

The background image shows four people in a workshop-like setting with stone walls. A man on the left in a light blue shirt is pulling a rope. Next to him, an older man with a white beard and glasses, also in a light blue shirt, is pulling a rope. In the center, a woman with blonde hair wearing a black and white striped shirt is looking up. On the right, a woman in a dark blue dress is standing on a yellow box and pulling a rope. Various ropes and tools are hanging on the walls.

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It has been another winter of discontent for local park lovers with deteriorating conditions in the heritage surrounds of the MCG at Yarra Park.

Since taking over management of the park about three years ago the MCC has been applauded for its work and attention in remediating the condition of the park, primarily through its landscape works and installation of the water recycling facility.

However, this football season has shown yet again that serious questions must be asked about the management protocols employed by the MCC in the management of parking.

While the MCC is to be commended for closing the park to parking on an ad hoc basis when the park is sodden, this is not sufficient to protect the park from significant damage throughout winter – even during this, the warmest winter in recorded history.

Many local people have been frustrated yet again with this 'one step forward and two steps back' approach when it is evident that the park can't withstand the onslaught from vehicles in winter.

In the face of this repeated evidence - when will the MCC and other stakeholders, including the AFL, come up with a better solution to best manage and present this jewel of Melbourne?

Is it time to have a no-parking policy for winter in Yarra Park, except for a few specific categories of essential vehicles?

Yarra Park – always something happening

Trials of different treatments for the 'crossovers' into the parking areas are to commence. The MCC had some independent research which suggests there are options that will be more effective at protecting tree roots and the grass while not having such an intrusive appearance as the current surfaces.

The MCC is also looking at better lighting for the park, to improve appearance, visibility and public safety. Motion sensitive lighting is one option being considered.

A dedicated Yarra Park Operations Manager has been appointed to look after day-to-day matters concerning the park.

Citywide are undertaking a tree structural audit in Yarra Park. During recent heavy winds a number of branches and major sections of trees have fallen. All trees identified as high risk will have remedial action and 125 new trees are to be planted in the Spring.

Heritage Victoria has advised they will not provide a broad approval approach for works or events in Yarra Park under the proposed Heritage Management Plan. They believe new events held in the park should be assessed individually and that legislation provides the required guidelines and flexibility for general maintenance works.

BBQs FOR POWLETT RESERVE

As the summer approaches residents can expect a long-awaited and welcome addition to the amenity of Powlett Reserve.

The City of Melbourne has responded favourably to EMGs request to provide seating, barbecue facilities, a water fountain and appropriate rubbish bins in the vicinity of the children's playground.

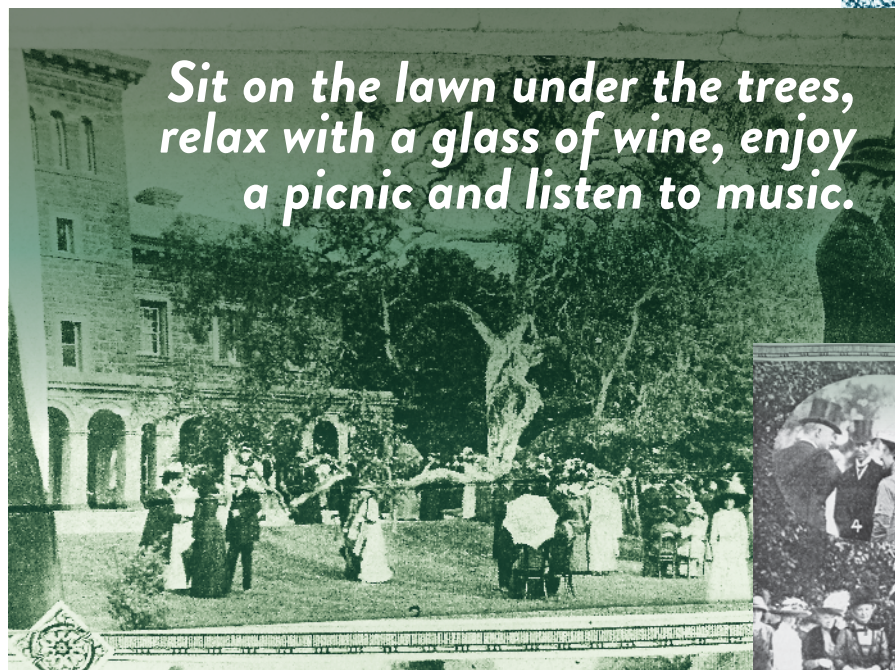
Draft plans will be finalised shortly for discussion with the community with the aim of having the works completed before Christmas. Let's hope the weather holds so that residents can make the most of these new facilities.

In response to learning about the proposed new barbecue facilities Carolyn Walkley said, "Brilliant! I called Council when we first moved here requesting barbecues. It will really add to the family atmosphere in the area."

In the meantime if there are any other minor issues in Powlett Reserve people would like Council to consider while the barbeque concept is being developed please let the East Melbourne Group know as soon as possible via email admin@emg.org.au or 9415 7570.



Carolyn Walkley and daughter Kalie enjoying the playground on a sunny Spring afternoon.



A COMMUNITY GARDEN PARTY COMING UP

Just like days gone by

The East Melbourne Group is hosting a community garden party on 22 February 2014 for the whole East Melbourne community. Put the date in your diary now.

Scheduled after the school term starts and before the Moomba festival, the aim of the garden party is simply to enable local residents of all ages to come together for a twilight picnic and musical entertainment.

Starting late afternoon the event will take place in the gracious surrounds of Bishopscourt on the corner of Clarendon and Gipps Streets, home to Melbourne's Anglican Archbishop Philip Freier and his wife Joy. They have very kindly agreed to open their home garden for the benefit of the local community.

"We are very pleased to support this East Melbourne Group community initiative. Our home is a very important place in the history of East Melbourne and we are very happy to share it with the local community for what will be a wonderful and inclusive community gathering", said Joy.

