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**EAST MELBOURNE
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BOCCE PLAYERS

You have probably seen these guys in Darling Square throwing their bocce balls around, because they have been doing so every Wednesday for the past ten years. Long-time friends with musical and artistic connections, they can get quite loud in the excitement of

their 'them and us' competition. But local residents don't complain. In fact they have been known to join in.

In the early days the weather didn't matter. Come rain, hail or shine they were there but as they now claim to be

a bit more sensible inclement weather has put them off very occasionally. Legend has it that if their partners gave birth on Wednesday, bocce came first!

They are all looking forward very much to taking part in the bocce competition at the Fiesta where anyone over age 16 can join in. The competition will be sponsored by our local vet All Creatures on Hoddle and rumour has it there will be great liquid and cash prizes.

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Jolimont resident Yelena Young has recently put her hand up to help.



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See you at the Fiesta!

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The East Melbourne Group with support from the City of Melbourne Event Partnership Program is hosting this Fiesta to bring our community together for a day of fun and entertainment in a village fair atmosphere. Come with a picnic basket or buy food and drink from vendors but plan to stay for the day to join in all the activities on the program, which runs from 10am to 4pm.

CHECK OUT WHAT'S ON WHEN

Don't miss out on all the fabulous classes and competitions. Check out the program schedule from 3 November at www.emg.org.au

Along with non-stop live music from Aria winning band The Killjoys and jazz by the Plan B Big Band, there will be the chance to enjoy a vast range of activities including:

- games for kids and adults run by Life Be In It
- first class horse and carriage rides
- jumping castle built to hold big kids as well as small ones.
- antiques roadshow with expert Dawn Davis from Eaglemont Antiques (dig out and bring along grandma's hand-me-downs to see

if it's trash or treasure or learn the provenance of a favourite piece)

- petting zoo
- competitions including:
 - » **BOCCE** - open to anyone over 16 years. Generous prizes of the liquid variety for some categories.
 - » **DECORATED CUP CAKES** - kids and adults can enter one or ten masterpieces with the winners nominated by a people's choice voting system.
 - » **DECORATED WHEELS** - dress up your bike, scooter, skateboard or wheelchair just for the fun of showing it off in a parade for great prizes.

- » **HANDBALL** - kids and adults test your skill with Melbourne footballers.
- » **TRIVIA** - (iphones allowed) with an East Melbourne Jolimont theme to work on while you picnic.
- » **A DOG PARADE** - nothing too serious with categories of best dressed, most like owner, best trick, most charming. You will even have the chance to get your pooch a quick pedicure and fringe trim on the day courtesy of Dogs HQ.
- an opportunity to **try various wellbeing activities** - be sure to wear comfortable clothing and bring a mat or towel if you want to give yoga, pilates or meditation a try
 - » **yoga** and **meditation** with the people from the Gita school.

The stalls are bound to inspire you to Christmas shop and great prizes donated by local business supporters will make it worth trying your luck in the raffle.

For a donation of just \$10 per family, \$5 single you will receive a wristband that gives you access to absolutely everything on the program at no further charge!

This East Melbourne Jolimont Fiesta truly is a community day for our community presented by our community which will entertain you all day.

the Fiesta!



- » **zumba** and **zumbatonic** (kids zumba) fitness through dance moves with Catalina.
- » **pilates** with a local expert.
- » **callanetics** gentle body toning exercises with Miz Tee.
- » **tai chi** with a world Master Han Jin Song from Tai Chi Australia.
- » **seated massage** provided by the graduates from Kangan TAFE.
- » **cool Latin dance** moves with a genuine Latino teacher Ms Gonzales.
- » **cardio tennis** for adults and tennis skills for kids with Chris at East Melbourne Tennis Centre.
- » **creative dance** for kids with Julia Fox.
- face painting and ballooning
- **raffle** with great prizes donated by local businesses
- make a guess to win a delicious Christmas cake.
- caricatures – have your caricature drawn as a memento for family or friends
- **learn how to**
 - » grow edibles on a balcony and help us get more community gardening space in our suburb.
 - » make jewellery.
 - » train your dog to behave well.
 - » look after your health.
- join **walking tours** of historical East Melbourne hosted by the East Melbourne Historical Society
- see **displays** including MFB, Police and SES vehicles and personnel, fabulous vintage and classic cars, local artists and sculptors, The Johnston Collection, the Freemasons

Don't forget to bring along your precious items and find out their worth at our antiques roadshow.

PLAN TO ENTER A COMPETITION ?

