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President's message

t the Annual General Meeting of the East Melbourne Group in April, I reported to members on the major work of the Group during the last 12 months. The highlights included our recent win before the Heritage Council to have Yarra Park included on the heritage register (details on page 3). I'd like to record our thanks to all those who supported us - our expert witnesses Meredith Gould and Professor Rob Pascoe, our legal team led by Tony Southall, and the support we received from the City of Melbourne and the National Trust.

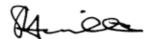
Seeking heritage listing was part of a three-pronged strategy for Yarra Park. The other two include lobbying to the State Government to develop a plan for the Park with the phasing-out of car parking and replaced with better public transport access and some perimeter parking.

In addition, to respond to the positive aspect of the Melbourne Cricket Club's takeover - the commitment of funds to improve the landscape of the Park, including a possible solution to water recycling - by being prepared to work with the MCC on park improvement without losing sight of our first goal. I have been nominated by the City of Melbourne as one of their three nominees on the Government's Yarra Park Advisory Committee - which has yet to meet.

My report also discussed how we go about deciding whether to intervene in planning matters in East Melbourne. Through our Heritage and Planning Committee, we follow carefully each planning proposal considered by the City of Melbourne or by the State Government, and intervene where we consider we should. We act from two principles: 1.To ensure that the heritage and amenity of East Melbourne is protected for all residents and visitors. 2. To ensure that individual residents who may be affected by proposed developments are aware of the proposals and have the opportunity to put their point of view.

Consistent with the first principle, we will intervene if we believe there is a risk to the heritage values or if the amenity is likely to be threatened by the development. Reasons may include that the development is out of scale and unsympathetic to their environment, inappropriate to a residential area, or likely to set an unwelcome precedent for further development. We will not generally intervene if the matter is simply a difference of view between neighbours with no broader implications – but we may become involved under the second principle if neighbours have not been properly consulted.

I have recently been appointed as a community member of the City of Melbourne's new Parks and Garden Advisory Group - and am involved in the proposals to improve Fitzroy Gardens, currently out for public consultation. I hope everyone in East Melbourne interested in the Gardens will take some time to express their views to the City.



Stuart Hamilton, President, East Melbourne Group

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# YARRA PARK receives heritage status

The East Melbourne Group is celebrating after receiving the news that the Park has been given the heritage recognition it deserves.

ollowing a "knock-back" by the Executive Director of Heritage Victoria when the East Melbourne Group lodged an application for nomination in May of last year, a successful appeal before the Heritage Council has placed Yarra Park on the heritage register.

Appearing before the Heritage Council for the EMG was senior counsel Anthony Southall QC, and David O'Brien, Junior Counsel, Also included on the EMG team were Meredith Gould, heritage expert; and Robert Pascoe, sports historian who both gave evidence at the hearing.

The nomination was also supported by the City of Melbourne who engaged expert John Patrick. Also supporting registration was the National Trust, represented by Paul Rosen and Helen Doyle.

On the day of the hearing, Tony Ware representing the Melbourne Cricket Club told the hearing panel that the MCC was unaware of the appeal and supported the Executive Director's decision not to recommend registration.

In essence Mr Ware stated that he considered adequate arrangements to protect the heritage significance of Yarra Park were already in place, and that the MCC will ensure Yarra Park is maintained and enhanced as one of Melbourne's great public assets.

EMG Committee members and other interested parties who attended the hearing last March thought the team put together a convincing case. A lot of hard work by researchers, coordinators and legal representatives went into the lengthy and complex process.

#### WHAT THE EXPERTS HAD TO SAY

>MEREDITH GOULD, Heritage Architect and Cultural Historian, told the Heritage Council that Yarra Park was designated as the first town reserve for Melbourne and a reserve with the 'village green' concept. Other parks are outside the town reserve and were surveyed much later.

Ms Gould pointed out that Russell had already surveyed the land before Hoddle drew up his plan in 1837. The area was chosen because it was simply the best area for government services such as the mounted police-force and its horses. The site later played an important role in the development of Australian Rules Football.

In Yarra Park today, there remain at least 12 pre-settlement trees. In addition to these amazing indigenous specimens, two 'scar trees' also stand in the Park as a constant reminder of the 'aboriginal' encampment on the northern side of the Yarra River.