The garden party will be a genteel event where

you can sit on the lawn under the trees, relax with a glass of wine, enjoy a picnic and listen to music - much like the summer music in the park events in the Fitzroy Gardens. There will also be some terrific children's entertainment.

We will have a hat parade to emulate the era of gorgeous hats which were worn to garden parties at Bishopscourt in the early 1900s.

All funds raised through the event will go towards helping the East Melbourne Group continue its work to protect and improve our community - something it has been doing for the past 60 years. If you would like to get involved as a volunteer at the garden party please register your interest by calling Siusan on **0438 405 406** or emailing mackenzie@netspace.net.au

All music and entertainment is being provided with the generous support of **caine real estate.**

BISHOPSCOURT

Bishopscourt is a large colonial mansion, located on Clarendon Street in East Melbourne, Australia.

Designed by Newson & Blackburn using blue stone in a style of gothic architecture, it was completed in 1853. The red brick wing was added in 1903.

Since completion, it has been used as the residence for all of Melbourne's Anglican Bishops and Archbishops with one exception, when it was used as Victoria's Government House between 1874 and 1876.

The house is on the Victorian Heritage Register.

We asked you to tell us what would make living in East Melbourne better?

This is what you said.

In the last edition of this magazine The East Melbourne Group (EMG) provided a survey to enable local people to provide the committee with their thoughts on what would make living in East Melbourne better.

117 hard copy and as online responses were received, which represents five percent of the population weighted towards older residents. Given many responses would have been per household it is reasonable to assume it actually represents the views of more people.

Some people chose to take up the invitation to provide feedback by writing letters. The EMG committee is grateful to everyone who took the time and effort to respond.

WINNERS!

The winner of the lucky draw to receive a remedial massage voucher from Touch Point Massage Therapy in Bridge Road was Joan Forsyth. Sam Bose was selected as the winner of an ice cream cake generously donated by Casa del Gelato in Lygon Street, Carlton.

All of the replies have been considered and collectively the areas respondents believe are most important for the EMG to work on are:

- Preserving, protecting and enhancing historic buildings and the heritage character of the suburb
- Monitoring general amenity including such things as infrastructure, noise, graffiti, crime and bike lanes

- Ensuring planning and building works are monitored to protect the suburb from inappropriate development
- Preserving and protecting parks and gardens, median strips and roundabouts
- Monitoring traffic flow in the area

We have also looked at the data to compare age groups and whilst there are small differences, for example younger respondents expressing interest in recreational and children's related facilities, the overall order of priority whether expressed by age, time lived in the suburb or membership of the East Melbourne Group are generally consistent.

The EMG Committee has only had the opportunity for preliminary discussion about the data collected. Some of the improvements suggested are beyond the purpose of EMG such as 'Stop used syringes being found in laneways and improve supermarket and shopping facilities.'

The three broad areas of improvement which, in the opinion of respondents generally, would make quality of life in East Melbourne better now are:

- Traffic management including administration of parking, through traffic and bike lanes
- Management of our environment to provide increased amenity for our diverse population including such things as more recreational facilities, community gardens and cafes and bars
- Noise management including construction, vehicles and aircraft

These ideas will be further explored in discussion groups made up of people who expressed interest via the survey, and anyone else who would like to participate.

We are very keen to have the opportunity to meet and speak with a diverse group of people representative of our population. Please call **9415 7570** or email **admin@emg.org.au** by 30 September to register your interest to participate in a discussion group.

In relation to knowledge about the work of the East Melbourne Group it seems we need to do more work to better inform local people generally about our purpose, policies and the benefits of joining.



JOIN THE EAST MELBOURNE GROUP

The East Melbourne Group (EMG) is a highly effective non profit residents' association representing the interests of the East Melbourne and Jolimont communities.

The Group is sustained by membership fees which start at just \$40 single and \$80 per household. Whether you own or rent in our suburb you are welcome to join and add your voice to drive decisions about how our suburb is managed and will look into the future.

Over the past 60 years the Group's volunteers have contributed countless hours and tremendous energy to preserve, protect and improve East Melbourne - the suburb where we all enjoy living. They produce and deliver this free magazine to help create a sense of connectedness for the community.

To sustain this work the Group now needs a greater show of support from everyone in our community - because everyone benefits.

Please consider joining EMG now. Fresh blood, youth and new ideas would be most welcome.

Membership application details are available at www.emg.org.au or call **9415 7570** if you would like to speak with a member of the committee about the work of the group.



PLANNING RELATED POLICY

Barbara Paterson

How does the East Melbourne Group decide whether it should involve itself in planning matters?

We are often asked this question so here is the basis of EMGs planning related policy and how it carries out that policy.

The EMG will always base its involvement on its statement of purposes, which are:

1. To preserve, protect and improve East Melbourne's
 - Residential character and amenity
 - Heritage qualities and inventory of graded historic buildings
 - Boulevards, streets, streetscapes, laneways, views and vistas
 - Public parks, gardens, median strips and significant trees
2. To promote the careful public management of the residential, parliamentary and recreational areas and public parks that combine to make East Melbourne Victoria's most significant historic precinct.
3. To foster community spirit
4. To pursue its purposes in an apolitical way

5. To join with kindred associations where desirable

6. To promote and advocate the right to public participation in all planning and development processes affecting East Melbourne

Consistent with those purposes, EMG has adopted the following criteria in deciding whether to become involved in particular planning matters by objecting to or supporting a development, or supporting resident or the City of Melbourne's objections.

We act from two principles:

- To ensure that the heritage and amenity of East Melbourne is protected for all residents and visitors, in line with EMGs first statement of purpose, as set out above.
 - Where possible to involve or support residents or groups of residents who are affected by the proposals so that their views are put, consistent with the sixth statement of purpose.
- Consistent with the first principle, we will intervene if we believe there is a risk to the heritage values or the amenity is likely to be threatened by a development. This can include developments out

of scale and unsympathetic to their environment, inappropriate to a residential area, or likely to set an unwelcome precedent for further development. We will not generally intervene if the matter is simply a difference of view between neighbours with no broader implications – but we will get involved under the second principle if neighbours have not been properly consulted.

