

Notice: SOS Annual General Meeting (FY 16/17) - Nov.2017

**Save Our Suburbs Inc (Vic) will hold its 2017 AGM
at 2:30pm on Sunday 19th November 2017.**

VENUE: Meeting Room 1, Hawthorn Library, 584 Glenferrie Rd Hawthorn

Dear Member,

In a day or so you should receive postal confirmation of the 2017 SOS AGM details above, including a proxy form and a map of the venue. Your committee decided earlier this year not to levy membership fees for FY 17/18, and that all paid-up members from FY 15/16 would remain current members and may vote at the AGM.

The Committee will report on financial transactions for the FY and briefly summarise recent planning issues, including progress of the joint SOS project with Environmental Justice Australia which will publicise flaws in the content and operation of the Planning and Environment Act in the lead up to next year's State election.

Refreshments will be available afterwards, followed by the 2016 film:

“Citizen Jane – Battle for the City”

From the director of "Valentino the Last Emperor", this is a David and Goliath tale of the woman who rallied her community and challenged the highest echelons of power to save the neighbourhoods that thousands of New Yorkers called home.

In 1955, New York ‘Master Builder’ Robert Moses proposed a 10-lane elevated highway through Manhattan that would demolish the cherished neighbourhoods of Little Italy, Chinatown, SoHo and the Lower East Side.

Jane Jacobs, a writer and Greenwich Village resident, was incensed. She responded by motivating her community to engage in letter writing campaigns, government lobbying and acts of civil disobedience to defeat this modernist vision for New York.

This battle for the city became the first of many for Jane, setting her on the path to becoming one of the world’s leading thinkers on urbanism and community

Her first book, "The Death and Life of Great American Cities", championed a fresh and community-based approach to city building and openly challenged established beliefs within architecture, planning and government circles.

“Cities have the capability of providing something for everybody, only because, and only when, they are created by everybody”.

REVIEWS:

[Citizen Jane: Battle for the City review – New York's urban planning war retold | Film | The Guardian](#)
[Street fighter: how Jane Jacobs saved New York from Bulldozer Bob | Art and design | The Guardian](#)
[New doco leaves Jane Jacobs trapped in the rubble of old arguments - LA Times](#)