>ROBERT PASCOE, Professor of History and Dean Laureate at Victoria University presented compelling evidence that the first game of football was played on the nominated site.

An illustration showed an ingenious grandstand at the Melbourne Cricket Club that could be turned around to face out into Yarra Park, allowing spectators to view football matches just outside the Cricket Ground. It was many years before the MCC allowed the rough play of footballers onto the cricket oval for matches.

>JOHN PATRICK, Landscape Architect, and representing the City of Melbourne said the role of Yarra Park as a public park was clearly La Trobe's grand vision - a vision for a system of parks. Mr Patrick made reference to the natural layout of pathways, or 'desire lines', originating from the Richmond community walking to and from the city centre.

>PAUL ROSEN from the National Trust pointed out that the nominated area before the Heritage Council, being the section north of the railway corridor, has not altered in lay out since the 1870s. In contrast, the southern section bounded by the Yarra River has developed progressively over time with the expansion of sports stadiums. What vegetation existed in the early days in the southern area of Yarra Park has diminished significantly as each new venue was built. It was never intended to be a 'planted' area.

Earthworks for the railway corridor commenced on 8 July 1858. This activity makes it most unlikely that first football matches crossed the border to the southern section of Yarra Park. Significant sporting & social activities occurred in the northern section being nominated. Yarra Park has the potential to yield significant archaeological remains associated with the early colonial period since the 1850s.

# Listing heritage 'places'

What does it all mean?

The State Government's 'heritage strategy 2005-2010' says, "Victoria's heritage is rich and diverse. It is the foundation of much of Victoria's tourism, the liveability of our cities and towns, and the spirit of our communities."

The Heritage Act (1995) establishes the appointment of the Victorian Heritage Council. The Council members are government appointees and consist of 10 members, six of whom must possess recognized skills in one of each of history, archaeology, architectural conservation or architectural history, engineering or construction and planning law.

The Council has the role of advising the Minister and relevant departments on heritage matters and to provide for the protection of the State's heritage through the registration of places significant to the State.

A "place" is defined as a building, a garden, a tree, a site and land associated with the State's cultural significance.

The Executive Director of Heritage Victoria (Mr Jim Gardner) is the chief administrative officer at Heritage Victoria, which comes under the Department of Planning and Community Development. The responsible minister is the Minister for Planning (Hon. Justin Madden).

So what are the legalities of heritage listings on the Victorian Register? The Act says certain activities are prohibited. A person or an incorporated body must not remove or demolish; damage or despoil; develop or alter, or excavate all or any part of a registered place without a permit: s 64(1). Penalties for a breach of the requirements of the Act are substantial. The Heritage Council may determine the works or activities which can be carried out in relation to a registered place or object without a permit, such as routine maintenance.

It is sometimes misunderstood that the National Trust provides some form of legal constraint on its list of classified buildings and sites. Unlike Heritage Victoria, the National Trust classification alone carries no legal status at all.

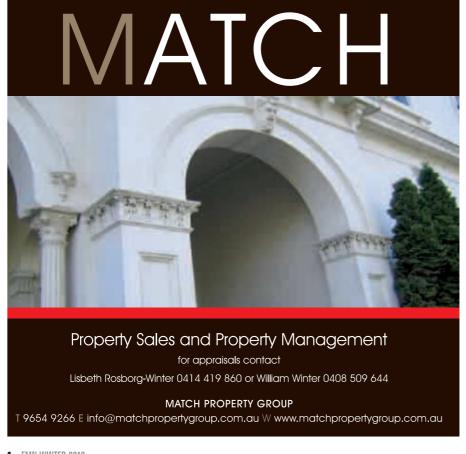
#### New street trees ready for planting

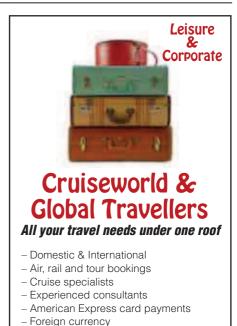
The City of Melbourne is all set to commence new street tree planting in Grey Street. As part of Councils Replanting program, residents have been advised of the choice of trees that will replace existing trees deemed unsuitable and help 'green-up' East Melbourne's streets.