In deciding whether to get involved we act in what we consider to be the best interests of East Melbourne-Jolimont as a whole, not in support of or against individual residents.

The EMG has a Heritage and Planning Sub-Committee, made up of committee members and other interested EMG members that advise the Committee on planning matters and is required to act in accordance with EMGs purposes.

Membership of the EMG is open to any East Melbourne and Jolimont resident and everyone is encouraged to join. Information about membership is available on the EMG website www.emg.org.au

EMG members interested in heritage and planning matters are encouraged to join our Heritage and Planning Sub-committee, by sending an email to us at admin@emg.org.au or calling 9415 7570

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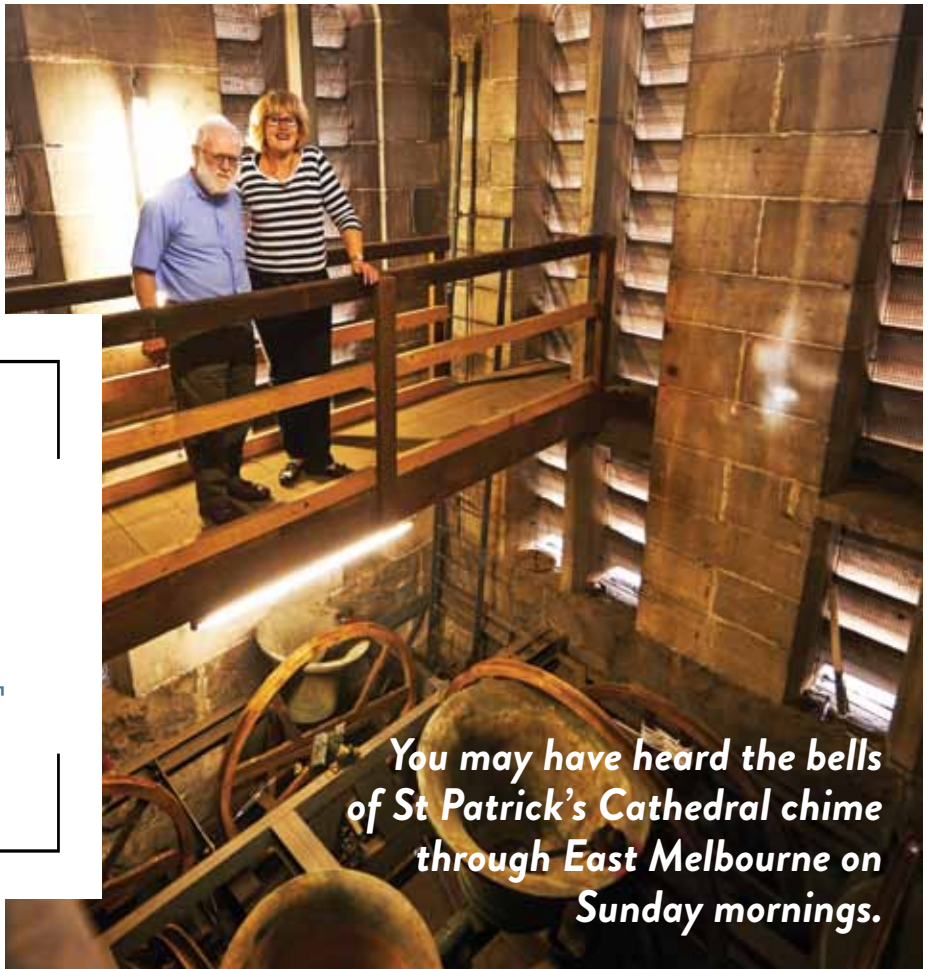
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THE BELLS OF ST PATRICK'S

You may have heard the bells of St Patrick's Cathedral chime through East Melbourne on Sunday mornings.



They peal for Sunday services and also for weddings on Saturday afternoons and on Tuesday evenings when the bell ringers practice. It is not a tape. There is a dedicated team of people who climb up the tower and work hard to manoeuvre the bells so they ring out across East Melbourne.

Bells are the loudest and largest instruments in the world. The biggest bell known is the Tzar Kolokol, weighing about 200 tonnes and standing about six metres high. Unfortunately this bell is no longer rung and the largest bell in use weighs only about 120 tonnes.

Mounting bells on churches began in Roman times. Paulinus of Nola in Campania in Italy was reputed to have been the first mount bells on a church in the 5th century AD and thus originated the term 'campanology' for the study of bell ringing.

By around 930 AD it was common for most churches in Britain to have bell towers but full circle ringing did not develop until the 17th century.

At St Patrick's the ring of eight bells were cast by Murphy's bell foundry in Dublin and imported in 1853 by Archbishop Goold.

The bells were intended for St Francis' Church in Lonsdale Street but as there was no tower they lay idle until 1868 when they were installed in the completed south tower of St Patrick's. They were consecrated the same year.

Have you ever wondered how the bells work? Is it a recording or perhaps a computer

program activating the bells? The answer is that the bells may be rung electronically as with the bells in Birrarung Marr, but this system is not often used at St Patrick's. They are rung by a dedicated and passionate band of bell ringers, practising the ancient art of campanology.

Jolimont resident Rosie Smith is one of these bell ringers. She is pictured with Graeme Heyes in the chamber in the south tower where eight bells are hung within a steel frame each attached to a wheel. The bells can rotate 360 degrees around the centre of the wheel with the clapper at the centre striking the inside of the bell.

The bells are unique in that they were not tuned after casting and are rung in an anti-clockwise direction (most bells are rung in a clockwise direction). They are set in the key of F natural and the whole ring weighs three and a half tonnes with the treble bell weighing 114 kilograms and the tenor bell 700 kilograms.