Parade your dog



Decorate a cupcake



Throw a Bocce ball



Decorate your wheels

For details on how to enter visit: www.emg.org.au

- have your hearing tested by experts from Blamey & Saunders
- **stalls** including some with fabulous gifts for Christmas. Plants, bric a brac, recycled clothes, made in East Melbourne crafts and books by local authors, preserves, Italian biscuits, Christmas gifts, decorations and cards, jewellery and cute baby gear
- talk to people about sustainable **community initiatives** such as greenshare cars, the sharehood, establishing a men's shed and a craft circle

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WE STILL NEED:

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ANOTHER ICON OF EAST MELBOURNE HISTORY COULD BE AT RISK

The parish of Holy Trinity, East Melbourne, is appealing to the local community to help save the parish from disappearing.

Falling attendances and support has placed the church in a difficult financial situation, after 150 years of ministering to the East Melbourne community.

A Save Holy Trinity Committee has been set up by the Right Reverend Ian George, AO Acting Vicar and former Archbishop of Adelaide.

Both the East Melbourne Group and the East Melbourne Historical Society had their genesis at Holy Trinity.

Many readers will remember Stuart Esnouf, life member of Holy Trinity, churchwarden and founding member of the East Melbourne Group. A memorial plaque in the church was erected by the Esnouf family and the East Melbourne Group.

Thousands and thousands of individuals have been associated with Holy Trinity over



the years, be it for weddings, baptisms or funerals and many others have been helped with prayer, administration of the Sacraments, counselling or ministry to their particular physical or spiritual needs.

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WHO ARE WE?

By Fred Halliday

The Australian Census of Population and Housing occurs every five years. Last year the census was taken in August and the Australian Bureau of Statistics has recently released the first set of 2011 census data.

Census data are available for the East Melbourne and Jolimont postal area 3002, which is bounded by Hoddle Street, Victoria Parade, Spring Street and Yarra (MCG) Park.

The resident population of the suburb on census night was 4714 persons. Our resident population has grown steadily over the last five years, adding an average of 77 additional residents per year since 2006.

EXACTLY TWO THIRDS OF US LIVE IN APARTMENTS

Whilst one normally thinks of East Melbourne as a leafy green suburb with an interesting range of houses from every era since Victorian, the reality is that almost exactly two thirds of us live in apartment accommodation. That said, unlike other neighbouring suburbs whose characters are changing due to the increased development of medium and large apartment complexes, the character of East Melbourne appears stable as the ratio between the number of apartments and houses has remained fairly constant at 2.8 apartments for every house.

Eighty per cent of the growth in our population has occurred through an increase in the number of both houses and apartments. The increase in the number of houses has been entirely due to an increase in the number of semi-detached or townhouse accommodation, where existing single houses, or empty land, have been subdivided and redeveloped. The remaining twenty per cent of our population growth has been achieved through an increase in household size. This has occurred in both apartments and houses. Increasing household size is against the national trend for smaller household sizes and is likely to be a reflection of the desirable nature of our suburb.

The age profile of the East Melbourne population is very different from the national population profile in two areas: children and across the 25 to the 34 year old age group.



Bindi, Nick and Zara moved to an apartment in East Melbourne in 2012

The suburb has very few children and teenagers compared to the national average. Only seven per cent of local residents are younger than 19, whereas in the national population the figure is 26 per cent. Whilst the low number of children may reflect a range of factors such as apartment living not being seen as conducive to raising families, it is also apparent that the availability of schooling options has an impact. Between one and four years old there are on average 27 children at each year of age but at five years of age approximately 60 per cent of these children leave East Melbourne.

31 PERCENT OF US ARE IN THE 25 – 34 AGE GROUP

In the 25 to 34 year old age group the reverse is true. Nationally 14 per cent of Australians are in this age band. In East Melbourne the comparable figure is 31 per cent. The majority of this group live in apartments, and over three quarters of them are single and/or have never been married.

Other tit bits about our local population:

- 65 per cent of our residents were born in Australia, five per cent less than the national average. The most common

other countries of birth are, in order: United Kingdom, New Zealand, Malaysia, United States, India and China.

- We're considerably more godless than the national population! 39 per cent of residents stated they have no religious belief, compared to 22 per cent of the Australian population. The Catholics appear to be the sole large religious group that goes against this trend, perhaps because of the proximity of St Patrick's Cathedral.
- We have three centenarians living in the suburb, and there may be up to seven more at the next census in 2016.
- There are approximately 2400 cars reported as being in the suburb, which explains why I can often not find a parking spot outside my home.
- 92 per cent of residences have some form of internet connection reflecting income and location. The national average is 79 per cent.



It'll be interesting to see whether the level of connectivity increases given that East Melbourne is listed for National Broadband Rollout in 2013 before the next federal election is scheduled.

WHAT IS A HERITAGE OVERLAY?

BY ANITA STEINBATH

Heritage Overlays are specific planning controls included in the State Planning Scheme designed to address development and changes of individual sites and areas with identified heritage significance, like East Melbourne and Jolimont.