The replanting of 45 new trees will replace the existing melaleucas in Grey Street.

A choice of three species is offered, all of which Council says, are drought tolerant and fit well with the character of East Melbourne. Council is waiting to gather community feedback on the White Cedar (melia azedarach), the European Hackberry (celtis australis) and the Japanese Elm (zelkova serrata).

For more information about the project, residents can contact the City of Melbourne on 9658 9658 or email trees@melbourne.vic.gov.au





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# New plans for the Fitzroy Gardens

An opportunity for long-term visionary improvements, or will it be just another run-of-the-mill review?

elbourne Council has commenced a fresh review of the Fitzroy Gardens Master Plan. With this comes an opportunity for the public to comment and suggest ways of enhancing the premier gardens of Melbourne.

Attracting over three million visitors each year, numbers are expected to grow in keeping with our increasing population. Surely this is strong reason for Council to get busy with some serious improvements.

The last review was in 1994 with Council accepting a set of published recommendations in 1996. But how many recommendations were not acted upon?

Firstly, the size of the depot at the Wellington Road end was one of the most significant recommendations. The 1996 Master Plan said the large existing site should be demolished and a new compact depot built adjacent to the cottage nearby. The demolished area should then be converted back to the Gardens said the report. This was not acted upon, yet a similar proposal has popped up again in the latest review.

Secondly, the problems associated with tourist bus parking in Lansdowne Street and the impact on sensitive areas of the Gardens, were noted. The 1996 Master Plan suggested relocating tourist buses to the wider apron areas adjacent to Wellington Parade after the redevelopment of the depot. In 2010 heavy pedestrian and vehicle traffic continues to access off Lansdowne Street putting strain on the Gardens..

Thirdly, the recommendation to pursue control of abuse by cyclists as a management issue was also listed in the 1996 Plan. This problem continues to exist.

While important issues remain unresolved, others have been successfully addressed by Council. For instance the recommendation that entry points to the Gardens should be distinctive in design and character, has been done well by Council designers. Clever landscaping at the Clarendon Wellington Parade entrance, the Grey Street entrance and the Hotham Street entrance has transformed areas that were once drab and uninviting.

A program of new plantings around the perimeter of the gardens, and systematic replacement planting along prominent avenues has been successfully undertaken by Council.

Council's Parks and Gardens Advisory Committee chaired by Councillor Cathy Oke has been briefed on the draft review and will be making comments on the proposals. East Melbourne Group president Stuart Hamilton is a member of the Advisory Committee as one of the community representatives.

New proposals include improved children's areas, a new café complex and designated picnic areas near Cooks' Cottage. Water management will be given the highest priority. Emphasis will be on storm water collection and water recycling.

Your comments can be sent to Angela Hill. Tel: 9658 8503. Email: angela.hill@melbourne.vic.gov.au

# Hoddle and Punt under the microcope

Members of the East Melbourne community have been invited to have a say in a study into one of Melbourne's worst traffic snarls along Hoddle Street and Punt Road.

s part of the State Government's solutions for connecting Melbourne's eastern and western suburbs, the traffic horror stretch right on East Melbourne's doorstep has been put under the microscope.

The study covers an eight kilometer section between the Eastern Freeway and the Monash Freeway and is all part of the Transport Solutions Team led by Sir Rod Eddington.

Costing the State Government \$5 million, the Hoddle/Punt study will include a series of consultative sessions conducted by VIC ROADS for members of the community. East Melbourne Group representative, Joanna Pace, will join other community members from Collingwood and Abbotsford and Protectors of Public Lands to evaluate all measures put forward.

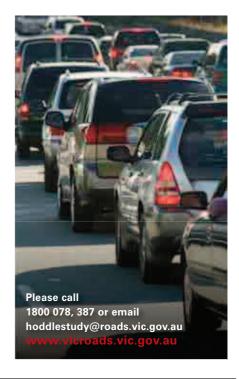
A preliminary traffic advice was prepared by GHD Pty Ltd, traffic engineers, for VIC ROADS in 2008. The paper cov-

ers short, medium and long-term solutions to traffic congestion along the Hoddle/Punt arterial and recommendations that could have a profound affect on East Melbourne.

