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Murray Hohnen
EMG President

For East Melbourne is one of those special places where you can feel at home and know that one single fact discussed at one of our morning coffee venues can arrive at the farthest corner of the suburb in time for pre dinner drinks. That the output is sometimes slightly garbled adds to the charm.

We live in a magic place where mild eccentricity is the norm (with apologies to the real Norm and Anna) and its residents have a commitment to the suburb and to each other. One need only walk the streets to see buildings lovingly restored from faded to active splendour. Or admire the dog walking rosters for the temporarily disabled and the logistics of transporting patients from Mercy Aged Care to the library to share the latest silver screen offering and lunch for the price of two cups of coffee.

*In the East Melbourne Group we
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community group in Melbourne*

After a scarce six months leading the group I would like to share my impressions.

The EMG has been around for a long time, for sixty years in fact. Over that time people have come and gone but the underlying objectives have remained unchanged. While these objectives that include to preserve, protect and connect can be seen as only aspirational words, they get their traction through the efforts its sub committees.

It is expected that each sub committee convenor be an alpha person (or greater) and greater they are. Each convenor gathers around her (or him) a team with sinews that go deeply into the suburb.

Joanna Pace, despite physical frailty, amazes us all with her dogged commitment to anything that touches on the amenity of our suburb. Her list of achievements in the last six months is significant. Barbecues in Powlett Reserve and a seat at the table discussing the remodelling of the Wellington Parade entry to the city (and the allied issue of tram stop relocation) are but two.

Tom Hogg guides the finance and governance group. It has laboured hard to keep the finances in order, find the money needed to pay Carmel, our administrator and to tidy up a number of Cinderella issues like group insurance and compliance. **Stuart Hamilton**, a past president and now unflappable secretary, plays a parallel role and seems to be the go to man on anything that involves EMGs corporate memory.

To keep EMG strong, **Jacinta Ryan**, one of our Vice Presidents, is constantly looking

for ways to increase membership because any community group is only as strong as its membership list. It is the number of people on the books that the City look to when trying to decide the response to issues raised.

Barbara Patterson and her group have spent the last six months reviewing all new building applications and challenging those that are inappropriate. At the same time she is endeavouring to influence the long term regulatory framework in which East Melbourne planning decisions are made. Two major submissions have been made this year on heritage and zoning and another is in preparation.

Anita Steinbarth has taken on the task of keeping our parks and gardens under review and searching for ways achieve our eventual goal of bringing people back into Yarra Park in place of the cars. She and her team are also developing a strategy to reduce the number of people sleeping hard in Fitzroy Gardens in unsuitable and insanitary conditions. The current situation is inconsistent with the Gardens' heritage status.

And on the social and communications side we have **Siusan MacKenzie** and her team. In somewhat of a break from the past, Siusan has embarked on a social program that mixes low cost events that provide some of the social glue that is so important to our suburb with the more traditional ones that help raise the funds that enable EMG to function as it does. The film lunches and sausage sizzle are examples of the former. The garden party at Bishops court and the highly successful trivia night raised significant amounts while bringing people together.

Siusan is also a communicator and responsible for editing this magazine. I don't think her brain ever sleeps and I know her latest project is to encourage a community forum where you, the EMG community, can have your say about the issues that are important to you.

Let me close by highlighting the fact that all great organisations depend on constant renewal for their continuing greatness. In almost the words of Lord Kitchener, East Melbourne needs you!



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TICKETED PARKING ANGST

East Melbourne residents have been astonished and outraged by a proposal from Vic Roads and City of Melbourne to establish ticketed parking in Simpson, Powlett, Grey and Albert Streets, to accommodate parking overflow consequent to a Vic Roads plan to establish a dedicated inbound bus lane in Victoria Parade between Clarendon and Hoddle Streets.

Only some residents were notified directly and most of us heard about it from irate neighbours. Feedback was requested by 29 August and some people have already expressed their outrage at the proposal but many more wish to express their views.

The East Melbourne Group at its September meeting passed the following resolutions to be forwarded to the City of Melbourne.

The EMG strongly opposes the proposed installation of ticketed parking in Simpson, Albert, Grey and Powlett Streets, et al. on the following grounds:

1. There has been a complete lack of proper consultation and the dissemination of information about this important change has been incomplete and haphazard.
2. The information has trickled out from those directly notified, some people who have spoken to Vic Roads have elicited more detailed information than included in the letter to residents.
3. All residents are potentially affected and should have been notified.
4. The time line was too short for a proper response. In some cases people only received the letter a few days before feedback was due.
5. The information contained in the letter is sketchy and unnecessarily hard to follow with no overall assessment of its impacts on the residential area as a whole.
6. The nexus between the proposed new bus lane and the need to accommodate overflow parking demand is not established, nor properly explained, nor are any other options explored.
7. The impact on residential amenity and the need for visitor parking for residents has been totally ignored.
8. That the introduction of ticketed parking into the residential area will free up parking for residents is an assertion only and not based on just justified by any factual data or analysis.