The purpose of a Heritage Overlay is to:

- ensure places of cultural or heritage significance are conserved or enhanced
- conserve and enhance those elements which contribute to the significance of heritage places
- ensure development does not adversely affect the significance of heritage places
- conserve specifically identified heritage places by allowing a use that would otherwise be prohibited if this will demonstrably assist with the conservation of the significance of the heritage place.

East Melbourne and Jolimont are covered by Heritage Overlay H02 which requires planning permits to be issued for external alterations or additions (including external repairs and maintenance); demolition or removal of an individual site; external painting and finishes; subdivision or consolidation; fences; signs; and change of use.

Internal changes do not require a planning permit although in a recent VCAT case an internal staircase was deemed to be of heritage significance and its removal was subject to the condition that the staircase be retained and stored on site.

The majority of buildings within H02 are heritage graded. The City of Melbourne has graded each building with cultural heritage significance according to its importance. The grading of individual sites can be identified on the City of

Melbourne's i-heritage data base which can be accessed via their website. Individual streets have been allocated a streetscape grading. The form, façade, materials and colours of an addition or new building will be determined by the streetscape grading.

The significance of the heritage place (the heritage grading of an individual site together with the streetscape grading) and whether any proposal will adversely affect the cultural heritage significance of the place will determine whether a planning permit is issued and its terms and conditions.

If you're interested in exploring and understanding the heritage grading of your home, or other buildings in the precinct, go to the City of Melbourne's i-heritage data base and Heritage Victoria's Victorian Heritage Register.





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PAST HERITAGE BATTLES: OLA COHN PLACE

BY LOTTE MULLIGAN

In the years I was active on the heritage sub-committee of the EMG we had some interesting battles to save heritage sites in our area. One such was the Ola Cohn Centre at 43 Gipps Street (though the frontage is at Ola Cohn Place).

The building was designed by Charles d'Ebro (architect of the Princes Bridge among other important structures) as livery stables in 1888. It was bought by the well-known artist Ola Cohn in the 1930s and used as her home and studio. Cohn's works are to be seen in all major Australian galleries and her 'Fairy Tree' remains a feature of the Fitzroy Gardens to this day. She bequeathed the property to the Council of Adult Education in 1964, specifying in her will that it was to be used by the Melbourne Society of Women Painters and Sculptors for their work. The CAE has held art classes there ever since.

In 2002 however, it was decided to sell the premises, presumably to raise revenue, thus breaking the terms of the will. This move was strenuously opposed by the Cohn family, the Women Painters and the EMG who wished to protect this important local heritage site. We lobbied the Minister, (Rob Hulls) and prepared a case to counter the claims of the CAE that the building was a drain on its resources. We argued that the premises did not require the extensive expenditure the CAE claimed was required to continue its present uses. We put the case for its heritage preservation as an icon of East Melbourne history and for its architectural uniqueness as a nineteenth century livery stables.

The result was that the buildings and grounds were registered as heritage

and with the help of the government we won the battle for the preservation and continued use of Ola's Place as a centre for the teaching and practice of art by the Melbourne Society of Women Painters and Sculptors as well as for art classes by the CAE. The building and gardens continue to represent their unique nineteenth and twentieth century history in East Melbourne.

