



East Melbourne Folimont **3002NEWS**

AUTUMN 2012

A FREE COMMUNITY EVENT
SUNDAY 22 APRIL
- POWLETT RESERVE
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ANSWERED

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WHAT IS THE EAST MELBOURNE GROUP?

The East Melbourne Group, Inc. (EMG) is a non-profit residents' association representing the interests of the East Melbourne and Jolimont communities. The EMG was formed in 1953 when residents were galvanized into action by the threatened destruction of mature elm trees in George Street.

We are dedicated to the conservation and enhancement of our unique historic environment.

The EMG aims to preserve, protect and enhance:

- Historic buildings and the heritage character of the area
- Boulevards, streetscapes and laneways
- Residential amenity and resident parking
- Parks, gardens, significant trees, new plantings, median strips and roundabout plantings
- The overall high standards of our community

HILTON

Reversal of a planning decision by the Minister for Planning which would have resulted in a development almost double the height permitted by the planning legislation.

EAST MELBOURNE LIBRARY

Advocated for a new state-of-the-art library for our precinct.

YARRA PARK

Obtained Heritage Victoria registration of this significant park and an ongoing campaign against the use of Yarra Park as a car park.

JOLIMONT

Lobbied for the registration of Jolimont Square on the Victorian Heritage Register and led a successful action against an inappropriate development on that site.

Ongoing lobbying to ensure the City of Melbourne honour their undertaking to review Jolimont's planning rules.

Stuart Hamilton, President of the EMG outside the Hut where the group operates from.

EAST MELBOURNE BUILT FORM REVIEW

Increased planning protection for historic East Melbourne by working alongside the City of Melbourne over a period of four years. The Built Form Review for East Melbourne, the C93, is now incorporated in the Melbourne Planning Scheme.

ONGOING WORK

Represent residents on various important local committees including the City of Melbourne Parks and Gardens Advisory Committee, the State Government Yarra Park Advisory Committee, the Police and Community Consultative Committee and the Hoddle Street Study Stakeholder Advisory Group.

Monitor the impact of proposed developments on heritage and resident amenity and engage in discussions with the developers and architects to communicate residents' concerns and advocate to reduce any negative impact of the proposal.

To build strong neighbourhood connection by disseminating information to members, facilitating the production of the EMJ 3002 News and by hosting events.

The key source of funding for EMG to undertake this work is membership fees.

If you love living in East Melbourne Jolimont - please join or renew your membership to the EMG

Look out for the brochure in your letterbox or contact us on 9415 7570.



NEW LOOK EAST MELBOURNE AND JOLIMONT 3002 NEWS

The East Melbourne Group first produced a local news magazine in 1980 with editions held by the State Library.

The last magazine was published in 2010. Since that time EMG has not had the resources to produce the sort of quality publication it aspired to provide East Melbourne Jolimont residents. This 2012 autumn edition sees the East Melbourne News take on a fresh new contemporary feel as East Melbourne Jolimont 3002 News designed to provide broad appeal to the changing community demographic.

EMJ3002 News will be published with the assistance of advertising and distributed to all EMJ mailboxes four times each year. It aims to inform local residents and business operators about issues and events of local interest and serve to connect our community.

TELL US WHAT YOU THINK & WIN!

Tell us how you think the next edition of the East Melbourne Jolimont 3002 News could be improved and go in the draw to **win a celebration ice cream cake kindly donated by Casa Del Gelato in Lygon Street Carlton.**

Email your feedback to admin@emg.org.au

WANT TO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION OR PLACE AN AD

If you would like to make a contribution to the next edition of EMJ3002 News in the form of a story, a photograph or an advertisement please contact the Convenor of the EMG Communications Committee Siusan MacKenzie mackenzie@netspace.net.au

CAPTURE THE BEST EAST MELBOURNE JOLIMONT AUTUMN MOMENT & WIN!

Autumn is a gorgeous time in East Melbourne Jolimont and it presents many photographic opportunities. If you have a photo taken in our neighbourhood that you think captures the best of our suburb in autumn, please send a copy to us for a chance to **win a delicious breakfast for two from Europa Cellars and see your creative skills published in the winter edition of the EMJ3002 News.**

Email your photo to admin@emg.org.au





LET'S GET TOGETHER & HAVE FUN A JEM OF AN IDEA

A FANTASTIC FREE COMMUNITY EVENT WILL TAKE PLACE IN POWLETT RESERVE ON SUNDAY 22 APRIL FROM 10AM TO 4PM

Hosted by the East Melbourne Group, it's called JEM in the Park.

With dogs a big feature and unifying force in the daily life of Jolimont and East Melbourne (JEM) residents, the mascots for the event are a motley collection of canine friends, with alpha dog Jem the leader of the pack.