9. The use of residential streets for overflow and business requirements is a distortion of proper parking priorities.

The EMG strongly opposes the abolition of parking along the median in Victoria Parade to establish a dedicated bus lane.

1. There is no traffic or parking studies or analysis offered to establish the need for a dedicated bus lane in Victoria Pde.
2. By observation, inward city-bound traffic has improved possibly as a consequence of synchronisation of lights with the 40kph limit and hence the need for a dedicated bus lane in this area is questionable.
3. Without doubt, outward bound traffic in Victoria Parade is still problematic but provision of an inward bus lane will have no impact on this situation.
4. An important component of building approval for businesses such as the Catholic Leadership Centre was the availability of parking in Victoria Pde. Transferring this parking onus to the adjoining residential zone is unacceptable, inconsistent and contrary to proper planning procedures.
5. Proper consultation is necessary prior to any further progress of this proposal and must be given priority so that ALL those affected are given the opportunity to voice their concerns.
6. Other options for the improvement of bus services should be explored in conjunction with a thorough and factual analysis of both traffic flow and conditions and the impact on residents properly assessed and evaluated.
7. Use of the median space alongside the existing tram line for bus lanes in both directions should be properly explored and evaluated.

Vic Roads has subsequently requested a meeting with EMG to discuss the proposal in more depth.

Human scale

Barbara Paterson

Human scale has been a common thread running through the various submissions prepared by EMG in response to recent planning initiatives by Melbourne City Council and the State Government.

By human scale we mean an environment that accords with human sensory and perceptual capabilities, one that meets the human desire for inclusion and intimacy.

People like areas with green, open spaces and pedestrian-friendly streets. The features of such an environment are not so imposing as to overwhelm the people who live among them. A contrary architectural phenomenon is 'starchitecture' which denotes large, unusual building projects designed by architects who want to make a statement.

East Melbourne and Jolimont (EMJ) is noted for the human scale of its built environment. However, the suburb is not just a collection of venerable buildings. Taken together these buildings document a significant era in the State's history. The notion of human scale is highly compatible with 'walkability' – but people only want to walk where there is



something interesting to see. This means interest at approximately eye level and not 'starchitecture' which is designed to be 'iconic', to be admired from a distance, and deliberately out of context with its environment or to serve automotive scale.

The appeal of this style of architecture is short-lived. One of its defining features is that it is out of context. In East Melbourne and Jolimont historic context defines the area. The urban

design principles that shaped its evolution were based on human scale and there is no good reason to abandon them now.

EMG recently submitted that we had lost confidence in Heritage Victoria and VCAT to protect East Melbourne's heritage precinct. If you want to read more about EMG's work to protect the heritage of our neighbourhood go to www.emg.or.au and look under current issues.

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Lucy Battersby

The first trivia night ever hosted by the East Melbourne Group (EMG) this year was a roaring success by all accounts.



The winning team are all smiles

It brought together over 140 residents from a wide variety of groups and raised money for local community projects.

Fourteen teams filled the beautiful hall at St Peter's Anglican church on a cold Friday night and soon had the room filled with laughter and the smell of supper and wine.

Teams represented the many different groups around the suburb, including the local church, the historical society, book groups, mothers' groups, tennis buddies and other groups.

The questions were compiled by seasoned trivia-goer Fred Halliday, with teams competing for prizes donated local businesses and families.

The event was skilfully put together by EMGs social committee. About \$4000 was raised through tickets, raffles and a tense game of heads or tails. These funds would be used to help produce this local magazine and offset the cost of future community events, such as the forthcoming Christmas party, organiser Susan MacKenzie said.

The smartest team on the night was a group of tennis players hosted by Pippa McIntosh. They happily accepted a whole tub of wine donated by the Lidgerwood family as their prize. Vouchers for Tippler Bar were accepted by a team made up of George Street residents who came a close second.

Raffle prizes were won by Travis Galowski, Gerry Bruin, Dr Bill and Kathryn Robertson.

The final question. Will there be another trivia night in 2015?



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JACINTA
RYAN



Jacinta came from a small rural town so she fully understands the necessity of community support and participation to make things happen. She joined EMG soon after arriving in the suburb and has been on the committee since 2009 serving in the role of Secretary and is now Vice President with responsibility for membership. A former primary teacher Jacinta now works in real estate and supports her husband Bill the local vet which has enabled her to get to know very many local people. She has four adult children and a growing number of grandchildren which has given her a new perspective on life. She loves all things French and holidays in Albi there is where she draws breathe. Dolly, her little yellow and black Citroen is a quaint new presence in East Melbourne.

