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FRONT COVER:
Rotunda in the Fitzroy Gardens.

Sports bodies snatch Yarra Park from council

A long-running campaign by the Melbourne Cricket Ground Trust to take over Yarra Park looks like succeeding. Premier John Brumby's decision to allow the deal to proceed between the State Government, the MCG Trust, the Melbourne Cricket Club and the AFL may be a critical issue in the fight for the marginal seat of Melbourne at the next state election.

Members of the local community are outraged by the move and view the proposal as another grab for public parkland by the powerful sports bodies and the state government.

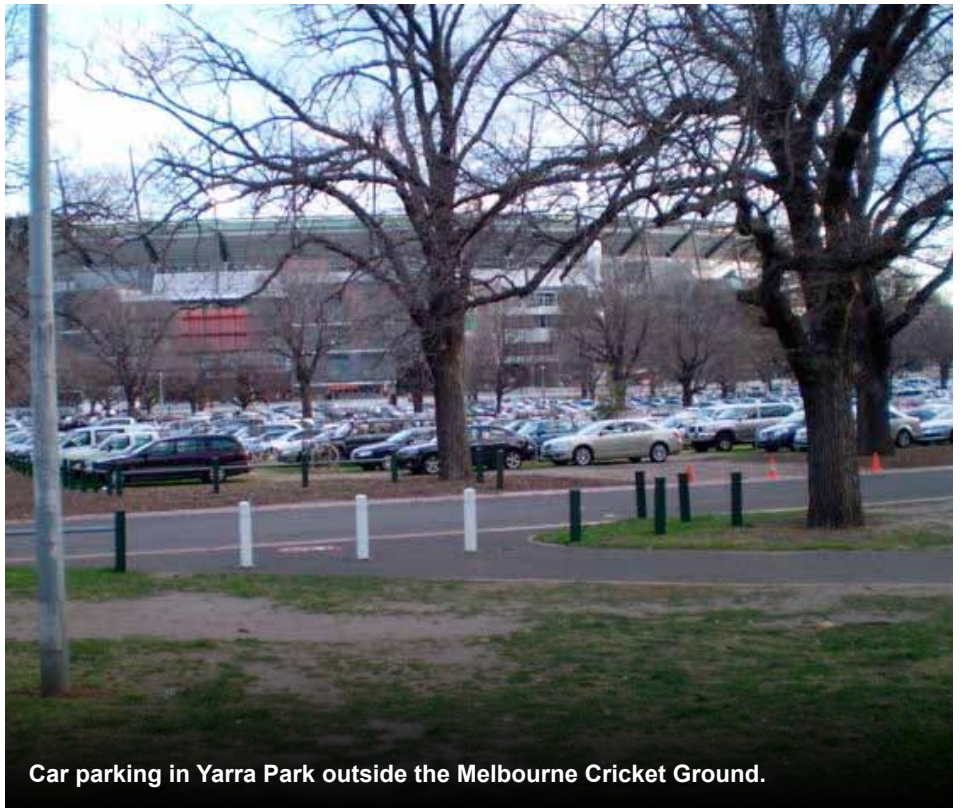
Entrusted to the city for public use as a park in 1873, the remaining 22 hectares of open space could become a permanent car park for every sports and entertainment event in the sporting precinct.

Since increased usage as a car park, with up to 5700 cars parked on the grass on match days, 500 heritage elms trees that line the majestic avenues have been placed at risk as the soil continues to become compacted.

The rich history of the park from early settlement days prompted the local residents' association, the East Melbourne Group, to ask Heritage Victoria to include Yarra Park on the heritage register. The application is still being assessed.

In the Premier's press release, Sports Minister James Merlino announced the government would give \$6 million "to greatly improve the parkland and protect the gardens from the effect of the drought" as part of a \$22 million development of a Yarra Park Master Plan. This Master Plan includes an unspecified water recycling project and a "small" gravel car park for 150 cars.

Reports in the *Age* and the *Australian* on 4 September indicated new legislation would be introduced at the end of the year to secure the future of car parking in Yarra Park, an aspect not



mentioned in the press release. Residents might wonder how this is consistent with a commitment to improve the parkland.