Pack a picnic and spend the day at JEM in the Park – a community festival for all East Melbourne and Jolimont residents. It promises to be a day of fun for all ages with a wide ranging program of events and activities including:

- Speakers' corner exploring hot topic issues of concern to local residents
- Petanque competition with fantastic prizes - play off in teams of two - call Bill Ryan on 9415 8284 to register or do it on the day between 9 and 9.30am
- Live music
- Latin dance moves class
- Decorated bike competition
- Introduction to yoga class
- Petting zoo
- Creative dance class for the littlies
- Storytelling
- Rides
- Face painting

- Children's games
- Community and market stalls - look out for cute JEM tea towels, T-shirts, mugs and postcards on sale at the event.
- Sausage sizzle
- Cake competition
- Dog parade – best dressed, best trick, best behaved & dog most like owner
- East Melbourne and Jolimont walks, talks and tours
- A local hero's awards presentation

More details will be in a separate flyer.

JEM has been created to encourage community participation, help to connect neighbours and enable newer residents to meet people who have lived here a little longer – all in a friendly and festive environment.

Supported by the City of Melbourne through its Event Partnership Program, it is recognised as the only event of its kind in the municipality of Melbourne.

Sunday 22 April is also Earth Day, when more than one billion people around the world will take part in events to raise environmental consciousness. JEM activities are not officially part of the Earth Day initiative, but much of the thinking behind the planning of JEM has been with sustainable living and practices in mind.

GET INVOLVED

Want to help out at JEM?

All hands on deck. All skills welcome and hours to suit you. We need volunteers to help with a broad range of tasks. Could you offer a hand with filming and photography, selling raffle tickets, street marshalling, event marshalling or judging, dog wrangling, administration, stallholder support? It will be fun and hugely rewarding and a wonderful opportunity to get involved in this community event. Volunteers receive a JEM T-shirt, snacks and drinks and will be given a health and safety induction.

Want to host a market stall at JEM?

Your business or community group can hold a stall at JEM in the Park. JEM supports the intentions of local businesses and community groups wishing to raise funds and awareness of their objectives.

Contact us at jem3002@gmail.com or contact Carmel at the EMG on 9415 7570 to register your interest.

Parking within the local vicinity will be, as always, very limited, but spaces will be reserved for the mobility impaired. All areas are wheelchair accessible.

Our aim is to develop JEM so that it becomes a permanent fixture on the East Melbourne and Jolimont calendar, an annual event for the whole community to look forward to and participate in. Come along on 22 April and make JEM more than a great idea.



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR PARKS & GARDENS

MARK JENKINS

Convenor EMG Parks and Gardens Committee

The summer just ended has been kinder to our local parks and gardens than many in the drought dominated recent past, which is a relief to all of us who love and care so deeply about our green spaces. Since the end of the football season, much of the discussion around the neighbourhood has centred on the works being undertaken as part of stage one of the Yarra Park landscape improvement works. These works are being carried out under the stewardship of the Melbourne Cricket Club (MCC), which took responsibility for the park from March 2010 under the Melbourne Cricket Ground and Yarra Park Amendment Act. The MCC's Yarra Park Management and Improvement Plans provide the over arching strategy.

Under these plans, in addition to the major work of the installation of the water recycling facility, Yarra Park itself is to be remediated in three stages over the next year or so. The first stage took place in the north-east section of the park between the end of the football season and the Boxing Day test. The works included laying irrigation lines and remediating the turf, all of which was greeted with general approval.

More contentious in the community were the installation of the so-called parking crossings as entryways for cars on to the grassed areas, and the installation of additional bollards around the fringes of the paddocks. The MCCs stated intention in installing the crossings in conjunction with the bollards was to regulate and



confine the points at which cars could enter the grassed areas for parking and thus better protect trees away from these areas. To the concern of many, the crossings were numerous and some were placed within a metre of trees (even though the parking manager's signs last summer stated that no cars should go within 3 metres). Questions were also raised about the choice of materials used. Also of concern is the proposal to pave the so-called Southern Plaza (the area between the cricket nets and the foot bridge to Birrarung Marr) for bus parking, taxis and disability drop-offs.

The East Melbourne Group (EMG) understands that the MCC is liaising with Heritage Victoria in relation to both the crossings and the Southern Plaza to ensure that all works are carried out in accordance with agreed plans and heritage requirements. This may involve some changes being made to the crossings.

YARRA PARK OR MCG CAR PARK THAT IS THE QUESTION

To the dismay of many local residents, the new Act enshrined car parking as

one of the purposes of the use of the park. The EMG remains committed to the removal of all car parking from Yarra Park in the long term but, as a result of the Act, the immediate concern is in relation to appropriate management of this use given the heritage and environmental aspects and community use of the park. The EMG as well as various local residents have been in contact with relevant bodies during this process and look forward to continuing communication and consultation about planned and ongoing works.

Interested residents can find copies of the Master Plan and further details of works on the MCG website – go to www.mcg.org.au and click on the Yarra Park tab on the far right. The MCC has also informed us that any suggestions or queries of local residents can be made through the Contact Us tab on the website (About the G>Contact Us).