MURRAY
HOHNEN



Murray is the most recent president of the EMG and follows an illustrious list of predecessors. A lawyer by early training, he worked in private legal practice and then as a coal and copper miner in a variety of roles in a variety of places with BHP and its predecessors. His last move brought him and his wife Caroline (Charlie) to East Melbourne. Their two sons, one daughter and three small grandsons followed. He has been a volunteer gardener at Bishops Court for more than 10 years and has a strong commitment to community service. Coming from a rugby background, Murray still doesn't quite understand football or why his elder grandchildren favoured the name Buddy Franklin for the new arrival. He enjoys classical music, pottering about in his shed, history, genealogy and travelling with Charlie and with the East Melbourne, four wheel drive - Simpson Desert collective. No death by thirst there.

STUART
HAMILTON



Stuart Hamilton is currently the Secretary of the East Melbourne Group, having previously been President and Vice-President. He is also on the Parks & Gardens Committee and is community member on the MCG Yarra Park Advisory Committee. He was born in Hobart, worked for many years in Canberra for the federal government and as a lobbyist, and moved to Melbourne in 2001, where he has worked mainly in education management. He currently is on the Council of Deakin University. He and his wife Sue have lived in East Melbourne since 2007. They have an adult daughter (who also lives in East Melbourne) and son (who has strayed across town as far as West Melbourne). He has degrees in English Language and Literature and in Economics. In his spare time he enjoys playing the piano and has recently decided to torture the family cat by also taking up the cello.



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Jill Fenwick

President East Melbourne Historical Society

The First World War has loomed very large in Australian history. Coming only fourteen years after Federation, it has been typified as the chance for a young nation to mature and enter the 'company of nations' as a fully-fledged member.

Then, too, there was, initially, overwhelming support for the mother country, Britain, and belief in the rightness of her cause. We will, said Prime Minister Andrew Fisher, 'fight to our last man and our last shilling'.

A hundred years later, the war is commemorated, rather than celebrated. It brought about the collapse of five great Empires, drained the economies of all the participants, and resulted in the death or injury of up to 37 million people. In Australia, each small town was struck by the war, and, at the end of it, placed memorials to the dead in prominent places, where the citizens could remember those men and women who sacrificed their lives.

From a population of 5 million people, Australia sent 331,814 volunteers. Of these, 60,000 died, representing about ten per cent of all adult males between 20 and 40 years of age. Another 150,000 incidents of injury were



recorded for Australian forces: about 2,000 returned to permanent hospitalisation and, according to war historian Ross McMullan, in 1926 there were nearly 23,000 ex-soldiers in hospital and by 1939, almost 50,000.

Our own small suburb of East Melbourne had its patriots. From 1914-18, we sent just over 770 men and women to war and it was on this basis, with the centenary of the war this year, that the East Melbourne Historical Society began what has been its biggest project.

We resolved that, with the help of local volunteers, that we would commemorate our soldiers and nurses by putting brief biographies of each one of them online at www.emhs.org.au. With the enthusiastic help of Major-General Mike O'Brien, who compiled the list for us, we began the task. It has been a great learning experience. We learnt not only about the men and women who enlisted, but much

about our suburb itself: predominantly working class, most volunteers describing themselves as 'natural born British citizens', the majority Church of England by religion, many living in boarding houses. While there were a number of doctors and nurses due to the hospitals nearby, there were only a few lawyers, businessmen, teachers and other professionals.

The product of the information we have gathered is an exhibition. 'For King and Country: East Melbourne Volunteers and the Great War' will be opened by Adam Bandt, MP. At the East Melbourne Library from 16 October – 11 November it will tell the stories of some of the soldiers and nurses from this suburb who went to the different theatres of war – Gallipoli, Egypt, the Western Front and the smaller areas of conflict. Perhaps one of these people was your relative or lived in your house.

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A regular column in which we invite readers to share a favourite or inspiring story. Sadly this will be the last contribution by Glenda as she passed away suddenly at the end of August just two days after providing this piece. A prolific reader and accomplished writer she was a great supporter of this Magazine and her contribution and good humour will be sorely missed. A woman of style I shall remember fondly one of the last things she said to me 'I don't do anything I can't do in high heels!'

One Perfect Day is the profoundly moving story of Melbourne woman Veronika Csoz – her experiences during the 1956 Hungarian Uprising, and her dramatic escape to settle, eventually, in Australia.

One Perfect Day is also a story about young people with an unshakeable desire to be free of the fear, violence and oppression of Communist rule, which, on a beautiful Hungarian autumn day, led to tragic events that reverberated around the free world.

We watched on helplessly as on television and in newsreels Soviet tanks rolled in to crush the 1956 Hungarian Uprising. Despite calls for help to world leaders, Hungary's fight for freedom was overshadowed by the international standoff over the Suez Canal. Help never came and the desperate battle for democracy was lost to the Soviet Army just days after freedom seemed to have been won.

Veronika, then just 18, was in the thick of the fighting while bullets flew and friends were abducted by the Secret Police never to be seen again. After days of fighting, Veronika fled her home and, with a group of other young freedom fighters, dodged armed border patrols to escape, eventually, to Australia. There she married fellow freedom fighter Paul Csoz and settled in Melbourne.