A special feature of the bells is that they have 'stays' which allow them to pause in an upright position. This means that the ringer can control accurately when a bell strikes by pulling it from this set position to swing at the correct time. The ringer must pull the rope at each stroke to make the bell rotate again for another full circle swing. On each circle the bell sounds once.

Rosie learnt to ring the bells in England in the village church of Abbotsbury in Dorset when she was ten. Living almost in the shadow of the Cathedral in East Melbourne presented too good an opportunity to miss and she has been back ringing since 2007.

Graeme, who is soon to enter his eighth

decade, travels in from the eastern suburbs and has been ringing since he was fifteen. He is a member of the College Youths, an ancient guild of English ringers dating from the 17th century. Members of this guild ring the bells at Westminster Abbey and St Paul's in London.

The St Pat's ringers attend practices on Tuesday evenings. No religious affiliation is required and many members also ring at other towers around Melbourne: St Paul's Cathedral; St James' Old Cathedral in West Melbourne; St James in Gardenvale; St Pius in Heidelberg and St Bartholomew's in Burnley. There is something special about the bells of St Patrick's though, which makes it worthwhile climbing up the 63 steps (and down again) two or three times a week.

According to Rosie, "Bell ringing is excellent exercise for the memory as well as for the cardiovascular system. As with most endeavours it takes practice. Bell ringing is all about technique, more than it is about strength or mathematical ability."

The core group of eighteen or so ringers have a broad range of expertise and experience. The aim is to ring the bells as well as possible for the pleasure of parishioners before 11am Sunday Mass and on special Holy Days as well as for weddings and occasional funerals.

Bells are rung to an order called by a conductor or to memorised patterns or methods which rejoice in names such as Grandsire Doubles, Oxford Bob Triples and Cambridge Surprise Minor.

OPEN GARDEN AT BISHOPSCOURT

The bluestone part of the house at Bishopscourt is the oldest in East Melbourne and the garden is listed on the Victorian heritage register because it is the oldest surviving intact estate in the City of Melbourne.

A number of the trees are of historical significance and tours of the garden will point out these and other items of interest including the place where gold (a Bishop's ring) was discovered. There will be plants for sale including plants propagated from the Bishopscourt garden.

In the last issue of the EMG News Lotte Mulligan detailed the fight to save the Bishopscourt gardens from subdivision for housing. Now Archbishop Philip and Mrs Joy Freier have chosen to live at Bishopscourt and make a point of sharing their home with the community. Those of us who garden there as volunteers wish to add our invitation to all East Melbourne residents to come and see what we enjoy so much. If you came to the first Open Garden back in 2002, come again and see how the gardens have evolved.

Recent major plumbing works to install an underground tank and provide a watering system for the garden supplied from the roof area of the building have meant lots of new



Volunteer gardeners taking a moment with Joy Freier whilst preparing for the Open Garden weekend.

planting and work to restore garden beds. The new tank, holding 100 000 litres under the front lawn, is fed by a much older brick tank holding 30 000 litres and dating from before Melbourne's reticulated water system. It was discovered at the back of the house and cleaned out and has been made part of the system.

A new book about Bishopscourt by well-known historian Liz Rushen will be launched on 9 October and will be on sale at the garden

opening. The book is titled Bishopscourt Melbourne – Official Residence and Family Home and we will all be able to share the results of Liz's painstaking research into the families who have lived at Bishopscourt and the people who have visited. The East Melbourne Group's community garden party to be held in the grounds of Bishopscourt in February next year will provide a link to the many garden parties held there over the past 160 years.

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A WHOLE DIFFERENT WORLD

Since 1984 over 1000 children have toured as part of the African Children's Choir and hundreds of thousands of children and families have been aided in some way by the associated Music for Life Program.

The choir is a voice for the millions of vulnerable children in Africa. A group of 19 children aged between nine – 12 years old recently toured Australia giving high energy performances and workshops.

Coming from poverty stricken villages and slums in Uganda, these children are familiar with daily hardships that come with extreme poverty. Having been selected as a member of the African Children's Choir and Music for Life program they are extremely privileged and exposed to new ideas through the people they meet. Chaperones and host families introduce experiences that open up a whole new different world of dreams. Through the program each child is assured of an education and most go on to be university graduates and have important leadership roles in their communities.

Whilst in Melbourne some of the girls were billeted by East Melbourne residents' Julia Fox and Susan MacKenzie, both members of the local host choir which operates out of St Vincent's Hospital.



Sarah, Angel and Felistab enjoyed our football, but they thought Melbourne had way too many traffic lights!

LOOKING GOOD, FEELING GOOD

Year-round walkers seen striding out through the streets and parks of East Melbourne in wind, rain and finger-freezing cold all winter might be nicely toned to meet brighter months ahead.

Most of us, however, think about doing something about a little personal polish when Spring starts popping all around us.

It is then we turn to the professionals – trainers, stylists, masseurs and skin therapists – waiting for us to wake up to Spring.

And it isn't only women who want their help. A growing number of men are now booking in for everything from waxing to facials, tints, massages and manicures. Men and women from an ever widening age group are finding an hour

or two of professional pampering does wonders for the soul as well as their self confidence.

The benefits of work by trained masseurs, mineral baths and warm wraps work wonders on tired muscles and pumping pulse rates. Men, aware their shoulders, backs and toes haven't seen the light of day since the first winter snap are, increasingly, asking for a spot wax as well as a polish. Women, prone to more regular maintenance, see a couple of hours spent on a full spa treatment at this time of year as an essential down payment on the holiday season ahead.

And it is all available on our doorstep.

The Hilton on the Park's eforea spa, for example, offers East Melbourne residents such indulgence in a 'sanctum of calm' with a tranquil transition lounge to de-stress us prior to a spa experience and prepare us for re-entry into the real world at the end. In between, we can travel through any



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Manager Sarah Hollonds likes to think of a visit to eforea spa at the Hilton as transforming. 'Our purpose is to take clients on a journey bringing balance and wellness to the body so they emerge energised and brighter,' she says.