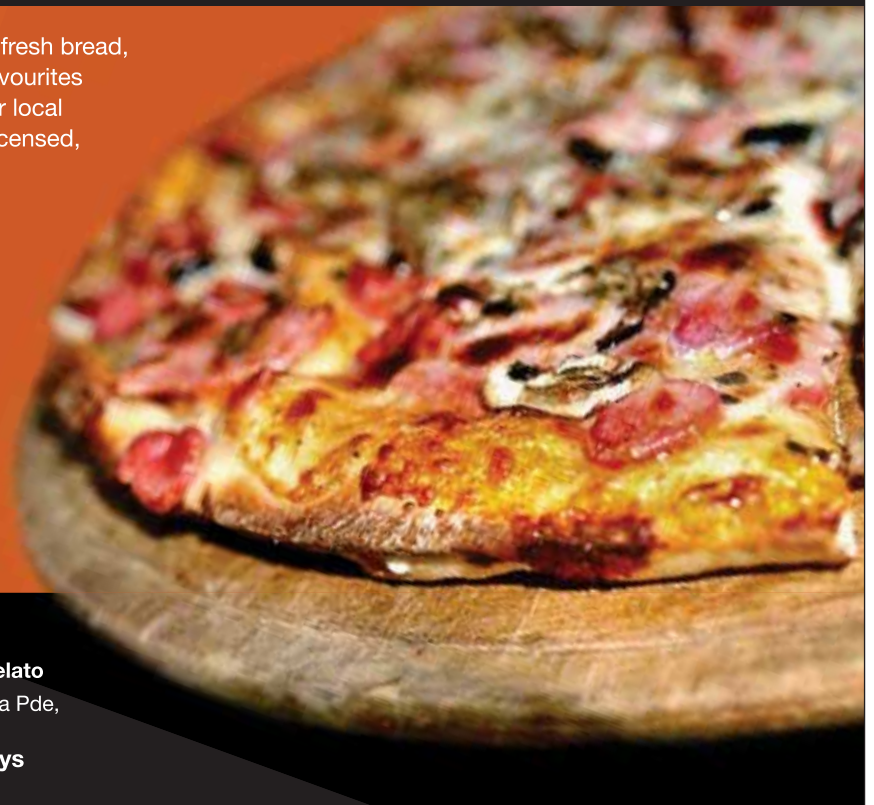


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FITZROY GARDENS

The major project in Fitzroy Gardens to build a stormwater recycling facility and return some of the land currently used by the depot to the gardens is well advanced. The roof of the storage tank is scheduled to be laid in the second week of October, with completion of the tank expected in December. A contract has been let for the new depot and visitors' centre designed to house visitor information, interpretation facilities, merchandise sales and a small refreshment outlet. This facility is expected to be ready late 2013. Landscaping of the land to be returned to the Gardens is still subject to further discussions with Heritage Victoria.

The Council has also allocated funds to rejuvenate the high ground by the Dolphin fountain and for new lighting in several avenues.



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YARRA PARK

WATER RECYCLING

Construction of the Water Recycling Facility near Gate 3 of the MCG has been finished. With completion of the irrigation systems having been brought forward, the whole of Yarra Park now has water available to it from the facility. Some local residents have been concerned at the two glass and steel entrance structures intruding on the

park above the facility and the concrete path over what was previously lawn.

The MCC is also looking to bring forward the timetable for the landscape upgrade, with work on the section between the MCG and Richmond (including the so-called 'bald hill' area) planned to commence in early October. The other grassed areas to be completed are in front of Jolimont Terrace and the area in

the south west corner where the City West Water works have been carried out. The MCC has told EMJ that if possible it would like to finish much of the park by the end of summer, which would be a year ahead of schedule. The MCC acknowledges that the Water Recycling Facility and landscape works have meant the park has been disturbed for some time and is keen to complete the planned remediation as soon as possible.

NO PARKING

Keen observers would have noticed that the MCC has also shut the park to car parking for events on occasions this year due to wet weather. The MCC took this action to give the landscape works that have been completed time to settle and consolidate. The East Melbourne Group applauds the MCC's stance to use its discretion to protect the park where damage would be likely due to weather conditions. It also shows that a policy of closing Yarra Park to car parking, as advocated by the East Melbourne Group, can work without detriment to the success of events at the MCG and in the wider sports and entertainment precinct.



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THE DALLAS BROOKS CENTRE ... SELL, DEVELOP OR RENOVATE?

The Dallas Brooks Centre, named after Victorian governor and former Grand Master General the Hon. Sir Dallas Brooks, was opened in 1969 as the new headquarters for Freemasons Victoria. At that time, freemasonry in Victoria had a membership base of over 100 000, and a purpose-built facility was necessary to meet the needs of both the membership and administration. With the building now

over 40 years old and Freemasons Victoria's current membership standing at 13 000, the Dallas Brooks Centre, in its current state, is not ideal for the organisation's present and future requirements.

As such, Freemasons Victoria is considering the future of the Dallas Brooks Centre. 'There are a number of options,' said CEO of Freemasons Victoria Peter Henshall, 'which include investigating development

options. Whether we decide to sell, develop or renovate, there will be a continuing masonic presence on the site.'

'We are mindful of the importance of the Dallas Brooks Centre to the overall visual and social amenity of the East Melbourne area and will do everything to ensure that any development is sympathetic to this precinct.'

Freemasons Victoria is currently cataloguing its collection of artefacts and photos so that if the organisation finds a new home, its heritage will be preserved. 'We have an interesting collection,' said Mr Henshall. 'Sir William Clarke was our first Grand Master and his Master Mason's certificate is in our museum, and that's just the beginning of a collection that traces the state's cultural, architectural and social development.'

Freemasonry offers members opportunities for self-development, mutual support, education and community service, with over 315 member sites throughout the state. Its community based work, project partnerships and philanthropic activities contribute significantly to local and international causes. Membership to freemasonry is open to all men over the age of eighteen. **For enquiries visit: www.freemasonsvic.net.au**

Freemasons Victoria has kindly agreed to sponsor the Aria-winning group The Killjoys to perform at the Fiesta and they will also have a mobile lodge set up.



*Artichoke barigoule,
rye crumb, agrodolce granita*



*Tea smoked salmon, orange,
cardamon praline*



*Mesclun leaves, radish,
asparagus*

Because she ate a handful of pomegranate seeds, Persephone (the Greek God of Spring Growth) is forced to spend half of each year in Hades! It's a stiff punishment, but who are we to question those crazy Greek Gods. The good news is that she's back from her trip down south, and is spreading her springtime love over our menu at Europa.

