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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.

Starting in 2012 East Melbourne News was
relaunched taking on a fresh new contemporary
feel as 3002 East Melbourne & Jolimont
Magazine designed to provide broad appeal
to the changing community demographic.

3002EMJ Magazine 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.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A MESSAGE FROM THE EAST MELBOURNE GROUP

*The East Melbourne Group is concluding a successful year
and wishes all its members and residents of postcode 3002
a safe and happy festive season.*

The community spirit of East Melbourne
and Jolimont came alive in Powlett
Reserve last month. Beautiful weather
and the leafy setting of the park created
the perfect stage for the local Fiesta.

Rows of white marquees selling their
wares and colourful children's attractions
in full swing to the sound of the bands,
attracted an enormous crowd.

The East Melbourne Group prides itself in
being able to stage this type of community
event. The 2012 Fiesta is its fourth in 10
years. These events, however, would not be
possible without the special management
skills of some of EMGs talented committee
members and their preparedness to
donate their time to this community day.

For the 2012 Fiesta, the East Melbourne
Group pays special tribute to chief
organisers Siusan MacKenzie and
Tara Watson and the enormous amount
of work they put into the project.

EMG also acknowledges the
participation of the team of locals who

volunteered to work with Siusan and
Tara in the lead up and on the day;
the involvement and participation of
other East Melbourne groups; local
businesses for their donations and
sponsorships, and finally, the support and
sponsorship of the City of Melbourne.

Next year the EMG will deal with issues
such as the needs of a new generation
of young families in our neighbourhood,
the Heritage Strategy being developed
by the City of Melbourne, the Men's
Shed proposal and increasing interest
in community gardening. There are
parking issues and calls for CCTV in
the area as well as suggestions for a
redevelopment of Wellington Parade
and significant planning proposals.

Your EMJ Magazine will be providing
a forum for discussing all of these
issues and many more in 2013.

Margaret Wood
President

OUR YOUNGEST DELIVERY GUY

Young Daniel Jenkins, son of EMG
committee member Mark Jenkins, takes
the task of delivering EMJ magazine very
seriously. He was suitably rewarded with
an ice-cream stop at Norm's after posting
the Spring edition to all of the letterboxes
in Simpson Street.



HIGH RISE BUZZZZZZZ

**There are lots of new residents in
East Melbourne, living in high-rise
apartments and going about their
daily business almost unnoticed. They
don't have cars so there are no parking
issues where they live. They are hard
workers and very productive.**

They live in a hive sponsored by residents
and located in a local vegetable garden.
Productivity is off the scale since they
moved in. The set of fruit and vegetables
is astonishing (the apricots especially)
and all around the garden the bees
can be seen working away. In the
hot weather they visit a large garden
trough full of waterlilies. The bees
come in squadrons landing on the lily
pads, taking their drink and heading
back to the hive with a load of water.

Bees get to know those who work
around them and talking to the
bees as you approach the hive lets
them know if you are a 'friend'.

Recently it was decided to requeen
the hive as repeated attacks by
crows on the hive had made them
very edgy and liable to sting.

A queen of a more gentle variety of
bees will lead to a calmer hive. The old
queen had to be found and destroyed.
A new queen with some of her workers
was introduced to the hive in a little
container coated with fondant icing.
By the time the workers from the
existing hive have tunnelled through
the fondant they will be more inclined
to accept the new queen than destroy
her and so the hive can continue.



MARGARET BACHELOR AND HER GARDEN

By Charlie Hohnan

Behind a picket fence in a corner of East Melbourne is a very pretty garden that always attracts the attention of passersby. It belongs to Margaret Bachelor, convenor of the plant stall at the Fiesta. Margaret is a very self effacing member of the community who loves her garden and her plants. She also cares for injured wildlife and on Fiesta Day was looking after a baby bird as well as running the plant stall.

Margaret grew most of the plants on sale at the stall from cuttings of her own plants. She happily shares her knowledge of plants with anyone who cares to ask and gave lots of valuable tips to aspiring gardeners on Fiesta Day.

She had a useful conversation with Peter Cundall (who came by early in the morning) about when potatoes should be lifted. Peter advised her not to leave spuds in the ground but to dig them up as soon as the foliage dies down.

Margaret's front garden is a riot of colour, a real cottage garden with plants tucked in wherever they are likely to thrive and all responding enthusiastically to Margaret's care. At the back her vegetables and flowers make the most of the space and sun.

Margaret is generous in passing on cuttings of favourite plants to other gardeners and is never happier than when 'talking plants'.