Representatives from the EMG met with the member for Melbourne, Bronwyn Pike, in August to express its concerns about the then rumoured takeover and have arranged to meet Minister Merlino to put forward strong views about the impossibility of protecting the

park while the current parking arrangements continue. If the issue is not to become a focus of continued political action, this issue must be resolved.

If you wish to make a comment about the change in management of Yarra Park, please send a short letter to the editor. Include your name and contact details. For more on Yarra Park, see page 5.

Retirement living for complete peace of mind

Opening in October, Mercy Place Parkville is a stunning new retirement community offering residents beautifully appointed apartments in peaceful surroundings.

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For more information on the independent living units, please call Bernadette Walsh, Sales Manager, on 9261 2006, or call Fabio Maya, General Manager Projects, on 9261 2061, for information on the aged care facilities.

Minister slow to initiate electoral review

The return of attendance voting and ward councillors head up the list of changes that CoRBA is asking council to support, while Minister Richard Wynne remains reluctant to make any move towards reform.

The City of Melbourne at its April meeting voted in support of a motion that opened the way for a review of the structure of the current electoral system.

The Coalition of Resident and Business Associations, CoRBA-Melbourne, has been campaigning heavily for the removal of anomalies and inconsistencies within the current system of electing Melbourne City Council. Concerns include the absence of ward councillors, the process of deeming provisions, security measures for the postal voting process and attendance vote, and the current practice that allows for one vote to elect two people.

At a packed meeting, a resolution put by Cr Peter Clarke was passed unanimously by council. This is the second such resolution from council, calling on the Minister for Local Government, Richard Wynne, to immediately commence an electoral and structural review.

Cr Clarke commended the residents' associations and other groups for their input and community engagement.

Council will request that the review include such matters as the number of councillors, consideration of the wards system, evaluation of the eligibility of various types

of voters and any anomalies (such as marina berth and car park owners/lessees), and capacity to seek election for leadership and councillor positions concurrently. Council will also recommend that the review provides a written reply responding to Questions 1-18 raised by CoRBA-Melbourne.

This follows an earlier request from councillors to Richard Wynne, asking him to act on the matter. After four months, Minister Wynne finally responded by saying a review would be conducted "in due course".

In a letter addressed to CoRBA in June 2009, Minister Wynne said he was "considering the Melbourne City Council's request" for electoral review.

CoRBA, the Coalition of Resident and Business Associations, is keeping up the pressure to have Melbourne's local electoral system reviewed.

CoRBA comprises the following groups: Carlton Residents' Association, Inc.; Docklands Residents' Association; EastEnders, Inc.; East Melbourne Group, Inc.; Hardware Precinct Residents and Tenants Group; Kensington Association; Melbourne South Yarra Group, Inc.; North and West Melbourne Association, Inc.; Parkville Association, Inc.; Residents 3000, Inc.; Residents Rights; Southbank Residents Association; Collins Street Precinct; Docklands Chamber of Commerce; Melbourne Business Council. Go to www.corba-melbourne.com for more information.



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Picnic defies match day car parking

The Yarra Park Association defied the routine practice of car parking on a match day in late June and held a public picnic in the middle of the open grassed area outside the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

Members of the community listened to a line-up of speakers, ranging from horticultural experts to members of Yarra and Melbourne councils.

Mayor of Yarra Amanda Stone spoke of the increase of young families moving into inner-city areas and the need for safe, open space areas for recreation. "It is critical that we get the cars out of Yarra Park," the Mayor said.

City of Melbourne Cr Cathy Oke, Chair of the Eco-City Committee, emphasised the choice of public transport options for patrons to use. "The area was designed as a park, not a car park," Cr Oke said.

The 2006 Commonwealth Games proved that fast, efficient and frequent public transport could move spectators to and from the MCG with ease and that cars could be left at home.

Yarra Park Association president Nik Dow introduced heritage expert John Patrick, who referred to soil compaction caused by car parking and the damage to root systems of the trees. He said long gone are the days when there was just one match day a week during the football season. Now there is car parking in the park on more than 190 days of the year.

As reported in the page 3 story in this issue, in a surprise move the Melbourne Cricket Club and the MCG Trust will assume control and management of Yarra Park.