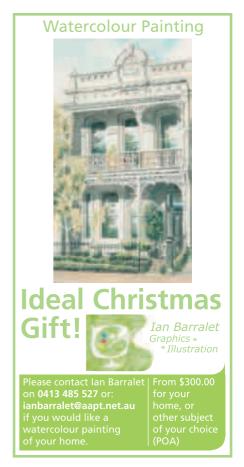
Short-term improvements recommended by GHD focuses on signal alterations at key intersections along Hoddle and Punt. For southbound traffic along Hoddle from the Eastern Freeway, traffic signals will encourage more RIGHT TURNS into Albert Street, while RIGHT TURNS will be banned into Victoria Street.

Other short-term solutions include the removal of on-street parking provisions along Hoddle and Punt.

The list of long-term solutions would require major infrastructure works over a number of years together with substantial funding. According to the GHD's preliminary report, a cut and cover tunnel under Victoria Parade in Hoddle Street would help alleviate traffic snarls as would a driven tunnel under Wellington Parade.









# Good news for commuting cyclists

**7** orks have commenced on a proposal that will open up Albert Street to cyclists. Motorists will need to adjust to one lane of traffic rather than two during off peak periods.

The City of Melbourne initiative hopes to improve connectivity to the City's cycling network.

The introduction of bike lanes will mean the loss of one traffic lane during off-peak periods. Parallel parking, one traffic lane and a bike lane will make up the cross-section of Albert Street. Double lanes of traffic will resume during 'clearway periods'.

In an information sheet distributed to letterboxes within the vicinity of the works, Council says it expects to see

the new lanes in operation between Gisborne Street and Hoddle Street at the end of June 2010.

The introduction of cycling lanes was initially proposed in late 2007. Following safety concerns over the design of the bike lanes and a plan to reduce the width of the centre median strips, Council decided to review the proposal.

At the Planning Committee Meeting in February, 2008, Council approved the proposal subject to modifications that included the reconfiguration of bike lanes using tactile edging to separate the lanes from parking bays and the reduction in width of the bike lanes so that it removes the need to modify the existing median strips.

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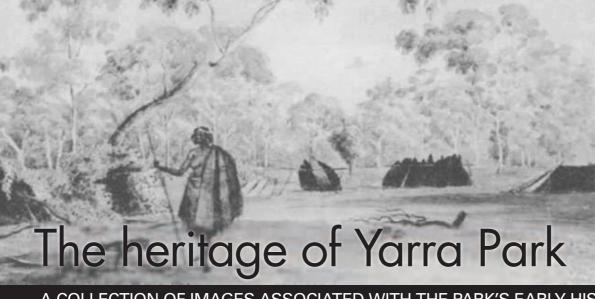
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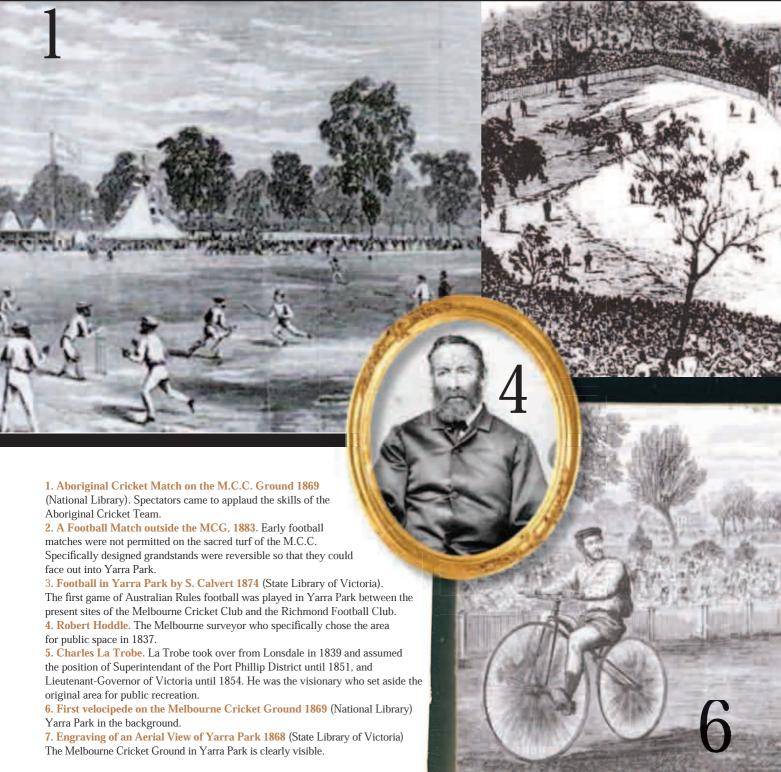