Major construction work has also taken place in the Fitzroy Gardens, including the demolition of the old depot and installation of stormwater harvesting infrastructure. Construction of the new depot and visitors' centre together with some changes around Captain Cook's cottage are scheduled to commence this year. The City of Melbourne is also actively consulting in relation to developing plans for its Open Space Strategy and Urban Forest Strategy (trees!) and is considering its position on street gardens.

Word has it that local kids and parents are being looked after with the sandpit in Powlett Reserve to be re-located to a less sun-drenched location.

GIPPS STREET RESIDENTS WANT MORE TREES



Residents of Gipps Street have asked the Lord Mayor and councillors to advance a proposal from the Council's tree planning team. This is for a new treed

median strip (2.4 metres wide) from Clarendon Street to Hoddle Street.

This will redress the comparatively low number of trees in the street - fewer than a third of the number in surrounding streets. As well as improving the appearance of the area it will reduce the volume of high speed traffic in this purely residential street which now includes many small children.

The proposal has very strong support from the city foresters and residents are urging councillors to take immediate advantage of the new Darling Gardens water harvesting scheme and to vote for the proposal which is before Council for inclusion in the 2011-2012 budget.

RESIDENTS IRKED BY PROTESTORS

Residents have complained to East Melbourne Group (EMG) about the activities of the Helpers of the Protectors of the Children of God and other groups outside the Fertility Control Clinic in Wellington Parade. Residents have expressed concern that the section of Wellington Parade between Powlett and Simpson Streets has become an undesirable place for pedestrians because of the presence of protestors and the confronting images they display. On occasions clients of the clinic, and passers by, have also been subject to physical intimidation.

The EMG works to preserve and protect the residential amenity of East Melbourne, including the use of its streets. It takes no position on the 'pro-life' vs 'pro-choice' debate. It recognises the right of clients of the Fertility Control Clinic to go about their lawful business and the right of those opposed to the clinic to seek to have their voice heard.



However the EMG does not want pedestrians in Wellington Parade negatively affected by the presence and behaviour of protestors. They have the right to use footpaths – the public space – without being intimidated and/or harassed.

The EMG was not able to achieve a satisfactory outcome when it met with both the clinic and the protestors to express residents' extreme discomfort with the current situation.

As a consequence the EMG has approached both the police and the City of Melbourne to request them to uphold the law and resolve the impasse that exists between the right to demonstrate peacefully and the right of the public to use public space in a free and untrammelled manner. A formal response is yet to be received.

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EAST MELBOURNE'S LONGEST LUNCH CELEBRATES 40 YEARS

First Sunday lunch is now an East Melbourne tradition, and like Topsy, it just grew.

On Christmas Day 1971 while the turkeys were roasting in their respective ovens, the Barhams invited the Murtons, the McBeaths, the Menhennitts and the Veitches to 142 Powlett Street for a drink before

lunch. The Murtons followed up by inviting everyone for drinks and a sandwich lunch at 110 Powlett Street on the first Sunday in February. This was enjoyed so much that they agreed to repeat it the following month, opening it up to friends and neighbours and asking people to bring food and wine to

share. Thus East Melbourne's first Sunday lunches officially began on 5 March 1972.

Len McBeath was the first convenor and he handed over to Arthur Turner in 1988. Ten years later Joan Mercer took over with Vern Hauser's help and Vern then continued as convenor until Richard Williams took on the role in 2004.

Over the past 40 years more than sixty different local residences have opened their doors to first Sunday lunch parties. Although Peter and Val Murton moved from East Melbourne to Frankston they recently hosted the 40th anniversary lunch at their home perched above the sea. Sadly Richard missed the celebrations due to injuries sustained in a fire at his Gipps Street home.

For security reasons, new guests are now invited by a member of the group who knows them well.



PRECINCT POLICING GETTING TO KNOW THE LOCALS AND THEIR CONCERNS

The area of Melbourne, from Carlton to St Kilda, has been divided into 38 precincts. Each precinct has a dedicated team of police members led by a Sergeant who is responsible for liaising with residents, traders and community groups in that area about police and safety issues.

Residents and business owners are encouraged to contact their Precinct Policing team regarding issues of concern within the area they work or live.

Precinct Policing will allow residents and businesses to have a familiar face when working with police on crime and safety issues. By having direct access to a Precinct Police team, local people will be able to work with police on long-term solutions.

Currently Police are distributing pamphlets to residents and traders notifying them

of their precinct number and Melbourne East Police Station contact details.

Working closely with the community to create a safer city

This is about getting back to basics. Policing has changed throughout the years and communities have grown. This has somewhat changed the face of policing where the 'locals' have little or no interaction with police. By engaging with the community in a positive manner police and community members will get to know each other. Issues within the precinct will be identified and with a team dedicated to that area appropriate resources and local knowledge can be used to find solutions.

Police need the support and participation of the public regarding safety issues within the community. Actively speaking to community members will encourage people to interact with police and report issues of concern.

Issues that have already been identified and reported to police include behavioural issues, property damage, alcohol and drug issues, traffic related issues, begging and homelessness. Police have been very successful with finding a solution to these issues by specifically targeting the areas and utilising non police support services such as the Salvation Army and Department of Human Services.