East Melbourne residents recently received



Yarra Park Association picnic.

from the Melbourne Cricket Club the Yarra Park Improvement Plan, announcing a joint State Government, MCG Trust and Melbourne Cricket Club Yarra Park Masterplan

The draft masterplan is available on www.mcg.org.au and this will be updated regularly.

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Readers who support the removal of cars from Yarra Park are encouraged to sign the online petition on Yarra Park Association's website at www.yarrapark.org

Council gets picky over street compliance

Council officers are being accused of being picky and heavy handed towards some gardens poking through fences, while pedestrian hazards on council footpaths remain unchecked.

Local residents perplexed by the recent issuing of warning notices to remove vegetation protruding through their fences – or else – have been told the "activity of vegetation-protrusion" is a breach of the Activities Local Law 2009.

In a letter to a handful of residents, council says failure to act on the warning within

14 days may result in a notice to comply, infringement notices or prosecution in court!

Random door knocking by officers has incensed some residents who claim their gardens are not protruding unreasonably, while other gardens with substantial overhanging have escaped any warning notices at all.

One resident said she was shocked to receive the notice. During the 40 years she has lived in her home in East Melbourne, her garden has remained in its well kempt form, properly cared for and admired by many.

A glossy brochure has been handed out to some residents, titled 'STREET COMPLIANCE: What is it and how does it affect me?'. It includes other issues, such as noise, littering, handbills and the feeding of pigeons.

The section of the brochure dedicated to overhanging plants states "you need to make sure your plants and trees are 2.5 metres off the ground for footpaths and 4.5 metres for roads/alleys/lanes".

The brochure also says: "Council can undertake the works and pass on any costs to you or your property."

However, the Activities Local Laws 2009 on council's website makes no mention of height or width of protruding vegetation, nor does it mention anything about warning letters and failure to act on such warning notices. It says "vegetation must not obstruct or interfere with pedestrian passage".

The Street Compliance team is part of the engineering division at City of Melbourne and acts in accordance with council's Activities Local Law 2009. A compliance coordinator at council said a team of officers takes care of amenity and safety issues in public places.

The East Melbourne Group believes council resources could be better spent addressing overdue street improvements, by auditing and fixing overhanging street trees, cracked and dangerous footpaths, in particular concaved cut-outs left abandoned in footpaths after the removal of old trees. In George Street, an uncovered fire hydrant water tap has been left protruding out of the footpath, placing pedestrians at risk.



According to council officers, this display of red camellias interferes with the passage of pedestrians.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Peter MacCallum turns 60

Sixty years ago, the Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre was established in Queen Street, Melbourne. During its remarkable history, the Peter MacCallum Cancer Institute has emerged as a world-class facility for cancer patients. The Peter Mac website says the Institute has received state and federal funding for a new comprehensive cancer centre to be located in Parkville. The website also states that Peter Mac in East Melbourne (below) will relocate to the new centre which is expected to open in 2015.



Geppetto partners move to Il Duca

There has been a change of partnership at the Wellington Parade restaurant, Geppetto, a popular Italian eatery for the past 28 years. On July 1, Ralph and Dominic Bonadio became the new owners of Il Duca, just down the road. This leaves Nino Cea and son Michael as the sole owners of Geppetto. Diners will look forward to seeing Ralph and Dom running Il Duca from now on. Phone Geppetto on 9417 4691 and Il Duca on 9417 4243.

Cathedral Place revamp

Council is giving the median strip along Cathedral Place a new look. Fresh soil and roll-out turf has been laid and a line of new cedars has been planted outside St Patrick's Cathedral. A spokesperson said the surface of the median strip has been reshaped, which hopefully will direct rain water to run towards the centre of the strip and towards the trees.

Library tree replaced

The mature maple tree in front of the East Melbourne Library, removed earlier this year due to declining health, has been replaced with a yellow box (*Eucalyptus melliodora*). Residents and library users had requested a native bird-attracting species to replace the maple.