'Our Essentials journey refreshes with peaceful, ecologically advanced therapy and detox body wraps and full body repair. Our Escape journey integrates nourishing organics and traditional healing practices with melt-away-tension facials and a choice of body treatments.

The Men's journey focuses on problem solving and re-energising with choices ranging from a hands,

feet and scalp rescue to a realigning sports massage.

'Our beauty salon offers a variety of facials for men as well as women to ensure our clients look as good as they feel at the end of a session. These can be accessed in addition to any one of our individual packages or as stand-alone sessions.'

As chill winds give way to warmer weather there is the added indulgence of the spa's outdoor pool, sun terrace and spa tub, with panoramic views over Fitzroy Gardens. The Hilton on the Park's eforea spa also offers gift-vouchers for a partner or special friend.

Another feel-good, look-good option can be found an easy walk from East Melbourne in our nearby local shopping strip.

Inna Connolly's Caci Ultimate Clinic in Bridge Road, Richmond offers non-surgical face and body in sessions by qualified beauty therapists

trained to deliver Microlift, Hydrotone and Light Therapy treatments

'We suggest a course of treatments for most effective results,' says Inna. 'These might include 20-minute anti-ageing treatments or hour-long non-surgical facelifts. Our pre-evening or special event, 45-minute facials and 30-minute hand treatments are among the favourites.

'Back massage with an electro-cellulite massager is another popular option, but the clinic also offers specific area body treatments designed to boost self-confidence and improve mobility. The results speak for themselves.'

As one fragrantly wrapped client rationalised her spa habit, 'we accept our cars require regular maintenance to ensure peak performance and it make sense to look after ourselves to ensure we stay at the top of our game, too'.



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Dallas Brooks Hall

on the way up



In June, at EMGs request, Freemasons and its development team presented its plans to redevelop the Albert Street site.

Freemasonry began in Australia in 1853 and was formally established in Victoria in 1859. Dallas Brooks Hall was built in 1969 at a time when Freemasons numbered 60 -70,000. Current numbers are around 12,000, and with this decline in membership came the need to consolidate buildings to remain economically viable. Also, the conventions which were held at Dallas Brooks Hall were never Freemason's core business.

Bates Smart Architects were chosen from a large number of applicants and the firm's sensitivity to the heritage aspects of Freemasonry was a major deciding factor in awarding them the contract. Freemasons will retain ownership of the building.

The Freemasons propose replacing the current building with a complex of 275 apartments and a purpose built space for Freemason activity.

The height along Victoria Parade is 51m and along Albert Street 39 m. There are 423 car parks provided.

The Albert St frontage will consist of two 'cantilevered' wings of apartments with a park between the wings, the idea being to create an illusion that the park is extending into the Fitzroy Gardens opposite in 'a single, calm environment.' There will be a green perimeter around the building with residents having their own gardens. A planted and screened wall will separate the new building from the adjacent hospital. A circular driveway will provide a drop-off point at the entrance to

the apartments. There is a comparison in this respect with the entrance to the Melburnian apartment building in St Kilda Rd.

The apartments are conceived as 'an assembly of residences,' like pavilions reaching into the park and Gardens. They are envisaged as 'calm, light open.' The 'friendly' building will be of masonry structure, light in colour, with champagne glass rather than dark glass in the windows.

The Freemasons will retain space on the Eades St corner of the building. This will consist of three major lodge rooms, a museum, and library and research facilities. Masonic artefacts will be incorporated into the design. The function space will host suppers for lodge meetings. There will be some ancillary commercial use.

Redevelopment plans have recently been lodged with the Department of Planning and Community Development and can be inspected by appointment.

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WAVING THE FLAG FOR EAST MELBOURNE'S WAR NURSES

Glenda Banks

With a PhD in history and education in her pocket, educator and career public servant, now author, Dr Janet Scarfe, has put her considerable research and writing skills to work on retirement.



I have always been interested in pioneering women and nurses were the first Australian women to serve in a war zone

Researcher Dr Janet Scarfe



Minnie Hobler, left, Australian Auxiliary Hospital, Egypt, WW1

Her first project, *Preachers Prophets & Heretics: Anglican Women's Ministry*, a collection of essays co-edited by Elaine Lindsay, was published last year by UNSW Press to mark the 20th anniversary of women priests in the Anglican Church.

An East Melbourne resident for 30 years she is pleased to point out the book's local connections. Marion McFarlane, former matron of the Servants Training Institute located, then, in Berry Street became Australia's first Anglican deaconess. Archbishops David Penman and

Keith Rayner, key contributors to the move ending the impasse preventing women being ordained, had each lived in Bishops court.

Her most recent project builds on the discovery of her late aunt's diaries and photo albums, recording her service as a member of the Australian Army Nursing Service in WW2.

"I have always been interested in pioneering women and nurses were the first Australian women to serve in a war zone," says Janet.

"My personal interest led to my involvement in the East Melbourne Historical Society's research project collecting stories of East Melbourne men and women who went to war in WW1. Others working on the project include Jill Fenwick, Sylvia Black, Graham Shepherd and Peter Fielding. I am concentrating on the nurses."

In the early 20th century East Melbourne had a number of hospitals and nurses' homes including 'Winfield' located at 340 Albert Street. Although nurses living there came from disparate locations some gave East Melbourne as their residential address. Others lived out but had families living in East Melbourne.

Nurses from East Melbourne were among the first to enlist in the Australian Army Nursing Service after Britain entered the war in August 1914.

Four sailed for Egypt in November 1914 together on the 'Kyarra': Minnie Hobler and Bertha McKinnell from 340 Albert Street and Eleanor Kendall and Estelle Lee-Archer who worked at Crathie House. Before the war ended they had served in Egypt and France, with Minnie mentioned in dispatches and Estelle awarded the Royal Red Cross medal (2nd class).