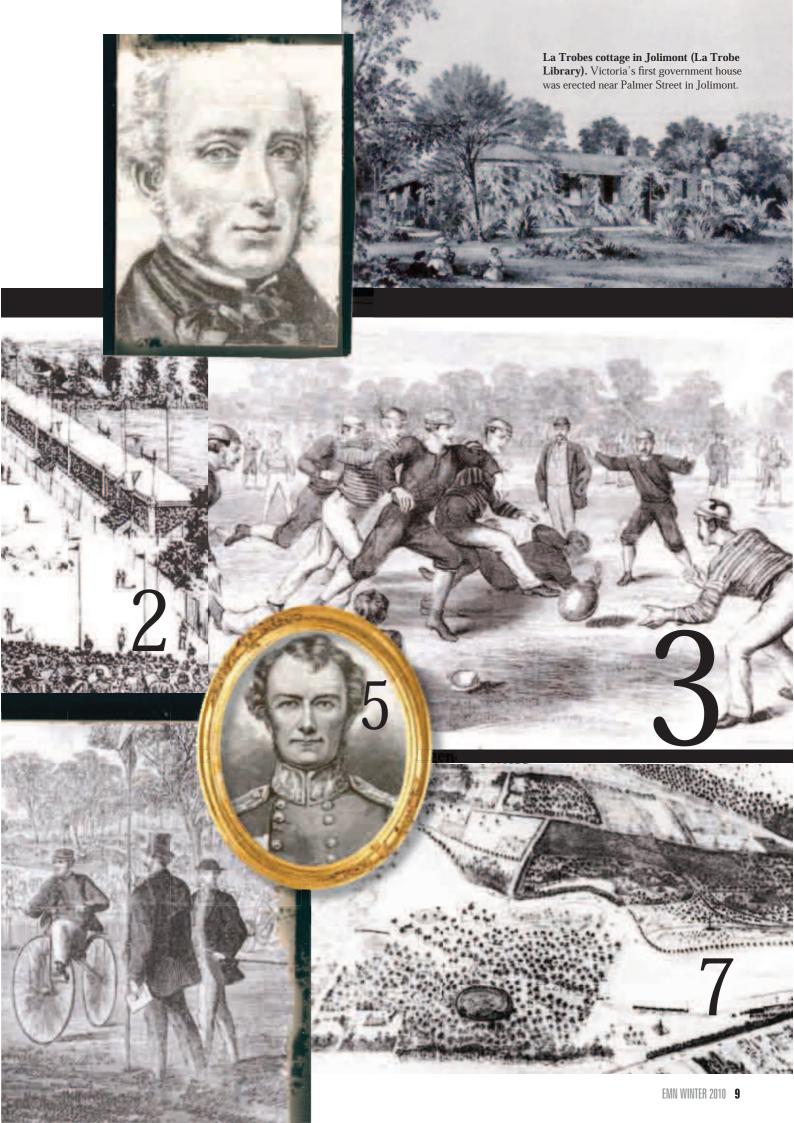


**LEFT: Pre European** Settlement. 'Native Encampment on the Banks of the Yarra', J. Cotton, 1842 (State Library Picture Collection)

RIGHT: Captain Lonsdale. Arrived in 1836 as Chief Agent of Government, Police Magistrate and Commandant of the Port Phillip Region and occupied a pre-fabricated house in Police Magistrates Paddock.

#### A COLLECTION OF IMAGES ASSOCIATED WITH THE PARK'S EARLY HISTORY





### Council asked to cut rates

It is budget time up at Town Hall and Council management must decide what residential rates are needed to meet Capital City expenditure. Will East Melbourne residents be slugged again?

ver the past year, a committee specifically set up by the East Melbourne Group in 2008 to investigate unrealistic rates, has conducted a round of meetings with the Lord Mayor, Councillors and Council management. It continues to lobby for a fairer deal for residents.