Author Sandy Watson learned of Veronika's story from her then flat mate – one of Veronika's twin daughters – and so began a long friendship during which she gently coaxed details of Veronika's part in Hungary's history from one of our unsung brave settlers.

Veronika lived long enough to read and approve Sandy's final manuscript but sadly, not long enough for publication. But she was represented at the launch of One Perfect Day, last year, by some 200 Hungarians – including survivors of the original 'Fifty-Sixers' now living in Melbourne. Veronika's story was considered of such significance that Hungary's Ambassador to Australia, Her Excellency Anna Shiko, flew to Melbourne from Canberra to launch the book.

Although the 1956 Hungarian Uprising ultimately ended in defeat, it was the first significant resistance to Communism and the Soviet rule. It became a turning point in the eventual diminution of communist rule throughout the Eastern Bloc.

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William Robert Johnston was born in Lilydale in 1911. His father was a boot-maker and his mother, before her marriage, worked as a maid at Stanford House, East Melbourne.

Around the age of eight, William was given a Minton cup by his grandmother. An unusual gift for a small boy but this became the first piece of his collection and provided the inspiration for a career in antiques that took Johnston around the world.

After an early career in window merchandising in Melbourne, Johnston relocated to London to begin a fulltime business dealing in antiques. He purchased a property in Hotham Street in 1952 with money made from the sale of antiques brought back from England. Originally named Cadzow, built in 1860 and extended ten years later, Johnston renamed it Fairhall and remodelled it in order to create the appearance of a late 18th century Georgian-style townhouse. The interior rooms were converted into three rental flats.

By 1972, Johnston decided to return to live part-time in Melbourne, and gathered his expanding collection of Georgian, Regency and Louis XV fine and decorative arts into Fairhall and other rental properties he owned in the area. At the same time, he opened Kent Antiques in High St, Armadale.

Johnston's house, collection and estate were bequeathed to the people of Victoria after

his death in 1986 'as a place of historical and educational interest,' now administered as an independent not-for-profit museum by The WR Johnston Trust. Fairhall was converted into the house-museum and a garden was designed in the English manner to highlight Johnston's love of gardening.

The East Melbourne Group recently hosted a cocktail party at the Johnston Collection and enjoyed a tour of the current winter exhibition, which saw Fairhall recreated as a British-style interior found in India in the 1830s.

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Slow progress in Fitzroy Gardens

Anita Steinbath



Work in the area commenced three years ago, in August 2011, and were initially scheduled for completion by mid 2014. As often happens with projects of this size, there has been a series of delays which have pushed out the completion date to October 2014 for the garden area, and December for the visitor centre and new café. The current lease on the Pavilion café near the fairy tree means it will also continue to operate until March 2017.

The \$11.3m improvement plan for the Fitzroy Gardens includes:

- A 5 million litre underground stormwater collection facility to enable the Gardens irrigation needs to be supplied with recycled water. It is expected that this will save 121million litres of potable water per annum and secure the water supply requirements for this heritage listed park
- New visitor centre, café and public toilets
- New consolidated works depot and plant nursery

It seems like an eternity since construction works began in the Fitzroy Gardens adjacent to Captain Cooks Cottage and you have probably been wondering... what's the hold up?



In other areas of the Gardens life goes on as usual. In Autumn a team of gardeners spent several days planting out thousands of seedlings along the main north south path and now there are primula and cineraria to be enjoyed by all who pass by.

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Grant grew up in Beaumaris, studied at Melbourne University and was a librarian there before deciding on a career change.

With experience in several parishes across Melbourne, he now looks forward to his time in East Melbourne hoping that the friendliness and warmth he has experienced from the congregation can be extended further into the community and that the beautiful church on the corner of Hotham and Clarendon Street can be an even greater place of hospitality, welcome, support and nurture for all who live in this beautiful area.

With more than 25 years experience in healthcare, David welcomed the opportunity to work in the lovely neighbourhood of East Melbourne and Jolimont.

Arriving in July, he has already been struck by the wonderful culture inside the hospitals – something cherished by patients across the three sites (Victoria Parade, Clarendon St and Simpson St). David acknowledges the buildings' architectural significance and history and will oversee improvements to the visual ambiance and surrounds as well as growth in services to the local community.

Local is a key word for Brett Sweetman, the newly appointed General Manager at the Park Hyatt hotel.

Melbourne-born Mr Sweetman is now happy to be back and calling East Melbourne 'home'. He views Park Hyatt as a luxury brand, in a luxury suburb and he wants to work closely with the local community.

The hotel already works with local churches, as a venue for post-wedding celebrations and hosts new mums from the Epworth Hospital after their baby arrives. He'd like to see residents take advantage of the Park Hyatt's many facilities.