Minnie's story endures – a keen photographer, her family still has her treasure trove of photos taken by her in Egypt in 1915-1916. More stories are emerging even in the early days of this research. For example, we learn Jessie McHardie White was awarded the Order of the British Empire in 1918 for her war service and Grace Wilson went on to become Matron in Chief of the Australian Army Nursing Service in WW2.

Janet's favourite to date, however, is Stella Muriel Priday who lived with her mother at 4 (now 42) Jolimont Terrace. A 31-year-old widow when she enlisted, at 15 she had been the centre of a scandal when she eloped with Sidney Priday, a car-driving whisky salesman she met when he was staying at her mother's Richmond boarding house.

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The first ever Arts Festival is being held at Holy Trinity Church East Melbourne from 11 - 13 October this year.

An exhibition of paintings by Pip Menses will be opened by Archbishop Philip Freier when he launches the Festival at a cocktail party on Friday evening. The first musical offering – violin and piano – will follow with Miranda and Anna Carson.

On Saturday morning Bishop Ian George (who has been an art critic for over 50 years and lectures at the NGV, the Art Gallery of SA, and the Johnstone Collection) will give an

illustrated lecture on The Church and the Arts after which Kathryn Hamann will read from her poetry – with visuals. In the afternoon there will be performances by the Erica Tristan Duo (flute and guitar), Matt Kirsch (modern jazz guitar) and in the evening PEPTALK will play Gypsy jazz.

On Sunday morning the normal 10.00 am service will be enhanced by liturgical dance, singing by the Tongan Choir and Kathryn Hamann reading poetry written for the occasion. Bishop George will be the preacher. That afternoon the Melbourne Opera Chorus will present a program of operatic favourites. The Baker Trio (Violin, cello and piano) will follow and finally in the evening Michael Henry the director of the prize-winning film *Blame* will present the film and lead discussion. At

different points dance students will present brief performances.

Bishop George, chair of the organizing committee, says: "For centuries the Church has fostered and worked with the arts and artists in all media. Church buildings have long been a focus for this kind of creative activity. We believe that creativity is a gift of God hence it should be an ongoing part of the life of all churches for the benefit of the whole community. It is one of the key ways in which the Church can serve the community. It is our hope that such a festival will be held at Holy Trinity every two years."

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Application for Outdoor Café at GGs Declined

The residents of 150 Clarendon Street were advised by the City of Melbourne in early May of an application by the restaurant GGs for an outdoor café permit. The permit would have allowed 32 outdoor seats with trading from 7am to 11 pm all days of the week.

Comments, both for and against the proposal were invited from residents. At the Panel Hearing convened by the Council in July attendees were advised that objectors outnumbered supporters by more than a ratio of 2:1.

The Owners Corporation Committee of 150 Clarendon had twice voted in 2012 and 2013 to oppose any such proposal.

At its hearing, the Panel heard detailed submissions from the Committee and residents as well as the East Melbourne Group against the granting of the Permit on the grounds of protecting residential amenity while the restaurant, the 150 developer (and GG landlord) and residents supporting the Permit spoke in favour of its granting.



The City of Melbourne has determined that the operation of outdoor cafes in this location would have a detrimental impact to the residential amenity of the surrounding area.

The Panel advised its decision in July, declining to grant the Permit.

The grounds for refusing the application were listed as:

- Negative impact to residential amenity due to the direct proximity to residential balconies and terraces/habitable rooms
- Potential health implications (and impact to residents in the direct vicinity) associated with smoking in the proposed outdoor café area
- Access and safety issues caused by large volumes of crowds leaving sporting venues
- Collateral impact such as excessive noise caused by arranging the furniture and packing the furniture at the start and close of outdoor café operation
- Visual impact of screens and intrusion on streetscape, and restriction of access to the footpath from the short term parking spaces.



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DOGS DO WHAT A DOGS' GOTTA DO

Moira Rayner

For several years one of my neighbours was driven nuts by the separation anxiety of one of my foster dogs.

I accepted my responsibility for the mental health of all those in howling distance and finally succeeded by taking Bucket the Chihuahua everywhere with me in – yes, you guessed it – a handbag. The former Chief Justice of the Victoria's Supreme Court was politely bemused by my appurtenance but it had a purpose, and I a rhinoceros-hide skin. I feared her frustration more than my professional reputation.

As time passed I improved the decibel levels by taking in more fosters, fondly believing the pack would improve her fears only to return home once to find the whole lot screaming at the back gate, and the neighbour in question frothing at the mouth. I have now found the way: locking all canines within the confines of the house and leaving the front yard, on roaring Hoddle Street, for such antics as might ensue. They never bark there now.

Responsible dog ownership is about more than this. It requires assuming parent-like responsibility for walks, well-being, training and companionship, which is a two-way street. And it requires acknowledging that there are

some, poor folk, who do not like the dog, and want it gone.

There are always fights about when one's dog should be leashed or otherwise 'under control'. I have been abused on Yarra Park in the early hours when a jogger assumed his privilege to canter through the only lawful off-leash area in the early dawn, and would not hear otherwise. I have been bawled out by a cyclist on a bridge because my (leashed) dogs strayed onto his would-be path, right beside the sign that ordered 'cyclists, dismount'. There are, less dramatically, quite justifiable demands that we pick up after our hounds (something not every dog owner in East Melbourne seems to abide by), and continuous demands for 'dog free zones' from both amblers and cyclists.

The Domestic Animals Act puts all dogs at risk of being declared 'menacing' if they 'rush at' a person or dog, or damage another animal or property – even if they are just scared, lost or playful. A 'menacing' dog must be muzzled and leashed in public. If it escapes and reoffends it may be declared 'dangerous' and even killed. It is our responsibility, as guardians, to protect them. But it is also the public's responsibility to acknowledge their crucial role in companionship, protecting and loving their humans, for whom they are as important as family. Live, and let live. Peace be with us.



According to the central microchip registry we have 298 dogs and 251 cats living with us in East Melbourne. That amounts to a lot of dog poo to pick up off our streets and parks and we do rely on owners to act responsibly!