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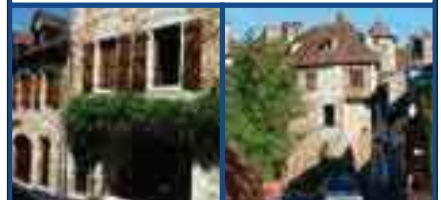


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Community Fiesta

The recent Fiesta came about through a tremendous team effort and it proved to me that the sort of community spirit we so often hear is dead these days is well and truly alive in our suburb. Thanks to the vision of EMG to provide a community event we were able to reach out and connect so many generous, talented and enthusiastic people who together made the 2012 Fiesta a resounding success. I certainly could not have done it without their dedication and hard work. And it was hard work for many people and often frustrating trying to make it happen how we wanted within the regulations set by Council. But it was worth it. As a consequence of my role I have now been invited to Christmas drinks around the corner at the home of someone I didn't previously know. I was sent flowers by new friends when my mother passed away the week before the Fiesta, and so many more people say hello to me on the street. That's real community building and it makes me feel good to live in East Melbourne amongst such a thriving community. I am not sure I have the time or energy to do it all again next year but we will certainly do something to maintain the momentum the Fiesta created. **If you have any ideas you'd like to share please let us know admin@emg.org.au**

Siusan MacKenzie - EMG COMMITTEE & FIESTA COORDINATOR

CAINE REAL ESTATE JUMPED AT THE OPPORTUNITY TO HELP SUPPORT THE EAST MELBOURNE GROUP'S WONDERFUL IDEA OF A FIESTA FOR THE RESIDENTS OF OUR SUBURB.

It seems the concept of 'community' has morphed today from traditional face-to-face interaction to a world of digital relationships. East Melbourne has managed, despite this evolution, to maintain a true neighbourly sense of community as exemplified by Sunday's Fiesta.

It was a tremendous day for all who attended, and congratulations to the East Melbourne Group, and their many volunteers for orchestrating such a large scale event.

For over a decade Caine Real Estate has been a beneficiary of and a participant in the close knit East Melbourne community.

We are extremely grateful for the opportunity to continue being a part of this generous and beautiful hamlet.

Paul Caine



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Fiesta Wrap Up

VOLUNTEERING

I am often asked by friends and family 'Why did you spend so much time volunteering on that event?' and 'Are you crazy?'

I did it because I love the connection with local community. I also appreciated the East Melbourne Group wanting to bring together residents of both the Jolimont and East Melbourne areas.

Having lived in East Melbourne with my young daughter for just over two years, I really wanted the opportunity to meet people in the neighbourhood. Volunteering for the Fiesta was a way to do this and also a great opportunity to help foster a connected community where everyone is welcome to participate, no matter of what age or background.

It was enormous fun to be involved in the family-friendly Fiesta (including four legged friends). I got to meet some fascinating local residents, from the event working team through to the volunteers helping out on the day.



There were volunteers of all ages, several young families, a couple newly arrived to the area and those who had lived here for some time.

Many remarked how they enjoyed the 'community feel of the day' and some are already keen to volunteer for the next Fiesta. I'm also looking forward to helping out again. Yes, I do love community events.

I hope I'll meet you as a volunteer next time!

Tara Watson
VOLUNTEER & LOGISTICS COORDINATOR



Fairy floss for big and small kids thanks to EPWORTH HEALTH



Well done to the organising team, for all your hard work, it paid off.

A great day, just so good to see the local community coming together to participate in the events and to discuss the need for many community projects of which the Community Garden was one.

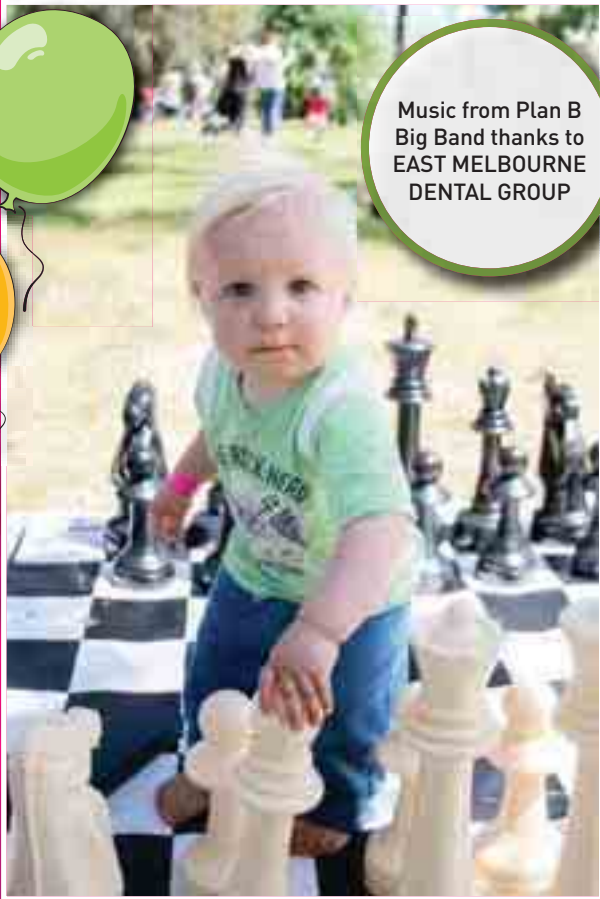
We had over 50 families express interest in an expanded and permanent site for a community garden for East Melbourne residents. It was also pleasing to hear support from the lord mayor and councillors.