Melbourne East Police Station is situated at 226 Flinders Lane, Melbourne. The telephone number is (03) 9637 1100.

Police welcome community members to report issues of safety within their area.

PLEASE DON'T JUST DUMP IT

Do you need to get rid of any hard or garden waste that cannot fit in your wheelie bin? All it takes is a phone call to the City of Melbourne on 9658 9658 to help keep our streets clean.

All East Melbourne Jolimont residential ratepayers are entitled to one free hard waste collection per year. The hard rubbish collection will accept items such as old white goods, sofas, mattresses, and small scrap. Items such as car parts, building materials, or chemicals are not accepted.

On the third weekend of each month garden waste will also be collected from properties in East Melbourne Jolimont.

To book a hard or garden waste collection, or to find out what will be accepted contact the City of Melbourne on 9658 9658. Please don't just dump it.

HAVE SOMETHING TO GIVE AWAY

Giving furniture is a great way of helping out the community. Donations of furniture that can be distributed to those in need, or sold in opportunity shops can make a great difference to an individual or organisation.



GiveNow has compiled a register of places and organisations you can donate your unwanted, good quality furniture to. Find a local organisation you can donate to at www.givenow.com.au

Another alternative is to list your 'freebies' free of charge on the Gumtree website www.gumtree.com.au. There is usually someone out there looking for just the thing you want to get rid of!



GOING ONCE GOING TWICE – SOLD!

According to Paul Caine, Managing Director Caine Real Estate, the first few months of 2012 has been a tougher time in property that anybody cares to admit.

"Across Melbourne there are some great sales being recorded with the recent sale of a small property at 35 Grey Street, East Melbourne a case in point.

There have also been some extremely sad examples of lost equity as we see buyers and sellers struggle to come to terms with the uncertainty that exists in the stock market, the troubles in Europe and the concerns of China pulling back in some areas that may affect Australia more than we want to know. All that said, property in our neighbourhood is still selling well, providing vendors are aware that we are in a new market phase...read 2012, not 2011 or prior."

IN EAST MELBOURNE BETWEEN JULY AND DECEMBER 2011

How many residential properties were sold?	59
What was the highest residential sale price?	\$5,250,000
What was the lowest residential sale price?	\$233,500
What was the median sale price?	\$585,000
Which street in East Melbourne had the most sales?	Albert St
Which street had the most sales previous six months?	Powlett St
How many residential properties were leased?	111
What was the highest disclosed weekly rental fee?	\$1300
What was the lowest disclosed weekly rental fee?	\$250
Which street had the most properties leased?	Albert St

Source: realestateview.com.au



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TAKE ONLY AS DIRECTED ANDREW PYMAN OUR MEDICINE MAN

Andrew Pyman of Pyman's Pharmacy is well known to many East Melbourne and Jolimont residents. He's a man who enjoys having a chat and he enjoys being part of people's lives.

He and his staff cheerfully dispense prescriptions and advice and much more from the pharmacy at 84 Wellington Parade.

Andrew came to pharmacy after time with the Commonwealth Bank and in the building industry. He says he likes the idea of being his own boss and setting his own agenda. In 2008 he won a Small Business Proprietor commendation and he works with Kay Craddock AM, chair of the Lord Mayor's Commendations Advisory Committee supporting small businesses in Melbourne.

The pharmacy has operated continuously for 115 years, since 1897. It began at 1 Powlett Street but was moved to purpose-built premises at 138-144 Wellington Parade in the 1930s. There was a residence above the pharmacy with a grand ballroom complete with chandeliers and parquet floors. Sadly it no longer exists. Andrew's father purchased the business in 1952 and moved to 126 Wellington Parade when the building was sold. In the 1990s Andrew moved the business to 142 Wellington Parade and on to its current location in 2004.

Jim Pyman, Andrew's father, was proprietor for 35 years. Andrew's grandfather when retired liked to help Jim consolidate the business. He had many friends at Cliveden and apparently spent a lot of time running

errands not just for the pharmacy but for the ladies who resided at Cliveden.

Stop and have a chat

Jim used to walk in the Fitzroy Gardens and stop and pass the time of day with people he met. Once when he had talked to Lindsey Thompson and shortly afterwards to John Caine in the course of a stroll, Andrew suggested he was leading both leaders up the garden path. Which political leaders nowadays would find the time to talk to locals as they walked around the gardens?

Besides looking after the pharmacy customers, the business sends respiratory equipment around the world and has a large clientele for specialist sleep apnoea devices. Andrew's business supports Australian ingenuity. The CPAP (Constant Positive Airways Pressure) machine widely used to treat sleep apnoea was developed in Australia by a Professor Sullivan who, Andrew says, glued tubing connected to a pool pump to his father's nose each night to treat his breathing disorder. He would cut it away each morning and found his dad's health improved using this jury-rigged device.

Andrew says he would encourage any business proprietors hoping to set up in East Melbourne as it is such a beautiful place to live and work. He loves the wide tree-lined streets and glorious parks.