Developer asks council to help with 'address' move

Following a request from the developers of 'One East Melbourne' (right), City of Melbourne is advertising a proposal that will enable the soon-to-be-completed residential tower to have an East Melbourne address. In his letter to neighbourhood 'Occupiers', Chris Blackwood (Land Survey department, City of

Melbourne) asks for responses from persons or businesses who believe they may be affected by the proposal to shift the Melbourne–East Melbourne boundary. The notice says the site was previously a disused piece of railway land which has since been used for residential development. But residents living in Stage 1 are wondering why it has taken Becton 16 years to apply for this boundary move. For more information, phone council on 9658 9658 or email survey@melbourne.vic.gov.au



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National Trust reacts against city proposals

News that the Minister for Planning, Justin Madden, has given the nod to developers to demolish Lonsdale House, a 1930s art deco building in central Lonsdale Street, has angered the National Trust.

The Art Deco Society has expressed disappointment that this art deco treasure could not be incorporated into the new development by Myer.

Although Lonsdale House is covered by a heritage overlay, the City of Melbourne has yet to object to the demolition of the building.

The National Trust also is concerned that the \$260 million redevelopment of the Hotel Windsor in Spring Street will threaten the character of the Paris end of Collins Street and dominate the parliamentary precinct.

A 25-storey contemporary tower with a high-rise glass curtain wall will stand behind the 1883 historic hotel. It will overshadow Parliament House, Parliament Gardens and the Princess Theatre.

The Trust says the 92-metre tower is well above the 23-metre limit designed to keep the area low scale.

Owners of the Hotel Windsor, the Halim Group, are seeking approval from the State



The National Trust is housed in this historic row of terraces in East Melbourne.

Planning Authority and Heritage Victoria.

The National Trust believes the voice of the community should be heard and is conducting an email campaign to "save our city heritage". It has prepared a number of pro forma letters that can be used for submissions to Minister for Planning Justin Madden, Lord Mayor Robert Doyle and the

Executive Director of Heritage Victoria.

The National Trust of Australia (Victoria) is located at Tasma Terrace, 4 Parliament Place, East Melbourne 3002.

Interested readers can visit www.natstrust.com.au or email info@natstrust.com.au for more information.

Liquor licence information now online

Welcome news for City of Melbourne residents: all applications for new liquor licences and changes to existing licences will now be published online on the new Liquor Licensing Applications Noticeboard.

The site will provide the proposed venue's address, the type of application, the local government area, the date the application was received and information on who may lodge an objection, the grounds for doing so, and how to lodge it. Names of applicants will not be listed for privacy reasons.

Concerns about the potential impact of a

licensed venue on the amenity of the local community can be raised for consideration by the Director of Liquor Licensing when determining applications. Councils will have stronger powers to consider the cumulative impact of licensed premises in the local area when considering planning permissions for venues.

"The Director can address residents' concerns by refusing to grant an application outright or by limiting operating hours and patron numbers or requiring changes to a venue's layout," Consumer Affairs Minister Tony Robinson said. "Residents' groups have said they want information about new

liquor licence applications in one place so they can keep on top of any applications in their local area and consider whether to lodge objections."

The Liquor Licensing Applications Noticeboard does not replace applicants' notification and advertisement requirements under the Liquor Control Reform Act 1998.

Information will be updated on the Department of Justice website weekly and removed after being displayed for a month.

The Liquor Licensing Applications Noticeboard is at www.justice.vic.gov.au. Click on 'Alcohol' and follow the link to 'About Liquor Licensing'.

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Melbourne Unitarian Church

The first Unitarian church was built in 1854 in Cathedral Place before the foundation stone was moved to a new site in 1965 in Grey Street, East Melbourne. The Unitarian Church has always had a liberal and tolerant approach to religious ideas rather than adherence to strict doctrine.



Church of the Holy Anunciation

This church is recorded as being the oldest Greek Orthodox church in Melbourne. Opened in 1902, the red brick church on the corner of Lansdowne Street and Victoria Street has a small semi-circular apse and arched windows.



St Patrick's Cathedral

Facing onto the corner of Gisborne Street and Cathedral Place is the Roman Catholic Cathedral and Diocesan Centre. Architect William Wardell was commissioned in 1858 to design the building. The gothic revival cathedral was consecrated in 1897 after a construction period of 40 years. The spires were not completed until 1939.