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An interview with one of the Friends of the East Melbourne Fertility Clinic

Moira Rayner

Protestors disturbing clients outside the Fertility Clinic in Wellington Parade is a long-standing issue, which is proving very difficult to solve. Lord Mayor, Robert Doyle turned up recently, apparently interested to better understand the contentious issue.

I spoke to Charles Brass, who is one of the Friends of the East Melbourne Clinic. I wanted to know why he and others were there, and what they had experienced.

Charles and Torrey Orton have been taking a stand at the clinic for more than three years - grumpy old white men trying to make a difference.

It was Dr Susie Allanson, a psychologist at the clinic, who told them that more than a decade ago, someone had been shot dead at the clinic by a fanatic and yet there are still people who are being harassed on a daily basis as they approach the clinic.

What did you hope to achieve by becoming Friends of the Clinic?

Our original intention was to go and talk to the protestors and find out why they were doing what they did. We did that for six months, and made a genuine and profound effort to listen to them and debate the pros and cons of the way they were going about it. In the last two

and a half years, we have had to intercept them because they were not willing to listen.

For example, every day they claim to be offering help to the women who are going to the centre to end their pregnancies. We say there are much better ways than verbal attack as someone is walking into the clinic and clearly distressed.

We even made a number of suggestions, which respected their right to express a view, such as reworking their brochure and getting it put inside the clinic so anyone can pick it up, and make an informed choice. They refused.

What impact do you think you are having outside the clinic?

We are there three days a week and being able to help people on those days makes it worthwhile for us. We are looking for people to cover the other three days, 7.30 til 9 a.m.

Three years ago, every one walked past with their head down, looking neither right nor left. Now the locals talk to us.

We see our job now as to provide some physical protection to clients so we interpose our person between the protestors and the clients wherever we can. Some protestors behave better than others do. Last Thursday one regular woman protestor walked 50 metres up the street to intercept potential clients of the clinic. I just walk up in front of such people and stop, between the clients and the protestor to provide some sort of protective barrier for clients. This protestor usually gets angry, but I don't say anything, and by then the clients are able to get into the clinic.

What do the Friends say to the protestors?

We keep our mouths shut, but many of the locals and clients don't. We think that throwing vitriol at them does nothing but reinforce the protestors' beliefs.

Legally, the protestors can approach a person, but once it's clear the person is not interested in talking they must be left alone. However, the protestors are usually very persistent so that is when we step in. Usually the client turns around and gives the protestors a bit of her mind with a colourful turn of phrase. That can be quite funny!

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A haven for young & old

Robert McColl

East Melbourne as a suburb has more than twice the national average of 25 to 34 year olds, not far behind Collingwood or Richmond, two nearby suburbs generally perceived as much more youth-orientated.

Lexie, 28, now lives in St Kilda, but has fond memories of her time in East Melbourne where she believes she had the 'best of both worlds' – the best of Collingwood, and the best of East Melbourne. A Vet Nurse at the Lost Dogs Home, Lexie misses taking her two Golden Retrievers to Yarra Park where they loved meeting everyone in the morning. She also felt safer walking home late at night in East Melbourne, than current suburb St Kilda. However, she says, 'East Melbourne is so ideally located that cost of rent makes it really hard for young people to afford to live there, especially if you've only got a single income.' Indeed, in this respect, Collingwood, Richmond and Fitzroy carry the day. Lexie adds, 'I noticed a lot of people, sharing apartments – that's definitely an option for making it a bit cheaper.'

Jess, 27, is an example of this. Currently working at a children's animation production company, Jess shares her apartment with a flatmate, who works in marketing. 'All of my friends who live here are really happy,' Jess says. 'I feel there's this idea that it's this super 'bougie' suburb, but I feel like there are more young people in this area than people realise. People talk about those stereotypes, but if someone told them there was a great apartment going in East Melbourne they'd probably jump at the opportunity.' Jess has lived in Carlton North and North Melbourne – suburbs she describes as 'buzzing'. East Melbourne, on the other hand, she says, 'has a bit of a haven quality to it'. In her opinion, Abbotsford and Richmond have a more trendy brunch atmosphere. However, her friend from Abbotsford says, East Melbourne is worth the trip for its library alone.

East Melbourne and its library was news to Pia, 29, too. Now, as a resident she sees it as a suburb with a strong community base. 'You can tell that the people really love living here, and that respect for your own backyard is really inspiring.' Like many of her generation, Pia enjoys a fast-paced career and as a freelancer for a Melbourne production company, she has commuted to South Melbourne, Richmond, Fitzroy and Flemington for her work. 'Nothing is an issue,' she says. 'I can either walk or I jump on a tram and I'm there in a matter of minutes.' Being central is a priority for Pia as are the parks. 'When I had my little baby, for the first year, we were out in the park every single day.' As for what East Melbourne can offer people in her age bracket, Pia likes the healthy, outdoor lifestyle the suburb's parks encourage. Pia would not like to see East Melbourne become too commercial. While people comment about the need for a local



For Richard location is everything

pub or a primary school Pia thinks, we are okay as we are.