The East Melbourne Group suggested to management that an alarming number of inconsistencies and anomalies (increases of up to 70%) could be associated with inaccurate assessments over the past 10 years and that a type of sudden 'catch-up' had been conducted during the 2008-2010 cycle.

While the 'rates' committee says it understands how the City of Melbourne has 'capital city' responsibilities, the EMG believes such responsibilities should not rely so heavily upon residential rates.

However, some Councillors and members of Council management have stated that East Melbourne residents who live within the capital municipality enjoy the benefits

of the 'capital city' and therefore should accept a higher level of rates.

EMG president Stuart Hamilton has strongly responded by saying 'it's not just inner city residents but other residents of other inner local government areas who also benefit from the unique capital city responsibilities'.

In its submission before the Finance and Governance Committee in February this year, the EMG said the Melbourne City Council had not curbed expenditure commensurate with the relative loss of revenue from non-residential income.

It claimed non-residential property values have not increased at the same rate as have residential values. The ratio in the cents to the dollar has remained the same even though proportions of total revenue from non-residential have fallen. Council has not restricted its expenditure to reflect relative lost revenue from non-residential rates but simply shifted the burden to residential ratepayers.

#### DRAFT BUDGET **GOES OUT** FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

THE proposed budget for 2010-2011 was presented to Council on May 10 for approval and is now open to public comment.

The draft proposes to increase the rates by 1.9% giving rise to a residential rate in the dollar of the net annual value of 4.3728 cents and the non-residential rate in the dollar of 5.1607 cents.

Rates rose by 3.0% in 09/10 and the residential rate in the dollar of the NAV in 2009 was 4.7152 cents.

Written submissions may be forwarded for consideration on or before Friday 11 June 2010.

Any person wishing to speak may do so by lodging a request to appear before Council on 22 June 2010.

The draft budget 2010-2011 can be viewed at any City of Melbourne Library, Or, you may view the draft budget on Council's website www. melbourne.vic.gov.au by typing 'Draft Budget 2010-2011' in the search box.

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#### First community garden

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Council agreed to allow the 'East Melbourne Community Gardening Association' to use the location on a short term basis after years of disappointment while searching for a suitable site. The plot behind Sinclair's Cottage is limited in space, however the equipment already installed can be disassembled and re-established elsewhere if necessary. Coordinator David Woodward is happy to provide more information about the project. Email: woodnet@iprimus.com.au

#### **Proposal withdrawn**

A planning application seeking a permit to construct a conference and education centre on the St John's Church corner has been withdrawn from the City of Melbourne's planning department. The Catholic Education Office has decided to resubmit its application after making significant amendments to development plans.

The East Melbourne Group has been told architects will reconsider the impact of the development on neighbouring heritage residences in Victoria Parade and parking ratios.

#### Bishopscourt's makeover

Bishopscourt in Clarendon Street East Melbourne and home of the Archbishop is in desperate need of an interior update. According to a printed flyer, very little has been done in the way of refurbishment since the 1970s when the National Trust organized the re-wiring of the building and repaired the roof.

Most of the furniture is on loan and will need to be replaced. A request for donated pieces of furniture for the dining room, drawing room and morning room has been put out by organizers.

Money raised from the appeal will go towards restoring the original layout; purchase new wall paper and curtains in the dining room and more book shelves for the Archbishop.

#### 'Water Plan' in Yarra Park

Works on the \$16 million 'water plan' for Yarra Park is expected to commence next month and will take a year to complete. The project is part of the proposal untaken by the Melbourne Cricket Ground Trust under the new management plan for Yarra Park. The official transfer from previous managers, the City of Melbourne to the MCG Trust, took place in March this year.

A recycling plant will be installed underground in the park between the Jolimont Station and the MCG. The plant will recycle a capacity of 180 million litres each year; Yarra Park will use 110 million litres, the MCG oval 45 million litres. The rest will be used on Punt Road oval.

#### **Neighbourhood Watch** 'Crime Watch' list closes

The editor of the East Melbourne News has received confirmation from the Victoria Police that it will no longer make available the list of crime statistics for publication.

For the past four years, the 'East Melbourne news' has published the list under the banner of Neighbourhood Watch, the purpose of which was to alert the local community of criminal activity in their street and the type of offences being committed.