St Peter's Church

The foundation stone of the first church in East Melbourne was laid in 1846 by La Trobe. The Parish Church of St Peter, established by the Church of England, is located on the corner of Albert Street and Gisborne Street. The simple design captures the days when Melbourne was a small town. In 1863, alterations were made to the roof, and the chancel and transepts were added.



Holy Trinity Church

A place of Anglican worship, Holy Trinity Church is located on the corner of Clarendon Street and Hotham Street. Consecrated in 1907, the red brick building replaced an earlier church that was burnt down in 1905. Known as 'the chapter house', the earlier building was built in 1864 on the corner of George Street and Trinity Lane.



The New Temple Church

The New Temple Church on the corner of Albert Street and Morrison Place was built in 1872-73. It was the first of two Swedenborgian churches established in Victoria. Designed by architect Lloyd Tayler, the main facade has a gothic-style window of three lights flanked by buttresses.



Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church in Parliament Place was established by German Lutheran migrants after land was granted to the religious group in 1852. One of the most prominent parishioners was Baron Ferdinand von Mueller, the well-known botanist and director of the Melbourne's Botanic Gardens.



East Melbourne Synagogue

In the early days, the synagogue in Albert Street was closely connected to Jewish businesses and commerce in the city while servicing the Jewish community of East Melbourne. The present site was purchased in 1871 and the foundation stone laid in 1877.



St Nicholas

On the corner of Victoria Parade and Simpson Street, St Nicholas has provided a religious centre for many first-, second- and third-wave immigrants from Lebanon and other Middle Eastern and Eastern European countries. Consecrated in 1932, the church offers a pan-orthodox celebration with Divine Liturgy being chanted in the Arabic, English, Russian and Greek languages.



Lutheran Church, interior



East Melbourne Synagogue, interior



St Nicholas, interior

A flurry of activity on East Melbourne streets

Road closures have been commonplace as construction sites near completion on Clarendon, Gipps, Jolimont and Wellington Parade South, and council embarks on streetscape improvements.

Two new bluestone roundabouts at last

Work has finished on two of East Melbourne's dilapidated roundabouts that were constructed nearly 40 years ago. The upgraded roundabouts and surrounds in Powlett Street look cleaner, safer and more in keeping with the heritage character of East Melbourne.

While striving to enhance the aesthetics of the intersections, council took the opportunity of designing treatments that would improve pedestrian safety and slow down through-traffic. Pathways and pedestrian crossings were extended and vehicle turning circles tightened.

Plans of the new layouts were advertised and made available to the public for comment. The East Melbourne Group asked council to insert bluestone pitchers in the circles instead of asphalt, as council had initially proposed. Centre plantings will take place as soon as funds become available.



Bumpy ride for road humps

Following complaints from residents that traffic was travelling at inappropriate speeds in George Street, council has suggested there may be sufficient grounds to introduce road humps to slow down speeding motorists.

Council said chicanes and slow point devices had been considered but were ruled out, as they would require the removal of valuable kerbside parking and aesthetically they would not be in keeping with heritage East Melbourne.

The East Melbourne Group has told council it would prefer further study into traffic movements throughout the area, including the effect of the new roundabouts on calming traffic. It has also asked council to consider the ever-increasing impact of events held at the MCG, Rod Laver Arena and other venues which trigger the use of Yarra Park as a car park with a capacity of up to 5700 cars.

Elm tree taken down on prominent corner

Another elm has hit the dust. City of Melbourne says the sick elm in the Fitzroy Gardens near the Hilton Hotel corner had been monitored closely for a number of years. Despite canopy reduction and fertilisation treatment, the tree continued to decline and had become unsafe. All the elms are between 120 and 150 years old and will in due course need replacing. Their lifespan could be determined by the amount of water they receive during periods of hot weather and the type of preventive measures used to combat destructive possum attacks.



New lighting in Fitzroy Gardens

Extra lights have been added along the pathway at the George Street end of the Fitzroy Gardens. Erected some weeks ago, evening walkers may be wondering why they are not lighting up at night. Council spokesman said the provider, City Power, is taking longer than expected to connect the power to the new units.



