Maritime Services to speak
- Councillor Chung from the City of Sydney is coming along to introduce himself and find out about the local issues we care about

Other suggestions are welcome!



THANK YOU

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