Another young local, Richard, was spotted in Powlett Reserve enjoying a game of Frisbee with his girlfriend. He agrees location is paramount. While he considered living in Collingwood, Abbotsford and Richmond, East Melbourne made the most sense. 'It's so well located you can head in any direction for restaurants, it has great parks and it is close to all the sporting precincts I enjoy.'

When discussing what East Melbourne is missing, a pub would arguably be mentioned early on. Yet these young residents do not seem to mind. East Melbourne's quietness is what they value, and they look to the gregarious neighbouring suburbs Collingwood and Richmond for a bit more noise. I hope that it remains popular with the 25 to 34 bracket, and people from this demographic become more actively involved in protecting and enhancing the place where we all seem to love to live!

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FEELING RIGHT AT HOME

the Tillman family

Recently we spent six months in Melbourne while our daughter was receiving medical attention at Peter Mac hospital. On arrival, we rented an apartment at the Eastern Townhouse Apartments and our plan was to use this as a base until we could find suitable long term accommodation.



It quickly became apparent however, that if we moved we would struggle to match the ambience, facilities and ease of living that 3002 offered us, and so we remained at Eastern Townhouse throughout our stay.

Early on, we discovered the library and its excellent service. Robyn purchased a little book about the history of the laneways in East Melbourne, and we made it an adventure to discover and photograph them. We especially liked the Ola Cohen Garden, and used the Hut as a background for a knitting project we accomplished.

Powlett Reserve, and the tennis courts, were just across the road and provided a tranquil haven where we could sit under the eucalyptus tree while watching the children on the playground, people walking their dogs, and exercise groups. The installation of the new

barbecues in Powlett Reserve made a big difference to our lives as we didn't have an oven in the apartment. Robyn was able to wile away her time and hone her basket making skills by using detritus that the trees provided.

We became regulars at the shops at Tribeca. Robyn decided that the IGA had the 'friendliest shop assistant in the world' and we frequently sat outside in the courtyard enjoying a coffee and a croissant from the café, as we watched the always interesting parade of passersby. The KIWI fish and chips were almost as good as the real thing and the only disappointing thing about the wine bar was how long it took Russ to discover it. The history of the brewery was also interesting, as we own an early postcard of the brewery. We were disappointed that we didn't make a greater effort and venture all the way to the top floor.

Walks through the Fitzroy Garden and Yarra Park became a regular part of our lives, and the changes in the historic trees in the area as summer turned to autumn were a constant delight. A highlight was finding a Bunya Bunya pine cone adjacent to the MCG and lugging it back for show and tell. Future trips to Melbourne will always include a stroll in the area.

We will always remember the friendliness of the East Melbourne people. In particular we would like to thank the folk we met in Albert Street for looking out for us. We did so enjoy the community Trivia night in the magnificent St Peter's Hall, although our Kiwi presence didn't elevate the table IQ to great heights.

3002 is a very special community, and it was a joy to meet people doing a wonderful job in keeping its history intact, for present and future generations to enjoy.

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YARRA PARK MASTER PLAN

Tony Ware

Important landscape works are taking place as part of the Melbourne Cricket Club's Yarra Park Master Plan (YPMP).

The YPMP has a number of key objectives – some of which have already been met through the installation of an underground water recycling facility and others which will be achieved through landscape works that are still to be implemented.

The first phase of these works has commenced and will focus on park amenity and the preservation of park heritage, including:

- upgrading park furniture - picnic tables, park benches and playground equipment
- installing BBQs, drinking fountains and replacing bins
- improving lighting, directional signage and paving
- protecting indigenous scar trees, improving the cabin shelter and planting

This phase of works is expected to be completed in time for the 2014 Boxing Day Test.

The second phase will focus on the southern section of the park adjacent to MCG Gate 6 and Brunton Avenue. These works are scheduled to commence after the 2014 AFL Grand Final and also be completed in time for the 2014 Boxing Day Test.

Upon completion, this section of the park will offer:

- an open space with seating and standing room which acts as a central meeting place for patrons on match days.
- a safe bus drop-off facility and taxi drop-off zone for disabled patrons on match days via a service road.
- a location for temporary parking for vehicles attending the National Sports Museum and MCG Tours during non-event periods.

The Sports Museum currently does not have any dedicated car parking on non-event days, with visitors to the museum parking in the CBD or along Wellington Parade, Jolimont Street and Jolimont Terrace. These facilities will reduce traffic and parking in these residential streets.

All works have been approved by Heritage Victoria and have been planned in accordance with preserving the existing trees, with no net loss of trees or parkland as a result of the development. Heritage-listed paths will be maintained.

Considerable planning has been undertaken in relation to traffic movements, noise and access to park amenities to minimise the impact of the works on residents and MCG patrons.