The new spring menu features all the fresh and vibrant bounty of the season, and is served for lunch 7 days a week, and in the evenings from Tuesday through Friday. We are proud of our new menu which continues to reflect a strong focus on local and seasonal produce and follows our philosophy of boutique quality.

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SEE YOU AT NORM'S

THE EAST MELBOURNE GENERAL STORE

Is it any wonder that after 21 years the East Melbourne General Store is more commonly known as Norm's? You can certainly pick up a carton of milk, a paper and a loaf of bread but you will undoubtedly come away with much more. As well as the cheery personal welcome from Norm or Anna you are likely to become part of a bigger conversation around the counter with whoever else happens to be in the store at the time. Cars, wine, good food, films, football, current affairs and life in our suburb (including contentious building projects) are all topics that get tossed around. It's where people catch up with each other for a chat and Norm and Anna often oblige by passing on messages.

According to Anna, 'Our motto is what happens in the store stays in the store.' But there have been so many funny incidents over the years that make them smile.

Just recently Norm helped a damsel in distress. A lady from the country had brought a friend to the big city for a medical procedure. She came into the store completely lost and with no clue where she'd parked her car apart from there

being a 2 hour sign nearby. She thought it was in Simpson, or perhaps George Street, but couldn't find it there so she came in to ask at the store if they knew where the 2 hour parking signs were.

AFTER 21 YEARS IT'S HARD TO IMAGINE WHAT EAST MELBOURNE WOULD BE LIKE WITHOUT NORM AND ANNA BEHIND THE COUNTER. AND IT'S EQUALLY HARD FOR THEM TO IMAGINE WHAT LIFE WILL BE LIKE WITHOUT THE CUSTOMERS THEY HAVE GROWN TO LOVE.

After many questions Norm thought it would be easier to drive around to see if he could spot it. Five minutes later they got a call to say the lost car was in Wellington Parade. Another happy customer at Norm's was on her way out the door! That's real service.

It turned out to be such a different life to what they had before buying the store and raising their family here. Anna worked in a bank and Norm was involved in a family restaurant.

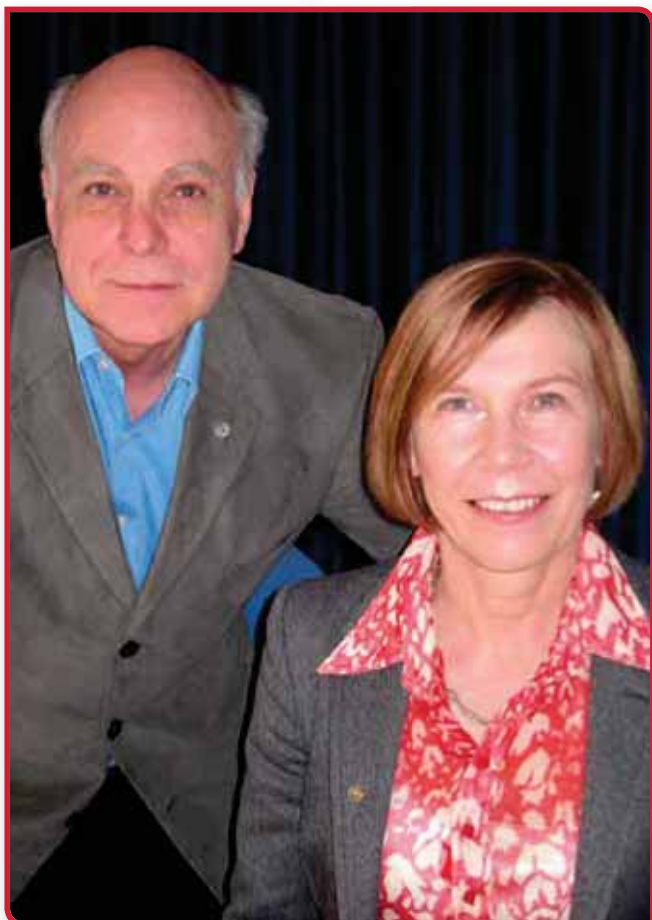
But sadly times change and community stores like Norm's are dying every day, being unable to compete with big business. As Norm and Anna have finally completed their family home in the Yarra Valley, they are moving out of the residence above the store. As a consequence they have reduced their opening hours and employed Norm's cousin to run the store on weekends. They are both looking forward very much to having time to sit back with a glass of good red. So they will be out exploring new wineries on their weekends off, provided their two teenagers have no sporting commitments.

The one thing that bugs them about East Melbourne is the lack of tolerance we show to each other when it comes to building. People want to pursue their own building projects but object when neighbours seek planning permission for theirs. What's good for the goose should be good for the gander according to Norm and Anna.