Again, well done.

Regards
David Woodward

PRESIDENT - EAST MELBOURNE
COMMUNITY GARDEN ASSOCIATION INC.





Music from Plan B Big Band thanks to EAST MELBOURNE DENTAL GROUP



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Community Fiesta

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Whilst running fresh gourmet pizzas (straight from the oven) between gourmet pizza bar and our stall staffed by Roberto on the day I couldn't help but notice what a fantastic event the East Melbourne Jolimont Fiesta was.

The music was tasteful, the young children playing in amongst the farm animals shrieking in delight. Aerobics for the fitter and garden chess for the strategic.

There was something for everyone and a general sense of goodwill and happiness. This event is great for East Melbourne and the City of Melbourne as well.

Thanks for your hard work and well done guys!

Greg Poynton
 Gourmet Pizza Bar Tribeca



Fiesta Wrap Up



I had just returned from Far North Queensland and it was so lovely to be home in East Melbourne, strolling down Powlett St towards the Park.

The local community did all of us a wonderful service in organizing a really 'grass roots' picnic atmosphere.

I met up with so many old friends and acquaintances, enjoyed a sausage and onion, a couple of scones with jam and cream, and purchased a bagful of succulents for our garden at Lorne.

All the little children seemed to be having a wonderful time with grandparents, as well as with the policemen and the firemen, not to mention in the animal petting enclosure.

I felt very happy to be a part of such a contented community.

Well done to you all on the committee.

With best wishes, Maureen

The whole Fiesta day was brilliant; you did an absolutely fantastic job. Very well organised. My volunteers were lovely.

Thank you again to Marie and Susie for supporting me at my workshop. We really had fun.

I would love to do a similar thing again so it would be great if you would keep me in mind.

Thank you for the wonderful opportunity.

With kind Regards, Maree El-manquabadi



MELBOURNE EAST POLICE STATION

Members from the Melbourne East Police station were glad to assist at and be part of such a great day of festivities. We spoke to a number of residents from the local area who provided valuable information on issues occurring in and around the residential areas of East Melbourne. Many families attended the police display where they enjoyed a close up look at a police car and had a friendly chat with the police in attendance. The police members answered a number of enquiries regarding crime prevention and offered proactive advice. While mingling with the community, police particularly enjoyed watching the dog show and strolling through the market stalls.

There was a real sense of community amongst those who attended the event. Police spoke to quite a few people who had attended the event with their neighbour or had bumped into their neighbour at the Fiesta and spent much of the day catching up.

By continuing to support and communicate with each other, the residents of East Melbourne can reduce crime and raise awareness of issues affecting the local community. I hope this event continues to grow with each year and look forward to assisting in the future.

Steven Makarios
SENIOR CONSTABLE



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A MEN'S SHED FOR EAST MELBOURNE?

ARE YOU INTERESTED?

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A small group of men from East Melbourne have been meeting to establish a men's shed. Following the East Melbourne Jolimont Fiesta, over 35 expressions of interest had been received from local men.

Support was also forthcoming on the day from the lord mayor, deputy lord mayor and other councillors and a search is on to find a suitable location.

THE COMMITTEE'S DRAFT STATEMENT OF PURPOSES IS:

In a safe environment provide the opportunity for men to:

- drop in
- learn new skills
- share knowledge
- build friendships
- get involved in community life: and
- improve health outcomes

Some activities the group might undertake include the repair/polishing/upholstering of furniture, tool sharpening, sharing skills whether professional, trade or hobbies, undertaking community support projects such as repairing bicycles, making toys.

WHAT IS A MEN'S SHED?