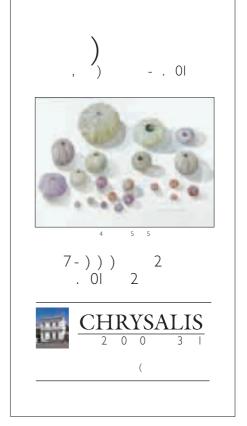
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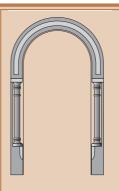
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Wednesday, 18 August, at 8.00p.m.

Gary Morgan will speak about the life and work of his father, Roy Morgan, pollster.

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# New Hilton Hotel proposal gets the nod

After 10 years of inappropriate proposals Council approves new design



new proposal to construct residential apartments adjacent to the Hilton Hotel in Wellington Parade was approved by planning authority, City of Melbourne last month.

Following the outcome of the Supreme Court action by the East Melbourne Group against the State Government and the owners of the hotel, PCH Melbourne, a new Hilton Hotel development team from Sydney began meeting with the City of Melbourne and the EMG to discuss a much improved proposal for the site.

Architects have moved the envelope away from residences at the rear in George Street and closer to the Wellington Parade boundary. A wide terrace, heavily screened with vegetation and landscaping will be incorporated into the design of the first level facing George Street.

In contrast to the previous application, each apartment will have a north and south aspect with return balconies to the west. The initial number of apartments has been reduced to 48 two and three bedroom residences with a larger floor space of 180-200 square metres. There will be 4 apartments per floor.

The 'MCG Hotel' will not be demolished but stripped back and restored. One hip of the original roofline will be kept and the residential envelop will commence above the rear line of the hip. The 'MCG Hotel' will become the main entrance to the

There will be 7 levels of car parking. The old loading dock at the rear of the Hilton will be relocated in the basement of the hotel and accessed off Wellington Parade.

## Tussle between residents and hotel settles

Sensible agreement reached after lengthy VCAT proceedings against Hilton Hotel

en households in George Street began I proceedings against the hotel owners when it was discovered significant clauses had been quietly removed from the 'operating permit' without the knowledge of residents, conditions of which were there to protect the residential amenity in the imme-

The new development team from Sydney agreed to meet with residents and draw up a new set of conditions that included the removal of all delivery trucks out of George Street. Once the residents were satisfied with the draft, it was sent to Council's planning department for approval.

On 22 January 2010, the laneway alongside Hepburn Terrace which had been used by delivery trucks to access the hotel loading dock off George Street for the past 35 years, was closed to all commercial traffic. A boom gate has been installed to keep trucks out and to allow entry by residents only so that they may access their rear garages.

Trucks now enter off Clarendon Street as a temporary arrangement until the new loading dock is built in accordance with the new development proposal. It is not known when construction will commence.

Records show that from the time the Hilton Hotel opened in 1971, George Street residents have complained to the City of Melbourne that the hotel was continually in breach of the conditions of the hotel 'operating permit'. Although Council had the power to issue enforcement proceedings, it never ever did. Fed up with the unsatisfactory situation, George Street residents filed proceedings at VCAT in 2005. The matter was finally settled with all outstanding matters being resolved on 22. January 2010

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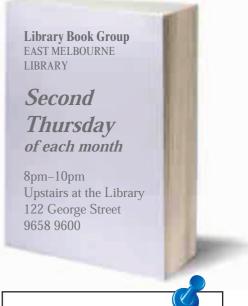


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#### Wednesday, 18 August, at 8.00p.m.

Gary Morgan will speak about the life and work of his father, Roy Morgan, pollster.

Both at Clarendon Terrace, 210 Clarendon Street, East Melbourne Enquiries: Deirdre: 9421 3252

#### MEMBERSHIP **Open to all members** of the community

Your local association is the East Melbourne Group, Inc.

Please send your details to: The Secretary The East Melbourne Group, Inc. 152 Powlett Street East Melbourne VIC 3002

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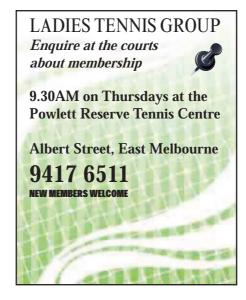


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