Making and maintaining relationships is an important part of business. Andrew's advice is simple; 'Stop and have a chat.'

WHAT I HATE ABOUT EAST MELBOURNE

Moira Rayner

I bought my house here because it was cheaper than Fitzroy and my 'redundancy' payout (I had just been 'Jeffed' as Victoria's last Commissioner for Equal Opportunity) was just enough to pay a ten percent deposit.

It was then, and remains, the cheapest of terraces with its (now) sun-gold vermillion front fence defying the dirt and tremor of a six lane highway, but living up to its colourful past. If you look inside the cupboards you can tell it was once a brothel.

I can't afford to restore and remove those precious remnants of my home's history. But it's well within walking distance of town, the footie and the river; I love its jewel-like parks and gardens; its easy access to any part of Melbourne on every kind of public transport. I love Norm and Ana's East Melbourne General Store, home of all local knowledge; my nightly parades of passing possums (sometimes meeting nose-to-nose at a bedroom window); the daddy long legs that soften my ceilings with spangled, dusty diamonds in every corner. The bats at dusk silently swimming the air from Merri Creek to supper in the Tan, and the small, keen groups writing East Melbourne's history, saving the elms, supporting the local vet (who supports them right back) and voting for left-wing parliamentary candidates, often in a community-based child care centre in utter contrast to its lofty church and Victorian architectural pretensions.

I particularly liked the East Melbourne Group. It was a fearsome monster in them days. It may be again. When I first moved in I was writing my first book, which Jenny Lee and I, unfortunately, cheekily dubbed 'Rooting Democracy: growing the society we want,' which bit of silliness lost us an assured place in school libraries, though it was a best-seller for a while.

In that book, and as a trustee of the Stegley Foundation, I argued strongly that a lively citizenry engaged with its local issues and local government provide the best nourishment of a healthy democracy. I still think so. We the people make it so.

What do I hate? Not much. The thefts from my car; the Richmond residents who pinch all the doggy bags from Darling Square. Snooty old blighters who 'blank' me when I'm clearing my post box. But it's a world. A place. My place. Only connect.

Moira has recently become a member of East Melbourne Group.



THE PEOPLE (AND PETS) YOU MEET ON THE STREET



DONELLE COATES AND BABY ZARA

On the swing at the Powlett Reserve play ground

Donelle and her partner have lived in an apartment in East Melbourne for three years. They love being close enough to the city to walk to their business but not actually live in the hustle and bustle of the city. It wasn't until Donelle had baby Zara that other benefits of East Melbourne became apparent. The local Maternal and Child Health Nurse, the parks and playground, mothers you meet out and about, and the songbird program at the library now all make East Melbourne a community she really appreciates as a new mum. The down side according to Donelle is the lack of childcare and parking, "it's horrendous!"



BERT TROUNSON

At an auction in Grey Street

As a retired self employed carpenter Bert is always interested to see how people have renovated their property and he enjoys attending auctions to witness how that impacts on the sale price. Always ready for a joke and a chat Bert has met lots of lovely people over the 21 years he's lived in Albert Street. He enjoys walking to the MCG (especially when the Swans are playing) and along the Yarra. He appreciates how the Council keeps the neighbourhood so clean. According to Bert nothing could be done to improve our suburb. "When you have something that's perfect, leave it alone."



HARRY MARR

Riding to work

Location, location, location is what attracted Australian Army Officer Harry Marr to East Melbourne in 2006. The proximity to good schools, the city, our parks and vibrant restaurants in Victoria Parade as well as feeling safe and secure were all part of the appeal. Originally from the UK, Harry came to Australia on secondment with the Army and liked the lifestyle so much he decided to call Australia home. Riding to work and jogging somewhere like the tan at lunch time was not something he could easily do back home. He just wishes there would be a drop in house prices so he could invest more permanently in the neighbourhood!



MARLENE

Meeting friends for a latte

Catching up with friends whilst walking through our local parks or over a latte is a favourite pastime for Marlene and she feels spoilt for choice in the village atmosphere of East Melbourne with its family run general store and numerous coffee shops and gardens. Since moving to the area from regional Victoria 16 years ago she has enjoyed meeting people both young and old by participating in local groups such as the Historical Society, library book club, first Sunday lunch group and East Melbourne Group. Maintaining the atmosphere created by our cherished heritage homes and streets in East Melbourne is really important to Marlene.



MONIQUE CRINALL AND ALYSON ROSS

On the way to yoga at the library

Monique and Alyson have shared a flat in East Melbourne for almost a year although Alyson has been here seven years and never wants to leave. They love being able to stand on their balcony and virtually touch the city lights but feel safe in a quiet green neighbourhood that has the benefit of close proximity to cafes, bars, shops and transport. Seeing people take pride in their homes, knowing your next door neighbour and having activities to meet the needs of people of all ages, such as the tennis courts and yoga at the library all make East Melbourne feel like a great place to live for Monique and Alyson. "If only parking wasn't such a nightmare." Alyson thinks all of East Melbourne should be considered the one parking area.