A men's shed is a community organisation where men can:

- meet, enjoy each other's company; and
- converse, share and develop new skills amongst themselves

One of the main reasons for the creation of men's sheds is to improve the overall health of the older male population of Australia.

A men's shed provides an environment that is safe, stimulating, interesting and where men can foster new friendships and mateship. There's no pressure and participants can enjoy a chat and a cuppa to underpin working on some interesting tasks.

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The New Year's Eve Family Festival will return to Yarra Park in 2012 with a range of activities, entertainment and a family-friendly fireworks display at 9.30pm. Commencing at 6pm and concluding at 10pm, all activities are designed to create a festive atmosphere for families to celebrate New Year's Eve.

Richmond and Jolimont stations and the adjacent tram network will provide accessible

and ample public transport for families to enjoy festivities in Yarra Park.

Road closures are required on Monday 31 December to control the movement of patrons to and from Yarra Park safely. Local access for people within East Melbourne and Jolimont will be maintained during the road closures via Clarendon Street (corner of Wellington Parade) and Punt Road (corner of Wellington Parade).

As part of the midnight event (after the Family Festival) three 'live sites' will be activated within Docklands, Flagstaff and Treasury Gardens. These sites will be the primary areas for patrons to enjoy entertainment and view the spectacular midnight fireworks display.

For full event details please visit www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/nye or call the City of Melbourne on 9658 9658.

YARRA PARK UPDATE



By Tony Ware
Melbourne Cricket Club

The stage 2 landscape upgrade works are progressing well in Yarra Park. Soil remediation and shaping, new turf grasses and new irrigation systems have been installed throughout the park. A large section of pre-grown turf has been installed around the water recycling facility and on the rise between the MCG and Punt Rd. This turf is established, and is in addition to the turf works undertaken last year. The remainder of the park has been line planted with new grasses and this turf coverage will fully establish over the remainder of the summer.

The last stage of the landscape upgrade planned for October 2013 has been brought forward and all remaining major park renovation works, soil remediation and turf installation will be completed by January 2013. All old worn bollards are removed and new bollards will be installed on a like for like basis.

The water recycling facility is complete and commissioned and is providing 600,000 litres of Class A water to Yarra Park daily. This water provides the total irrigation requirements for the park and is important in maintaining the health of trees and turf surfaces in the park.

The next stage of works during 2013-14 will focus on the provision of park seating, BBQs, and undertaking improvements to assets such as paths and internal park lighting

The next stage of works during 2013-14 will focus on the provision of park seating, BBQs, and undertaking improvements to assets such as paths and internal park lighting. Further detail will be provided in future newsletters.

We would like to thank the residents of East Melbourne for their support and patience while the Yarra Park works are being completed and we wish all a safe and merry festive season.

RETHINKING HERITAGE

By Barbara Paterson
EMG Heritage and Planning Committee

The City of Melbourne has released a Draft Heritage Strategy for public discussion.

Community interest in heritage is relatively new and this is CoM's first heritage strategy. The strategy is relevant to East Melbourne as it covers aspects of heritage for which CoM has direct responsibility.

The strategy responds to the anticipated challenges of urban growth. Jobs and growth are both projected to grow strongly (currently there are on average 4,000 new residents in the CBD per year). The strategy aims to ensure the protection and enhancement of Melbourne's heritage and provide a framework and direction for heritage planning for the next 15 years.

There is much to admire in the strategy. We particularly like the way it expressly defines heritage to include tangible culture represented by buildings, parks, objects, and intangible culture which is more an interactive process for example, music, traditions, celebrations and people's memories.

We also like the acknowledgement of the way heritage maintains the integrity of the urban environment, providing meaning and purpose and community identity.

However, CoM recognises that heritage is not just a sentiment, it also has a dollar value.

We like the acknowledgement of the way heritage maintains the integrity of the urban environment, providing meaning and purpose and community identity.

The strategy emphasises the importance of working in partnership with other heritage groups. So CoM ran a workshop in November for the public to explore themes and obtain feedback. Participants expressed strong opinions on issues which included: better protection and maintenance of heritage, enforcing compliance with heritage overlays,