Norm and Anna will help judge the dog parade at the Fiesta.



HEAR, HEAR



By Emily Marr

Peter Blamey and Elaine Saunders are doing ground breaking work at their hearing centre in Albert Street East Melbourne.

Professor Blamey, a prolific inventor, was recently awarded a Clunies Ross Science and Technology Medal by the Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering. The Award recognises a broad career in research and development, including work on the amplifier used in the bionic ear and the invention of a new hearing aid self-fit system called IHearYou.®

Peter is concerned about the danger faced by the iPod generation through their poor understanding of the cumulative nature of exposure to noise, and the risks posed by routine use of MP3 players. It is not so much the occasional night out with live music, but the impact of exposure to quite loud sounds over time that does so much harm to our fragile ears, which once damaged, are irreparable.

Hearing difficulties affect one in six Australians and this figure rises to three in every four over

the age of 70. People are often reluctant to seek help because they don't want to be seen wearing a hearing aid, not realising that evolution in technology has meant products are now quite small and fit discretely behind the ear. This failure to address their problem means many consequently tend to become increasingly socially isolated as their hearing prevents comfortable participation in activities.

In August Dr Saunders was recognised for her contribution with a Community Award from the City of Melbourne. She led development and commercialisation of the technology now used in the first fully integrated self-fit hearing aid. This device is unique and empowering because it enables the user to make their own fine tuning adjustments at home in their own listening environment. It is an especially valuable feature for people living in rural and remote locations where easy access to an audiologist is hard to come by.

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KIRSTEN & ESTELLE

Kirsten works flexibly from home combining her role as mother to Estelle with commercial transactions as the partner in a boutique law firm and designing exquisite handbags and accessories. According to Kirsten East Melbourne provides almost everything on her doorstep – apart from a primary school. She appreciates the Friday night MCG buzz, Sunday's bells at St Patrick's Cathedral, the Maternal and Child Health centre, great parks and knowing her neighbours and local business operators. And the best vet for her other baby, Zachary the black cocker spaniel!



GLORIA KNIGHT

Like most locals Gloria has, over the past four years, come to appreciate our proximity to the city, good transport and our parks and library. With a large garden in West Gippsland to maintain still Gloria relishes the opportunity to put her feet up in the park to enjoy a good book. She leads a group of retired history teachers for research and discussion and thinks our neighbourhood would be improved by a place for large groups to get together for discussions, lectures and films.



JOHN FOY

Every day John can be seen walking briskly with a pile of mail in his hand. It is amazing that even when mail arrives bearing the wrong address we still receive it. I guess that is the benefit of having a postie who has delivered mail here for over 15 years. Residents are not just a number! John likes his job because it keeps him fit as well as pays the bills and our environment makes it a pleasant walk every day – if there was less traffic on Hoddle Street it would be perfect. Outside work John's interest are furniture restoration, music and visiting wineries.



DOROTHY WAKEFIELD

Dorothy bought her house in East Melbourne in 1966 with a ten pound deposit. She fell in love with it because it reminded her of the home she'd had in London. Living here enabled her to walk to work at the Herald and Weekly Times where she worked for over 40 years – when it was a good paper! She got to know all the gardeners in the Fitzroy Gardens and they often gave her cuttings and plants. Over the years Dorothy has made and outlived many friends here and enjoyed the library, garden and book clubs and since retiring, chats to people on the weekly shopping bus.



ASHE DEVENPORT & SAM MACKISACK

Ashe and Sam are new to our neighbourhood. It was literally the day they moved into their new East Melbourne home and they were taking time out for a sit in the sunshine in Darling Square in between lugging boxes when approached for a photo. They love how close East Melbourne is to everything but feels like a world away at the same time. They look forward to being able to ride bikes everywhere instead of taking the car and picnics on sunny days in the park right outside their home.



OSCAR

Oscar the seven year old long haired dachshund likes being patted by all and sundry but in particular by Hamish who waits for the school bus on the corner when Oscar is on his way to frolic in Yarra Park. His best friend there is Norm, possibly because they see eye to eye as Norm is another dachshund and some of the bigger dogs can be a bit boisterous! With such a friendly nature it's no wonder one of Oscar's favourite activities is going out for a coffee where there is always a passerby to smooch.

TIME TO THINK ABOUT WHAT A NEW GENERATION WANTS

BY MOIRA RAYNER

Katherine is one of those 'tidy' towns that are planned to exclude. Its median strips and footpaths have been planted with drought resistant trees and shrubs on the one hand and cleared of public seating on the other. There is no 'public space' to linger in. Even the local Macca's has no outdoor area and the playground is safely enclosed in glass.