Greening up East Melbourne

In an effort to 'green up' some of East Melbourne's streets, council has commenced the proposed Street Tree Replanting Program, with Simpson Street being the first to receive new trees.

The plantings of about 100 trees have been positioned in the footpaths on both sides of Simpson Street. Council says it expects the new trees will provide relief from severe environments by reducing glare and surface and air temperatures and increasing the 'cooling effect' in the immediate area.

While some residents voiced strong objection to the plantings as being unnecessary, others believe the new trees will reach maturity by the time the ageing elms along the median strip have to be removed.

Residents were advised by letter last April to expect the trees to go in this winter. A choice of four drought-tolerant trees was offered for public comment. Council said the Autumn Blaze Maple (*acer x freemanii*) received overwhelming support as the choice of species for the project.

Other streets under review for upgrading are Clarendon (eastside), Powlett, Grey and Hotham. Some existing trees deemed unsuitable, such as the melaleucas in Hotham Street, will be replaced with new plantings.



New tree plantings in Simpson Street.

Preparing for another summer scorcher

GARDEN PATCH

Summer is not far away and if it is anything like the last we gardeners need to get ready for a scorcher.

Those beastly north winds cause transpiration (loss of moisture through a leaf's surface) to occur faster than plants can replenish the moisture through their roots from the soil.

To improve your plants' chances of surviving these hot days, spring is the time to start improving the soil's water-holding capacity by adding water-holding crystals and mulching. It is also the time to rethink the choice of plants you have in your garden and to consider drought-tolerant species, such as succulents.

If you are not convinced that succulents are your thing, pop down to the Fitzroy Gardens at the corner of Clarendon and Grey streets and you will be pleasantly surprised to find a fantastic display of succulents and drought-tolerant perennials.

When houses were constructed in the Victorian era in Melbourne, succulents were very popular and today they are a very appropriate interpretation of that period.

Some of the plants that make up the wonderful displays pictured on this page are: Chalk sticks (*Senecio serpens*), Statice (*Limonium perezii*), *Carex buechananii*, English lavender dwarf (*Lavandula angustifolia*), Agave Americana, *Crassula argentea*

and *Tradescantia pallid* 'Purple Heart'.

For delicate plants, here are a couple of tricks to protect them from those scorcher days: bring them inside, place towels or old sheets over the plants that can't be brought inside, and erect an old beach umbrella to protect favourite plants.

While it is tempting to water plants during the hottest part of the day when you see them wilting, it is better to wait until the sun has gone down.

Finally, if your plants do get burnt, don't prune them back until autumn. This reduces the chance of the new growth being damaged.

Happy gardening! Sandi Pullman from the Garden Patch.



The writing is on the wall for graffiti artists

Unsightly graffiti that covered a solid residential fence for almost two years finally has been removed. And council has taken action against the owner of the fence, which stands at a prominent intersection on the edge of East Melbourne.

An image of the eyesore appeared in the *East Melbourne News* in December 2007, prompting council to advise the East Melbourne Group that graffiti officers had visited the site and that the occupiers "wanted to keep the graffiti".

The EMG's response was that if the owner wished to keep the new colours on the fence, an application should be made through the normal permit planning process. Failing this, enforcement proceedings should be initiated.

While this case was languishing in the "too hard basket", council has been working on a comprehensive management plan to combat the problem. In 2001, free removal of graffiti was offered to ratepayers and residents. This was replaced in 2002 with a new program, whereby council offered to clean off graffiti using its own resources and then recoup 50 per cent of the cost from the owners of the building.

The new draft Graffiti Management Plan 2009 will replace the 2005 version. This latest draft makes reference to the Graffiti Prevention Act 2007, whereby Council may take any action



Graffiti that took council authorities two years to remove.

necessary to remove or obliterate graffiti on private property if the graffiti is visible from a public place. Council will undertake to fund the full cost of removal.

At council's People and Creative Committee meeting on 14 July, council management made it clear that planning laws exist to protect heritage areas under state legislation with regard to street art and murals. It was also mentioned that it is reasonable for a 72-hour turnaround for "normal graffiti".



New graffiti – how long will it remain there?

Since the approval of the latest plan, the community should expect to see graffiti vans patrolling the streets of Melbourne, perhaps with rapid action to follow.