For any queries, please contact the MCC on 9657 8888 or email yarrapark@mcc.org.au

Thirsty work running free

For many years the issue of off-leash areas in Yarra Park has been a contentious one.

Angela Mercer

The dog-owners had never been happy with the areas mandated by Melbourne City Council, feeling they were far too dangerous, being steep hills running down to Punt Road and Brunton Avenue. A petition with almost 300 signatures went to Council requesting a change in the bye-laws, and this was being considered.....but councils move very slowly, and before a decision could be reached the management of Yarra Park was handed over by the State Government to the MCC.

Until now, the MCC has not bothered the dog-owners at all, and has let them use what they deem to be the safest area, the large flat space to the north of the MCG, which has no adjacent roads, but now wishes formally to define where dogs may run and play off-leash.

A meeting was recently held between two members of the Park Management Team and three dog-owners, two from East Melbourne and one from Richmond, to discuss this issue.

The dog-owners concerns were acknowledged and note was taken of the many reasons why the de facto off-leash area is the only acceptable one. The MCCs position in wishing

to retain the current official area appears to be a fear of litigation.

Whilst it was agreed that fencing the playground could be a possibility, and that would decrease the likelihood of any trouble, concern was also expressed that any child passing through the Park, picnicking there with parents or just playing ball, might get attacked and litigation would follow.

It is understood that the MCC will consult its lawyers on this matter - but surely, if there could be this risk in a new off-leash area, there must equally be that risk in the old areas, all of which are used by children passing through; picnickers are rarely seen except on footy days, when there is rarely a dog in sight because of the danger from cars.

In the meantime, the dog-owners will continue to use the safe area, and will reconsider their strategy if or when it is necessary. They are also still pushing for a collection of seats in the shade of trees for owners and water points to refresh thirsty energetic dogs so there is no need to carry heavy bottles of water to the park throughout the warmer months just around the corner again.



PEOPLE & PETS *you meet on the streets*



BOOTS AND JACKSON

Boots and Jackson were named after Lee Hazlewood and Nancy Sinatra songs. Their owner Jane was at a loss and just went to her record collection. They have been regular visitors to Mercy Place Aged Care since it opened. Jackson is totally irresponsible, effectively amoral, and lives entirely for pleasure. Boots is the responsible one. Even though he was severely injured as a pup he defends Jackson if and when he gets into any sort of trouble. He also disapproves of disruption, and feels particularly strongly about scaffolding, cranes and rubbish bins that have fallen over.



PAUL SALMON

Paul and his family moved to East Melbourne around four years ago and settled into a routine of strolls to the 'G', hot chocolates at the Hilton, and flicks at the Kino with a stop at Haigh's. At 206cm he's hard to miss and his height has come in handy for some of the locals, once balancing on the back of a ute to lift a desk into a second storey window! He enjoys 'racing' John, the slowest man in 3002, to the General Store. Out walking with his little dog Bella they always attract stares. He wonders what it is with little men and big dogs. He's still on his 3002 honeymoon but he would love a small adult circuit training area because the kids' playground at the 'G' can get a bit tight for a big bloke!



GREG BISINELLA

Greg came to East Melbourne nine years ago from Geelong looking for an area to settle where he could be surrounded by trees and gardens. He feels East Melbourne provides an oasis in the city. The real challenge for our community according to Greg is to retain its integrity and not succumb to inappropriate development as the city grows. Parts of East Melbourne have already suffered and there is a need to ensure the vision for East Melbourne is sympathetic to its past and mandated and adhered to. Greg really hopes that in 50 years his children can experience East Melbourne as we do today. A character filled community full of much natural beauty.



GUS McALLISTER

Gus McAllister has always had a passion for hospitality. Whilst working in pubs and bars to support his university studies, it became apparent that hospitality – rather than science – was his calling. With the dream of opening his own bar, Gus then set about building up his knowledge of the industry. He stumbled across the site for Tippler & Co in Wellington Pde whilst out on a run. He's been trading there now for nine months and couldn't imagine being anywhere else. He grew up in Donald, a small country town with a lively spirit, and loves that same sense of community here in East Melbourne.



PATRIZIA KELLY

Patrizia and her husband moved from an apartment in St Kilda Road to East Melbourne nine years ago. It was a passion for games played at the MCG and the general feel of the area that lured them across the river. Now Patrizia never tires of walking their dog Jock around our suburb and meeting lots of interesting and friendly people, and dogs, along the way. She is one of a strong group who believe prohibiting, or better managing, car parking in Yarra Park would significantly improve the amenity of East Melbourne. In-between teaching Italian to school children and being a student of Latin herself she loves travelling (anywhere!)



RUI CHEN

Rui's sweet demeanour was certainly missed by the George Street Cafe regulars when she recently travelled to China to marry her sweetheart Adam. Everyone was anxious to see photos of the blushing bride. Working at the café is a part time job for Rui to support her interactive digital media study at RMIT. She came with her parents to Australia in 2006 and while she was learning English she volunteered at the Lentil As Anything restaurant to gain experience. Rui loves to talk and she has made friends of all ages chatting and always smiling as she goes about her job in the café.