When we visited, a few kids were sitting uncomfortably on the rocks and spiky bouffant shrubs that matched those populating the median strips down the main (and virtually only) street of this desert town, meant to serve the needs of a widespread, mixed community. Not only is there nowhere for people to sit under a tree playing cards and yarning, there isn't anywhere for mums and dads, kids and travellers to meet and greet except in the big flash supermarket, maybe, or the pub perhaps, or the enormous Salvation Army Worship Centre, right opposite both pub and police station. Only the pub and Woolies have any life and movement.

It's a miserable place and I couldn't wait to drive through it and hundreds of kms to the Daly Waters pub, with its palm trees, corrugated iron walls and darkling tables, its bold wallabies, friendly birds and bird-like locals. And one happy family - tired Mum, pic-snapping Dad and two self-consciously 'smiling-for-Dad' pre-teens.

We're driving to the Centre before we get home, to East Melbourne, two elderly single ladies and a small white fluffy dog in a 13 year old Toyota. This is one of the most exotic as well as starkly beautiful landscapes on earth, and I'm thinking about heritage, real heritage values; what those who come after us should inherit. Desert country makes one a bit philosophical, spiritual almost. A lot of time and roads to think on.

MY HOME TOWN IS BEAUTIFUL BECAUSE THE LOCALS FOUGHT FOR IT, AND NOW WE NEED TO FIGHT FOR IT AGAIN.

We have preserved the structures that make East Melbourne liveable - parks, avenues, median strips with shady trees and grass, and I'm seeing them used as they were meant to be used.

Yet there is a new generation coming to our suburb of young and older long-term as well as shorter-term renters, a diversity of apartment dwellers and

young singles and of families with children who need their amenity today.

WHAT DO THEY WANT AND NEED US TO FIGHT FOR?

Gardens, public seating, spaces to linger, amenities to be used fairly so new generations want to and can stay and connect with this place as their home. Where we older ones can stay when stairs get difficult and we start feeling confused about our whereabouts in Darling Square.

Our landscape might look very different but there is plenty of need here, too, to open our

hearts and vision to a kind and decent way of life for a new generation. For good use of resources where men can have sheds and we can do crafts, yoga and zumba, borrow tools and toys among ourselves, and create spaces for learning opportunities, community gardens and get better use for local children of play areas. It's heritage values, all right. Just a different sort of heritage.

PS. Please join up with our East Melbourne Group special committee and help us put up a plan to meet the needs and rights of children and young families here in our own heartland.

Email Raynermr@gmail.com for more information.



Adelina Pagliocca and Rachelle Jenkins - a new generation of East Melbourne residents

MONSTERS IN OUR LIBRARY

By Charlotte Spencer Roy

You will recognise Jeanette's beaming smile from our library in George Street. She is the Children and Youth Services librarian who helps our young people develop a life-long love of learning.

Jeanette has been with the library for more than nine years and she draws from her experience. 'One of my greatest joys is watching families grow and return to the library year after year. By having a close relationship with our community, I hope we can continue to offer services that are relevant and inspiring for curious minds of all ages.'

The library is a hive of activity every day of the week. Along with providing a wonderful variety of books, Jeanette facilitates a number of programs to help our youngest residents develop literacy across the full spectrum of media. Literacy now includes music, theatre, drawing, dance and computer skills as well as reading and writing.

Carp's 'Monster Mash' production on 27 September was an example

of what the East Melbourne library provides for children. 'This unique show encourages communication through song, story and dance. Creativity was sparked with the monster mosaic paper activity,' says Jeanette.

All the librarians are keen to welcome residents and sign up new library members. If you haven't been in lately, pop in and have a chat with Jeanette or any of the friendly librarians.



SUN-SMART SANDPIT

Good news for our youngest residents! While the trees around the large sandpit in Powlett Reserve are growing an additional sandpit will be constructed using the shade of an existing tree. Natural shade is ideal for sandpits as deciduous trees allow for winter sun and cool shade in summer.

When the Council installs the sandpit it will also improve circulation in the play space and realign the fencing. These changes will allow for some additional trees to be planted.

Council has indicated that the works will be completed in time for summer. Local residents are planning to celebrate the new sandpit's opening with plastic buckets, spades and diggers.

Parents of young children will be interested to note that as a complement to the recently released Open Space and Urban Forest Strategies, a Play Strategy is being developed by Council for public consultation.

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THE CARS THAT ATE EAST MELBOURNE*

By Bernard Wheelahan

East Melbourne has become a major route for through traffic and this is having a serious impact on the amenity and safety of our neighbourhood. We need to do something about the problem before someone gets killed or injured, especially with elderly people and growing numbers of children in the area.

While safety is the most important consideration, the increasing traffic is also diminishing the character and tranquillity of our historic residential precinct, as well as contributing to pollution and consequent health problems.