Among recent graffiti attacks, the East Melbourne Library was targeted, with racist slogans spraypainted in bilious pink on its prominent Opening Hours sign. It has since been removed.

The public is urged to report graffiti sites by contacting council on 9658 9658.

What's on

'Liquid Desire' Salvador Dali
National Gallery of Victoria,
St Kilda Road
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Founded in 1902, The Melbourne Society of Women Painters and Sculptors is the oldest women's art group in Australia and second oldest art society in Victoria.

Originally called the Students Art Club, the society was created by eight women from the National Gallery School who resolved to form a club for the discussion of art and to provide mutual support and companionship.

Dame Nellie Melba became the Society's first patroness in 1927. One of the Society's most well known artists, Ola Cohn, moved into East Melbourne after purchasing old stables in Gipps Street. She turned the 1888 building into a residence and studio.

Now listed on the Heritage Register, 'Ola Cohn House' has a number of her sculptures

located in the front garden, along with her ashes. To many, she is best known for her carving on the Fairies Tree in the Fitzroy Gardens.

She became an active member of the Society from the late 1940s until her death in 1964. Her house is still a meeting place for the Society today.

Membership of the Society stands at 115, with its painters, sculptors and printmakers working in a variety of media and styles. Works of the Society are presented in all major galleries in Australia, as well as in several galleries overseas.

The *MSWPS 2009 Annual Exhibition* – its 100th – will be held at the Glen Eira Council Gallery from 22 October to 1 November.



Mary, full of grace

The Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre in East Melbourne and the Sisters of St Joseph joined in a public day of thanksgiving and reflection to mark the centenary of Mary MacKillop's death. She died on 8 August 1909.

Born in Fitzroy in 1842, not far from what is now the Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre, Mother Mary became the first Australian to be proposed to Rome as a candidate for canonisation. She was beatified by Pope John Paul II in 1994.

After Mother Mary set up a schoolhouse in Penola, South Australia, in 1866, she was joined by other nuns. With this group, Mother Mary established the order of the Sister of St Joseph. She dedicated her life to educating children in remote areas, and became a shining light as she attended the needy and marginalised women.

Her controversial views were not without their challenges and problems, but her strength of character and religious beliefs enabled her to stand up for what she believed in. Prayers for her sainthood have been said worldwide.

Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre, 362 Albert Street, East Melbourne, tel 9926 9300. Open Monday-Friday, 10am-4pm; www.sosj.org.au/about/victoria/MMHC.html



Lady Marigold Southey, AC, will open the exhibition on 21 October. The Annie Davison Award will be judged by art critic and writer Susan McCulloch. For more information about past and current well-known artists, visit www.home.vicnet.au/~mswps

Crime Watch

Neighbourhood Watch Report for the area of East Melbourne, provided by Sergeant Warren Jackman of Victoria Police for the period of June–July 2009. Due to privacy considerations, NOT all offences for this area have been listed.



Date	Details	Location
02.06	Theft from hotel/motel	Wellington Pde
03.06	Theft from hospital x 2	Victoria Pde
03.06	Theft from sports area	Brunton Ave
04.06	Theft from restaurant	Wellington Pde
04.06	Burglary from apartment	George St
05.06	Property damage from apartment	Grey St
06.06	Theft	Albert St
07.06	Theft from motor vehicle, forced window	Grey St
08.06	Theft of bicycle from sports area, bolt cutters	Brunton Ave
08.06	Theft from car-park x 2	Vale St
10.06	Theft from vehicle, smashed window	Wellington Pde
11.06	Theft from vehicle, smashed window	Albert St
11.06	Theft from vehicle, smashed window x 2	Johnston Tce
11.06	Theft from apartment	Albert St
17.06	Business office burglary, physical force	Albert St
17.06	Burglary forced window, x 3	Albert St
17.06	Sports area theft	Brunton Ave
19.06	Supermarket theft (shop steal)	Victoria Pde
22.06	Business office burglary, forced door	Albert St
23.06	Car park – theft from vehicle, forced lock	Brunton Ave
26.06	Medical centre theft	Victoria Pde