WATSON

On the go in Yarra Park

Watson is one very happy pup. Just knowing that twice a day her mum Trudie Ferry will take her to romp in Yarra Park with her best friend Bill the Border Collie, and her other buddies, literally puts a smile on her face. Watson joined the play group when she was just nine weeks old so is in no way afraid of a bit of rough and tumble with the big boys. Now 15 months old this little Highland Terrier is a direct descendant of the original 'My Dog' (the dog on the can) and she exudes the confidence and personality you come to expect of a media star. She assumes everyone will be her friend and enjoys lounging on the pavement outside the European in Spring Street greeting her admirers.

EMJ PARKING

YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED BY THE CITY OF MELBOURNE'S PARKING & TRAFFIC PERMITS PROGRAM MANAGER

Why was the area 3 parking permit system altered to include 3a and 3b areas?

On 25 March 2010, the City of Melbourne made an amendment (C133) to the Planning Scheme, which includes parts of East Melbourne and Jolimont, together with Carlton, Southbank and parts of North and West Melbourne.

The change allows for the option of no onsite car parking spaces for new properties and places a discretionary limit of one car parking space per dwelling for developments over four storeys. It also provides a strategic basis for assessing requests for reductions in required car parking for developments under four storeys.

Residential Parking Permits are issued based on permit areas (e.g. areas 3 & 15). Amendment C133 was rolled out to specific areas within existing permit areas. As a result, areas 3 and 15 were split into 3a and 3b and 15a and 15b.

What is the difference between 3a and 3b?

There is no difference between Area 3a and 3b for existing permit holders or for properties in Area 3b that have not increased residential density. However, properties in Area 3b that increase residential density from 25 March 2010 are no longer eligible for Residential Parking Permits.

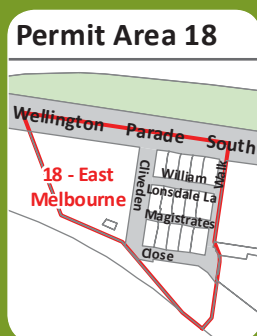
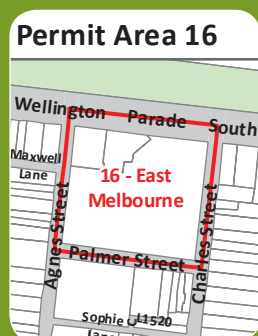
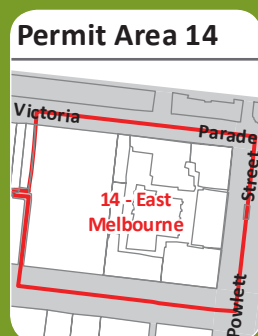
If I have been issued a 3a parking permit may I park in a 3b Area (and vice versa) without incurring an infringement notice?

Yes, permit holders for areas 3a and 3b are still able to park in both areas.

What are the boundaries for the different parking areas in East Melbourne?

See illustrations below.

Please note: where an area such as 19 falls within the boundaries of Area 3a, 3a permit holders are not permitted to park in Area 19.



What is the benefit of these changes to East Melbourne residents?

The demand for on-street parking across the municipality is high; therefore the Planning Scheme amendment will maintain the current level of available/eligible parking spaces for residents in properties that do not increase residential density after 25 March 2010.

Why is it that parking inspectors are not regularly seen patrolling streets in Jolimont that do not have parking meters?

Parking officers patrol the municipality according to usage and demand. Our records show that Jolimont has been an area where infringements have been issued and as a result, patrols are consistently rostered there.

How does the new license plate recognition technology work?

License plate recognition (LPR) is an image-processing technology that identifies a vehicle by its number plate. As LPR vehicles drive past, they photograph license plates. The LPR system records the vehicle's registration details and location, and identifies vehicles which have overstayed their parking limit. An alert is then sent to a parking officer's handheld device. The parking officer will then check if a parking offence has occurred before issuing an infringement.

Where exactly does license plate recognition apply in East Melbourne?

LPR was recently removed from service in the municipality because the software requires parking officers to stop the vehicle too frequently. This created safety issues both for staff and the public. The City of Melbourne is currently working with the service provider to ensure the LPR delivers on its expectations. A way forward will be finalised soon.

What is the impact of this in East Melbourne?

Service levels in East Melbourne and across the municipality have not been impacted as a result of LPR being removed from service.

How does the new in-ground sensor technology work?

An in-ground sensor is a device that is buried underground and records when a vehicle arrives and departs from a parking bay. Once a vehicle has overstayed the permitted time limit, plus a grace period of five minutes, a signal is sent from the bay's in-ground sensor to the nearest parking officer's hand-held device. It is not installed in East Melbourne.

Do the same parking rules still apply for people with a disabled permit?

Yes. There are no changes to the provisions for people with Disability Parking Permits.

When a vehicle is moved to avoid exceeding a parking restriction, what determines if the vehicle has a new valid time limit?