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Aircraft noise STILL RUMBLING



Aircraft and helicopter noise continues to be a problem for residents in the area. Although it is worse on weekends, people are regularly being woken up by helicopters as early as 5.45am.

There was a big response to the article in the last edition of this magazine from people who are bothered by aircraft noise and many have signed the petition circulated by the East Melbourne Group.

Local Member Adam Bandt raised the matter with relevant authorities on behalf of residents and the Lord Mayor, Robert Doyle, also undertook to assist in trying to find a solution.

EMG has received information from the Aircraft Ombudsman's Office regarding action by Airservices Australia in relation to concerns raised by EMG on behalf of residents.

Airservices has now contacted the three major helicopter operators that provide images from over the MCG during sporting events. It seems there are limitations on the operations due to sun glare and the direction of sponsorship signage. However, the operators have agreed

to move and hover over non-residential areas whenever possible. In addition, they will continue to try and use the quieter helicopters for filming operations.

Airservices has also contacted Cricket Australia about the helicopters operating in summer. Fortunately, cricket coverage by helicopters is not as frequent and the sun glare does not require them to remain in one area.

"While we are hopeful that these steps will provide some relief, we do accept that it will not remove the noise completely. We do however believe that the measures taken are reasonable and appropriate. In the meantime, we will continue to consider other opportunities for noise improvement, but at this time we consider this case to be now closed," said a Senior Adviser from the Ombudsman's Office.

EMG will monitor the effect of this action. Meanwhile, if you are still bothered by aircraft noise you can ring Airservices Australia Noise Complaints and Information Service (NCIS) **1800 802 584** or go their website **www.airservicesaustralia.com**.



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Over the coming 12 months, EMG will be working with City of Melbourne to develop a Precinct Parking & Traffic Management Plan that encompasses the various challenges facing East Melbourne. If you wish to be involved in assisting to develop this plan your input would be welcome. Please contact the Convenor of the Amenities Sub Committee, Joanna Pace via email **amenities@emg.org.au** or leave a message on **9415 7570**.



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EAST MELBOURNE VOLUNTEERS RECOGNISED

The East Melbourne Group's committee was recognised recently at our local member Adam Bandt's annual MPs Volunteer Awards, with the EMG committee accepting the award for Long-term Commitment to Community Service.

"It's a great pleasure to award the Long-term Commitment to Community Service Award to the East Melbourne Group, the largest and longest standing residents' association in Melbourne. Thank you for your work supporting our community," said Adam.

"I also congratulate the East Melbourne Group on celebrating your 60th anniversary this year. Your work maintaining community connections, preserving the heritage of East Melbourne and advocating for local services is hugely appreciated by the East Melbourne community, as well as the broader Melbourne community."

The MPs Volunteer Awards ceremony was held at the Commonwealth Parliamentary Offices in Treasury Place, here in East Melbourne. Individuals and groups from across the federal electorate of Melbourne received Volunteer Awards, celebrating the significant contribution made by volunteers locally in our community.

Adam spoke at the ceremony about why he invited nominations for the annual

MPs Volunteer Awards. "So many essential community services and local community groups are driven by volunteers, and it's important that we take time to recognise their efforts," said Adam. "The MPs Volunteer Awards are a fantastic opportunity to reflect on the broader impact of all those who volunteer across Melbourne and the support that their family and friends provide to enable them to volunteer. Thank you all for your inspiring efforts."



"So many essential community services and local community groups are driven by volunteers, and it's important that we take time to recognise their efforts." Adam Bandt

Adam Bandt presented East Melbourne Group committee members Siusan MacKenzie, Jacinta Ryan, Lorraine Holtschke and David Woodward the award.

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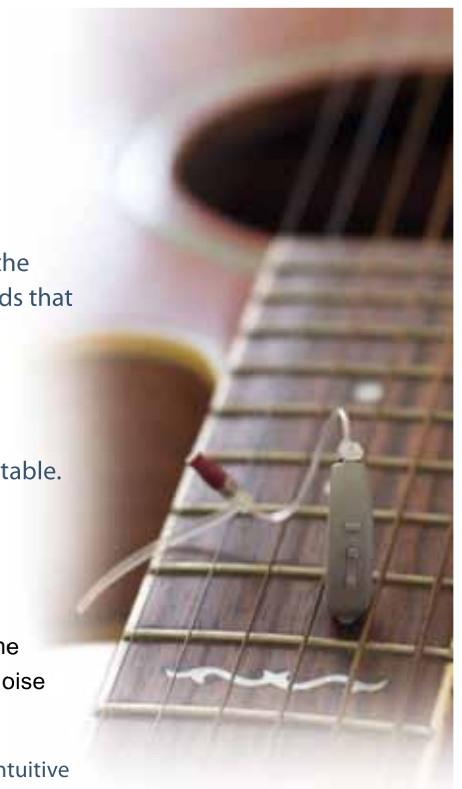
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Ram Boddupalli

Ram has been a familiar face at the East Melbourne Post Office for nine years now. He came to Australia from India in 1988 for 'a better life'. Working in East Melbourne he enjoys the daily walk through Yarra Park from Richmond station and sitting in Darling Gardens to eat lunch on a sunny day. Most of his customers are regulars so he has got to know who will be interested in a chat about football (he barracks for Hawthorn) or cricket, as they buy their stamps. He was particularly touched by the local lady who used to drive him to East Melbourne from Richmond on rainy days after she'd dropped her children at the station.



Cait

Cait the seven year old Border Collie is a real East Melbourne dog. She was born at 123 Gipps St and came over the fence to 125 at eight weeks, but for the last three years has been living contentedly in an apartment. She loves socializing in Yarra Park with all her friends, is fanatical about chasing balls and adores small children. She loves muddy puddles and hates being groomed, so clean floors at home are a concept not a reality. Cait obviously has her 'parents' firmly under control, as they are often seen, throwing balls in the pouring rain when they would much prefer to be home in the warm, enjoying a glass of red.