Community Noticeboard



OLD FASHIONED POWDER PUFFS

Makes about 60 (30 doubles)

INGREDIENTS

- 2 x 70 gram eggs at room temperature
- 1/2 cup caster sugar
- 1/2 cup corn flour
- 2 level teaspoons plain flour
- 1/2 teaspoon cream of tartar
- 1/4 teaspoon bicarbonate soda

1. Preheat oven to 350 F or 190 C. Line oven slides with baking paper
2. Use electric mixer to beat egg whites till really stiff (very clean whites with no yolk or shell)
3. Gradually add caster sugar, beating till dissolved
4. Add egg yolks and beat in
5. Add the 4 powders (sifted together 4 times) and beat on low only until till properly mixed in.
6. Put teaspoons full onto oven slide allowing space as they spread a bit. Don't be tempted to use a bigger spoon!
7. Bake about 11 - 13 minutes until 'light biscuit' colour
8. Prepare next slide when first one is done. If you prepare next slide in advance they can spread before you get them in the oven.
9. When completely cold, remove them from baking paper and store in airtight container - not in fridge. They keep for weeks like this.
10. On the day you wish to serve, join them together with cream whipped with a little sugar and few drops of vanilla and thinly sliced strawberries too if you wish.
11. Fill about 6 - 8 hours before needed to allow them to soften. Tap pure icing sugar through a fine strainer onto bottom of container to stop them sticking and do the same on their tops to look nice. Put lid on and put in fridge until ready to serve. Bliss!

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MCG Open Day is a free event, allowing sports fans to gain rare access to the hallowed turf of the MCG and have a kick-to-kick with family and friends.

There will also be an opportunity to access parts of the stadium that are normally off limits, like the player change rooms and the cricket viewing rooms and the chance have your photo taken on the AFL premiership dais with a replica cup.

Last ground access at 2:30pm (closes 3pm). Access via Gate 3 (National Sports Museum entrance).

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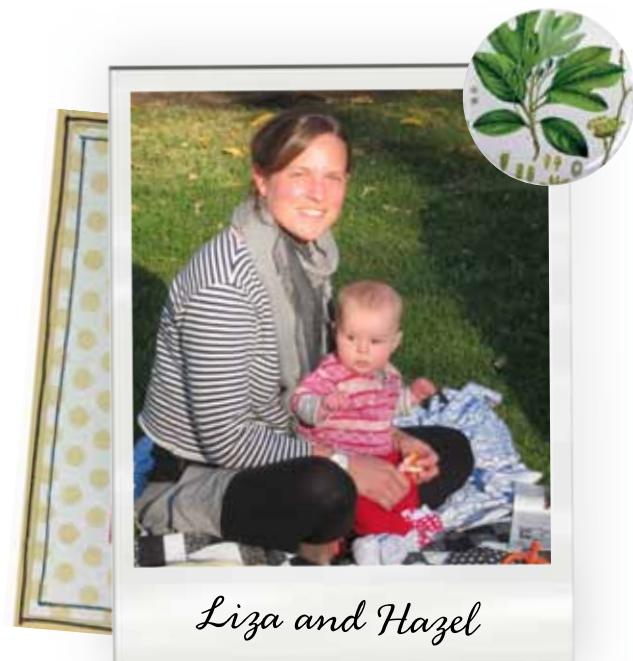


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Erin and Emme

*Liza and Hazel*

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*Janine and Nicholas*

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More information and registration at www.7parkswalk.com.au

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‘Good question! Right now I’m planning a family trip to Europe next year,’ said Rita.

‘London, Paris and Cyprus. Paris because our three daughters want Disneyland; my husband wants to visit his family in London; and my heritage is Cypriot so that’s where my relatives are!’

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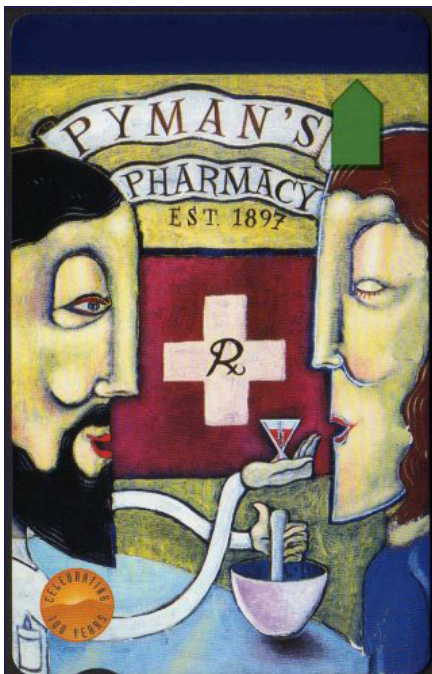


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