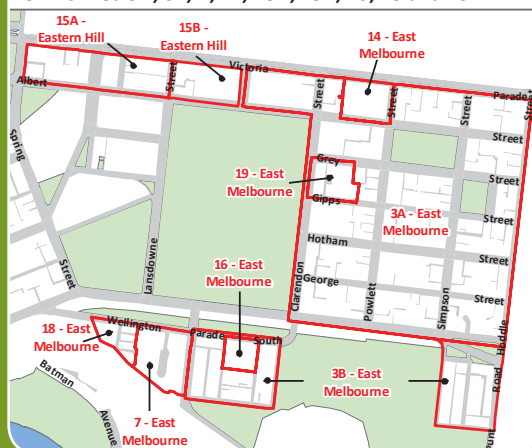
Once the allocated parking time has expired, a vehicle is required to move to a vacant parking space in another area.

Is there anything residents can do to avoid the inconvenience of moving vehicles when they have the need for more than one visitor permit?

Residents continue to have access to one visitor permit only. Additional visitor vehicles need to comply with parking signs.

For further information on the Residential Parking Permit Scheme and new parking technologies visit the website www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/parking

Permit Area 3A, 3B, 7, 14, 15A, 15B, 16, 18 and 19





THE STREETS OF EAST MELBOURNE

EMILY MARR

When walking around East Melbourne you can't help but notice the houses around you. As East Melbourne holds an abundance of historic homes it's not unusual to see passers-by staring curiously over fences.

When driving down Clarendon St, do you ever wonder what house lies behind that dark wooden fence? It's Bishops court. Bishop Perry, the first Bishop of Melbourne, selected the site in 1848; even after more extensive sites were made available to him further from the city he 'wished to be within walking distance of his parishioners'. In 1874, Bishops court temporarily became Government House. Bishop Perry had gone to England and as the new Government House was not ready, Governor Sir George Ferguson Bowen... 'was in residence'.

On the corner of Hotham and Powlett Streets stands the Cairns Memorial Presbyterian Church, which was opened in October 1884. At night, when walking past this church you may be fortunate enough to hear or see a phantom hansom cab. The *Mystery of a Hansom Cab* by Fergus Hume sold half a million copies in the 1880s. The suspect in a murder case asked the hansom cabbie

to drive him to Powlett St to a house near the Cairns Memorial Church.

On the west corner of Simpson Street and Wellington Parade sits No 74, the site of the first Post Office in East Melbourne. The office opened on 2 August 1884 and was run by Mrs H.P. Kennedy who handled 14 708 letters in her first year. Compare this to the current East Melbourne Post Office which last year handled around 2 046 000 letters.

The rather overgrown weatherboard cottage at 94 George Street has an interesting legend, which has yet to be confirmed or denied. It is said that the cottage was built in Port Melbourne around 1846 for the use of Customs Officers before being shifted to its present site by a bullock team in 1874. The house was moved to be used as a residence for the gardener of Varzin which was a large house belonging to the Welch family. Varzin has now given way to flats.

Although Darling St has a sweet name, it has quite a sour history. One night in 1919 four gunshots split the air at midnight from Gipps St. Senior Constable Koetsveldt of the East Melbourne Police Station ran to Gipps St and saw a man disappearing across Hoddle St in a hurry. It turned out the shots were exchanged from the house on the corner

of Darling and Gipps St, where a leading member of 'Squizzy' Taylor's notorious gang, Matthew Daley, was living.

At 42 Albert Street, Willara is a solid Victorian house with a romantic history linked with Josephine Terrace next door. Francis de Lacey bought the two allotments and in 1871 he built Josephine Terrace as a speculation, and in the 1880's gave the other allotment to his son James to build a town house for his bride, Emily. Some eighty years later, the granddaughter of James and Emily was able to buy Willara back and restore some of its original furniture.

So with the origins of East Melbourne closer to home, the next time you are walking around this historic suburb, don't forget to keep an eye out for a hansom cab.



THRIVING INTEREST IN LOCAL HISTORY

East Melbourne was one of Melbourne's earliest suburbs. It was first planned in 1837 by surveyor Robert Hoddle, but was not actually settled until 1840, some time after neighbouring Fitzroy, Victoria and Collingwood. Among the first settlers was Charles La Trobe, who built a transportable dwelling in 1840 and wealthy professionals followed, establishing mansions in the area. As a consequence East Melbourne contains some of the oldest Victorian homes and terraces houses in Melbourne.

The East Melbourne Historical Society was founded in 1999, long overdue in an area where the preservation of our architectural heritage has been such a long standing issue.

It was originally conceived by two neighbouring historians, Dr Anne Colman and Dr Liz Rushen. The East Melbourne Group supported its foundation and provided initial funding to set it up. It is now fully incorporated in its own right but continues to assist the EMG where it can.

The society aims to promote an interest in the history of East Melbourne and Jolimont. Meetings are held every two months at which presentations are made relating to the history of the local area or a local site of historic interest is visited. The meetings are a great way to meet like-minded people in a friendly and welcoming environment. The Society produces its own small newsletter three times a year, which gives news of its activities along with short articles of an historical nature.