Helen Bell

Coming from 10 acres in the Dandenong's it was quite a change when Helen and her husband moved to East Melbourne 14 years ago. Over the years when attending cricket or football they always said that this would be their next suburb. They love the gardens, the feeling of community, and especially the laneways - magical places to explore. Apart from playing tennis and bridge locally Helen also volunteers with The Stephanie Alexander garden scheme at a Richmond primary school and belongs to a book club. She thinks the street tree planting has been fantastic and would like to see BBQ's and more tables in Powlett Reserve.



Zoe Pearce

Zoe's distinctive Bristol accent, her delicious cup cakes and her little black pug Boris are well known amongst the Yarra Park dog group. The community spirit at the park is one of the things she loves most about living in East Melbourne as it has enabled her to meet so many people since moving from 'up the road' in Richmond three years ago. Zoe supports everything local - bars, restaurants, the Tigers and she has recently joined a knitting club at the Kingston Hotel with some of her local friends. By day she is a chef and enjoys putting an English spin on the breakfasts she serves at a café in Kew, which by all accounts are also very delicious.



Tom Pearce

Tom, no relation to Zoe, is a carpenter who recently started a company with a few mates which will focus on doing house frames. He came to East Melbourne nine months ago when he moved out of home and in to an apartment with his brother. Tom has always lived in the inner suburbs but he particularly loves this area as his friends are near by and it's close to all of the places he enjoys going out to. Having the local parks so handy in which to kick a footy and throw a Frisbee is also appealing. Bonnie, his lively dog likes to play too and that helped Tom to meet local people of all different ages. According to Tom there is not a lot wrong with East Melbourne apart from the need for a local pub or bar that serves nibbles.



Alice Cummins

Alice, a dance artist and somatic movement educator moved to East Melbourne from Sydney in 2005 to do her Masters in performance. She has since invested in purchasing a flat because she loves the easy access to all the arts she is so interested in and the parks. Walking, stretching and doing yoga in Darling Square - where the seats are a perfect prop, has been part of Alice's daily routine since she arrived and she enjoys chats with the characters and dogs she regularly meets. Alice appreciates that the people who reside in our area are very approachable and that has helped her find a sense of belonging here. The addition of a community garden is something Alice would welcome.

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EAST MELBOURNE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 16 October at Clarendon Terrace, 210 Clarendon Street, East Melbourne at 8 pm.

Following the AGM there will be a presentation by Dr. Elisabeth Rushen on East Melbourne's first residence: Bishops Court. The evening will close with the opportunity to mingle over supper.



Mums, grandmas and littlies settling in for a session of Songbirds

OPEN DAY AT THE G

The MCG will be open for everyone on Sunday 17 November to celebrate the MCC's 175th Anniversary. The free event will take place shortly after the club's actual birthday and will be a great opportunity for some rare access to the playing surface. For further information keep an eye on the website at www.mcc.org.au/mcc175

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1 1/2 cups self-raising flour | 3/4 cup castor sugar | 1 egg | 1 teaspoon good vanilla essence
125g butter, melted and cooled | 1 tin pitted black cherries, drained
Castor sugar/cinnamon/flaked almonds for sprinkling

Preheat oven to 180 deg centigrade. Grease a spring form tin and line the base with baking paper and set aside. Mix flour, sugar, egg, vanilla essence and butter with a fork.

Press three quarters of the mixture into the greased tin, top with the drained cherries and then dollop the remaining mixture evenly over the cherries. Sprinkle with sugar, cinnamon and almonds and bake for 20 - 30 minutes. Serve with cream. Too easy!

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In a first for an Australian botanic garden, visitors to the Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne this spring will be able to take a traditional punt cruise on Ornamental Lake. Operated by Punt Tours Melbourne, this new Melbourne attraction will offer guided, chauffeured punt tours departing from a landing in front of The Terrace and cruising around the islands and bays of the lake.

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Kostas, Bertie and Jack on the way to the Camberwell skate park



Katie with Ruby, who has had a knee reconstruction, and Ollie on their morning walk



THE MELBOURNE MEN'S SHED PROGRESSES

The City of Melbourne has advised the Melbourne Men's Shed (MMS) that it is committed to its establishment and will provide a licence for up to 5 years over a property the CoM currently occupies in Federation Square – formerly the mobility centre adjacent to Zinc. Management of Federation Square has also indicated support for the project.

The MMS Committee of Management is now actively engaged in working with Council in the design of fit out for The Shed. Also, applications have been made

to service providers for financial and program development support.

MMS is developing programs to be delivered from the Federation Square site including the capability to allow persons with disabilities to actively participate. Some of the initial programs are likely to include:

- Woodworking – a small but well equipped workshop
- Hiking group
- Health and wellbeing sessions

- Walking group
- Cooking up a storm sessions
- Cycling Group
- Digital photography
- Social drop in – 'time for a cuppa and chat'

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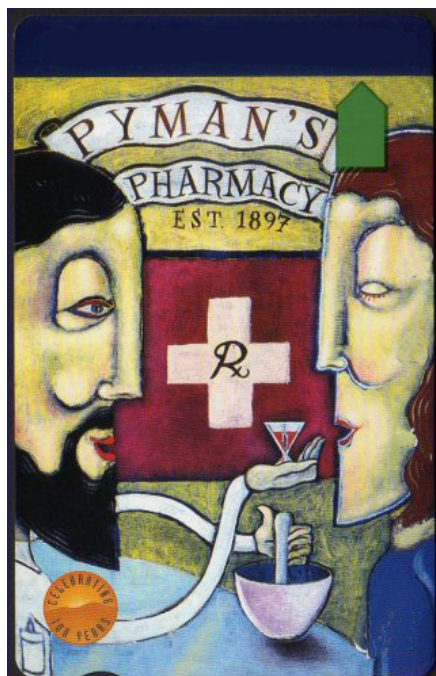
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