The roundabouts are not very effective: some drivers slow down but for others it seems to be a challenge to accelerate into or after the roundabout. A recent council survey in Gipps Street found that the average speed of cars was 53.6 kph, with some being clocked at over 80kph.

In general, there seems to be little sense of respect for the neighbourhood and its people, and traffic laws seem to mean very little to many drivers who use our streets.

When Gipps Street residents approached the authorities recently, nobody seemed to be willing to do anything about it. Council officers said traffic mitigation should be the

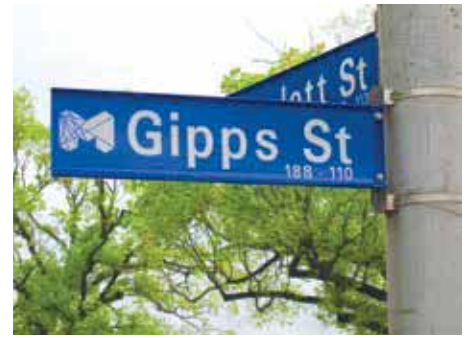
responsibility of the police and the police then advised that they have priorities other than enforcing turning restrictions and said that Council should block turns from Hoddle Street. A real Catch 22 situation!!

Gipps Street residents are now seeking a meeting with council officers to discuss the issue. However, the problem goes far beyond any one street. It would be good to have a concerted approach for the whole of East Melbourne. The forthcoming council elections would be an opportune time to give this issue the profile it needs.

Local streets are being protected from through traffic in many inner Melbourne suburbs, including Parkville, Richmond, Abbotsford, Collingwood, Flemington and North Melbourne. But the opposite is happening in East Melbourne, with through traffic being encouraged by turning arrows. It does not make sense.

Over a million cars were added in Victoria over the last ten years and the problems will get worse as metropolitan traffic is ever increasing. We must act before the cars really do devour East Melbourne.

*With acknowledgement to Peter Weir's 1974 film title



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2012 MELBOURNE CITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS

By Joanna Pace

The elections for the City of Melbourne will be held on 27 October 2012. The election is in two parts with a vote for a Lord Mayoral team (currently Robert Doyle Lord Mayor and Susan Riley Deputy Lord Mayor) then a separate vote for nine councillors. All will be elected for four year terms.

As the result of a recent representation review conducted by the Victorian Electoral Commission, the number of councillors representing the City of Melbourne will be increased to nine (not including the Lord Mayor and Deputy Lord Mayor) from the October 2012 Council elections.

Choosing between the nine Lord Mayoral teams and the numerous councillor candidates is a daunting task so many people vote senate style, above the line. This vote is then allocated to the preferences our chosen Lord Mayoral team has brokered.

Media coverage focuses on the Lord Mayoral contenders however all candidates' policies and preferences are published and available at www.vec.vic.gov.au

Voting is compulsory for everyone on the voters roll. Voting is by post. If you are on the rolls (in simple terms, you will be enrolled if you are on the state roll), you will have already received ballot papers and related material and you must return your ballots by post by Friday 26 October.

The City of Melbourne consists of the CBD, Port Melbourne, West Melbourne, Docklands, Kensington, Flemington, Parkville, North Melbourne, Southbank and South Yarra as well as East Melbourne and Jolimont.

Unlike other Councils in Australia ours is not subdivided into wards, which means all councillors, as well as the Lord Mayor and Deputy Lord Mayor, represent the whole of the City of Melbourne. The East Melbourne Group lobbied for this system to be replaced by a mixture of whole-of-city and ward councillors, which it believes would make for more responsive councillors. This was rejected by the State Electoral Commission which both advises on the electoral system and carries out the election.

We are hopeful some of the newly elected councillors will attend the Fiesta to speak with local residents.

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Redevelopment plans for both Mosspennoch and the MCG Hotel ran into contention when the proposals conflicted with stringent planning rules and the Heritage Overlay covering the whole of East Melbourne.

After many proposals by Thakral and challenges by the East Melbourne Group over a 10-year period, all parties finally agreed to a development proposal in

2010 and a permit was issued for the MCG Hotel site. However, construction has not commenced.

A permit granted in 2004 to redevelop Mosspennoch lapsed. A similar proposal lodged by Thakral recently is currently before Heritage Victoria for approval. This proposal, which the East Melbourne Group did not object to, includes refurbishment of the heritage listed 'Mosspennoch' into six residential apartments and a six-level apartment tower on the vacant site alongside.

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The new People's Choice Award will shortlist all eligible photos on the Melbourne Library Services Facebook page: www.facebook.com/melblib

You will then be able to vote for your favourite photo, the Award opens on 1 November and closes on 30 November.

Shortlisted photographs from the competition will be exhibited in the Gallery @ City Library from Tuesday 3 December and will also be added to the Melbourne Library Service photograph collection on www.picturevictoria.vic.gov.au

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