28.06	Arson, vehicle	Albert St
29.06	Burglary from house, forced door	Grey St
29.06	Theft from vehicle, window	Wellington Pde
29.06	Deception	Brunton Ave
30.06	Theft from hospital	Simpson St
04.07	Theft from car-park	Vale St
04.07	Theft from vehicle	Brunton Ave
04.07	Burglary, office forced door and window	Johnston Road
08.07	Theft from vehicle	Simpson St
12.07	Theft from car-park	Brunton Ave
12.07	Bicycle theft, bolt cutters	Brunton Ave
17.07	Property damage to house	Grey St
18.07	Theft from vehicle, nil visible force	Powlett St
18.07	Theft from vehicle, physical force	Gipps St
18.07	Theft from vehicle, forced lock x 2	Darling St
19.07	Attempted burglary of apartment	Simpson St
24.07	Property damage	Albert St
24.07	Theft from vehicle	Brunton Ave
24.07	Sports area theft x 2, from vehicle x 1	Brunton Ave
25.07	Theft from vehicle, nil visible force	Victoria Pde
26.07	Theft from vehicle, nil visible force	Brunton Ave
26.07	Licensed premises theft	Wellington Pde
29.07	Theft from vehicle, nil visible force	Vale St
29.07	Theft from vehicle, nil visible force	Johnston Tce
30.07	Theft from vehicle, smashed window	Brunton Ave
31.07	Medical centre theft	Albert St

Neighbourhood Watch

Neighbourhood Watch is a community-based crime prevention program where police and the community work together to reduce preventable crime.

For enquiries about NHW, contact:
Sgt Warren Jackman
Email: warren.jackman@police.vic.gov.au
Address: Level 1, Building C
Victoria Police Centre
637 Flinders Street
MELBOURNE 3005

If you are a resident living in an inactive Neighbourhood Watch area – ie: no newsletter delivery or regular meetings – please contact Sgt Jackman to discuss the launching of a program in your area.

For more information about Neighbourhood Watch, visit www.neighbourhoodwatch.com.au, then link to Division 1, Region 1.

My Place

VICTORIA POLICE PUTS CRIME ONLINE

To view a new site established by the Commissioner of Police, Simon Overland, log on to www.vicpolice.com.au/myplace.html

“The purpose of the new online news site will keep communities informed of crime in their local neighbourhood and policing issues impacting their lives,” the Chief Commissioner recently announced.

As well as obtaining the latest statistics in your municipality, you can view up-to-date news on traffic alerts and conditions on our major road system, police news, and reader comments.

PCCC – Police Community Consultative Committees

Central Activities District PCCC meets on the first Wednesday of every month at Melbourne Town Hall from 3.30pm. Members include representatives from various community associations, council management, and residents and local businesses.

For more information contact:
Snr Sgt Glenn Conry
Regions 1, Division 1
PCCC Coordinator
Phone: 9247 5548
Email: glenn.conry@police.vic.gov.au

Notice

Place your notice on this
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Fri 1pm-6pm
Sat 10am-4pm

PHONE: 9658 9600
WEBSITE: www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/libraries
EMAIL: library@melbourne.vic.gov.au

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GUEST ARTISTS TEA ROSE DUO
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Numbers are limited to 49 people
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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION
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100TH ANNUAL EXHIBITION
22ND OCTOBER - 1ST NOVEMBER 2009

GLEN EIRA CITY COUNCIL GALLERY
Cnr Glen Eira & Hawthorn Rds, Caulfield
Gallery hours

Mon to Fri 10am - 5pm Sat & Sun 1pm - 5pm
Closing 3pm Sunday 1st November

Free Entry

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Contact: The Secretary,

MSWPS 41-43 Gipps St East Melbourne 3002

http://home.vicnet.net.au/~mswps mswps@yahoo.com.au

EAST MELBOURNE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Coming Events

AGM

Wednesday, 21 October, at 8.00p.m.
Following our AGM, Kristin Otto, author of
Yarra: A Diverting History of
Melbourne's Murky River
has many tales to tell about our river
from pre-white settlement to modern times.
at Clarendon Terrace,
210 Clarendon Street, East Melbourne

CHRISTMAS DRINKS

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Enquiries: Deirdre: 9421 3252

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