The society is building a collection which is housed upstairs at the East Melbourne Library in the local history room. Donations of relevant material (original and copies) are welcome.

On Wednesday 18 April Helen Monkivitch, AO, will talk on The Mercy Hospital in East Melbourne. Helen started her association with the Mercy Hospital in 1965 as a religious sister at Mercy Private. She is now the Director of Mercy Health and Aged Care. She has a thorough knowledge of the hospital's history, its work, and of the life and people within it.

On Wednesday, 20 June Helen Page, OAM will talk on Victorian Town House Gardens with special reference to East Melbourne. Helen is a foundation member of the Australian Garden History Society. She played an important role in saving the garden at Bishops Court from subdivision and development in 1998, and has led a team of enthusiastic volunteer workers in restoring and maintaining the garden ever since.

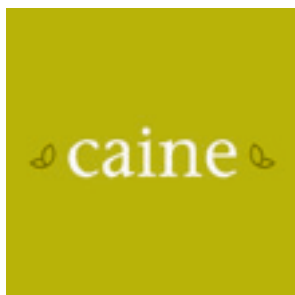
Both presentations will begin at 8.00pm at Clarendon Terrace, 210 Clarendon Street East Melbourne. There is a \$5.00 charge for non members and members are free. Bookings are required. Please email Deirdre Basham: drdrbasham@gmail.com

Membership of the Historical Society is open to anyone with an interest in the area's history and new members are always welcome. Subscriptions are \$25.00 per person per year.

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KEEPING AN EYE ON HERITAGE BUILDINGS

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Convenor EMG Heritage and Planning Committee



Valetta and *Mosspennoch*, two of East Melbourne's significant heritage buildings, are both in a parlous state. Repeatedly vandalized in recent years, they are a cause of great concern to many East Melbourne residents.

Valetta is situated at 206 Clarendon Street and is classified by the National Trust and listed on the Register of Heritage Victoria. The important architectural and social history features of the building

are detailed on the website of the East Melbourne Historical Society.

The invasions and vandalizing of *Valetta* in recent times have resulted in considerable damage, including broken windows and doors. Last year a fire broke out in *Valetta*.

Representatives of the East Melbourne Group have recently viewed the interior and can confirm that it is in a woeful condition. Barriers have been erected in the form of galvanized iron, boarded up windows and security wire. However these precautions failed to protect *Valetta* from a break-in as recently as last February.

The current owner purchased *Valetta* eleven years ago and it has remained vacant ever since. She said recently that she is in contact with Heritage Victoria and that she is close to submitting definitive plans for renovation. Heritage Victoria has confirmed that it is working with the owner and her architect and that matters are at a more advanced stage than in the past.

Various legal options are available in these situations. Section 161 of the Heritage Act (1995) empowers the Executive Director at Heritage Victoria, when believing that a person has allowed a registered place to fall into disrepair, to serve the owner of that registered place with written notice requiring the owner to show cause why the Executive Director should not make an order requiring the owner to carry out specified works. Also, the City of Melbourne has power under local laws to serve a Notice to Comply in respect of work required to restore dilapidated, dangerous and unsightly premises.

Whatever the reasons behind the purchase of heritage buildings in East Melbourne, arguably there is a moral obligation on owners to look after them. It is imperative that owners implement plans within a reasonable time otherwise the wider community loses the benefit of experiencing the heritage site in reasonable order.

The condition of both *Valetta* and *Mosspennoch* is an affront to the principles of heritage maintenance and availability to the public.

The East Melbourne Group is working in conjunction with the East Melbourne Historical Society to promote public awareness of the plight of heritage buildings in East Melbourne.



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CITY GALLERY HOUSES AN INCIDENT IN SWANSTON STREET

A striking exhibition of unique artefacts and artworks placed in an Australian bushland setting will turn the City Gallery at the Melbourne Town Hall into a life-sized diorama during the Inaugural Indigenous Art Festival until 30 April. Contemporary and historical art will be placed in amongst a life-size stencil of a young gumtree and actual gum leaves and branches at the city's most central yet secret gallery.

There are 7,000 items in Melbourne City Council's Art and Heritage Collection and *Incident at Swanston Street* puts the principle focus on one of them: William Rowell's painting, 'An Incident in Sturt's Trip Down The Murray River in 1831'. The painting once hung in the Town Hall but then languished in the collection store. Now it has been returned to Swanston Street.

Exhibition curator, Wemba-Wemba and Gunditjmra descendent Paola Balla, juxtaposes the painting's European take on the encounter between 'explorer' Sturt and Aboriginal people of the Murray with some storytelling of her own. The resulting installation re-positions the painting from a contemporary Koori perspective and includes written responses from the community to the Rowell painting, as well as artefacts, photographs and contemporary artworks, many by urban-based Indigenous artists. The gum leaf emerges as an enduring symbol of cultural strength and exchange.

Paola says *Incident in Swanston Street* highlights Melbourne's shared history and identity.

"We are asking people to come in and reconsider Australia's shared and conflicted history," she said. "The exhibition creates a space where people can think about a Koorie perspective of story and place."

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