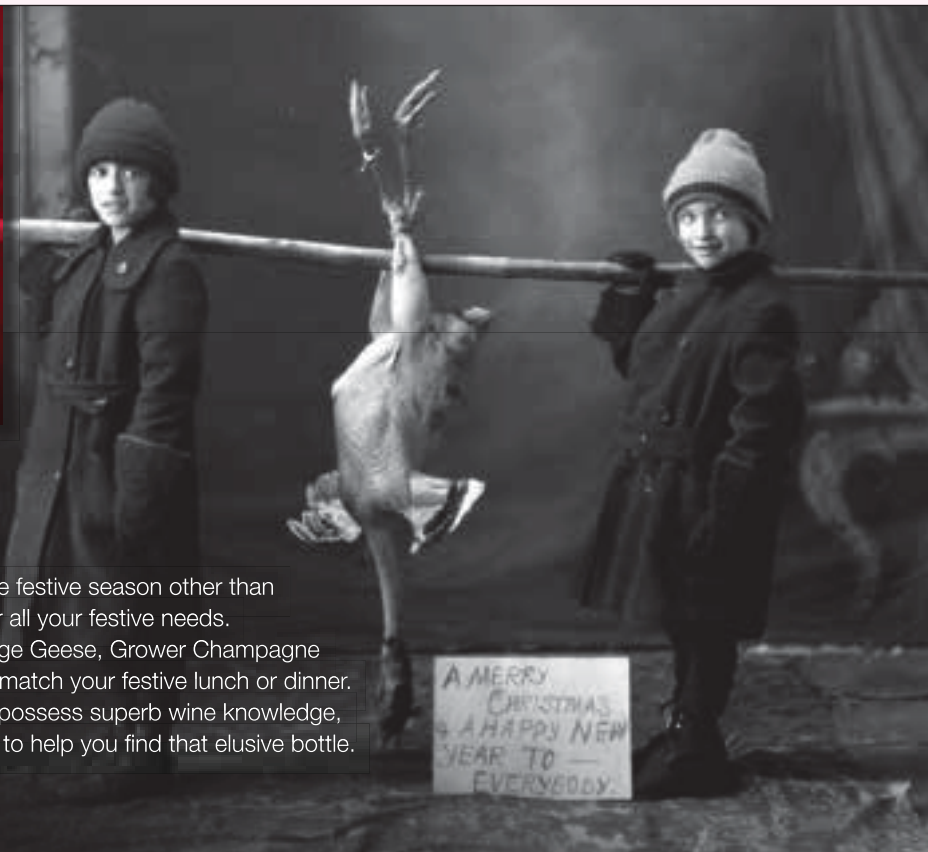
protecting parkland, better protection at Council level and VCAT for lower grade streetscapes, more recognition and protection for precincts such as Jolimont, better management of parks, and protection of the Yarra River precinct. There were calls for greater transparency in decision-making and for the opportunity for communities to express their opinions earlier in the process.

In our view, the most productive ideas will centre around ways of making creative connections to the past. One approach is through the adaptive reuse of old buildings eg. the current plans for the Mission to Seafarers building. CoM's Creative Spaces program is another instance of adaptive reuse.

The more heritage is protected the greater the management task and the need for resources. What further incentives could be introduced to help protect heritage? How can communication between CoM, State Government and other interested bodies be improved?

Readers are urged to peruse the strategy on the heritage section of CoM's website.

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LIVING NEXT TO QUEEN BESS

By Lotte Mulligan

Queen Bess Row had seen better days when we bought our house next door to it in 1981. It was built in 1886-7, originally perhaps as a coffee palace (to house young men from the country who wished to avoid the temptations of alcohol) but soon used instead as a private hospital. The house, like the monarch it commemorates, was overdressed, showy, and dominated the surrounding landscape with its size and bulk.

By the time we moved in it was inhabited, with its 60-odd rooms, by 60 odd single men. Indeed, on the day we arrived, a strange young man with a beard and a vacant look wandered into the kitchen and asked for a beer. Thinking he must be one of the removalists, we handed over a stubbie which he consumed hunkered down by the wall and then he slowly wandered out again, disappearing next door. While most of the inhabitants were self-sufficient and self-catering, the middle section at No. 76 was provided for by an Irish cook who fed them, judging by the permeating odours, on nothing but bread and mutton.

At the back our garden was separated from QBR by a high morning glory creeper sustained as it turned out by string tied to an iron frame. Over the hedge we could see four storeys of windows overlooking our yard. Across this permeable divider the occasional tinnie would land on the laundry roof and one day we found that a harpoon had been shot into the laundry wall.

When the hedge collapsed there were often up to eighteen heads peering out to admire our daughters trying to sunbathe in the garden

When the hedge collapsed there were often up to eighteen heads peering out to admire our daughters trying to sunbathe in the garden.

But the most dramatic inhabitant was a totally silent Hungarian 'Count' dressed in a white three piece suit who would lie in the patch of sun on our drive. This made backing out a hazardous affair, as when we returned to the driver's seat having checked that he was not there, we could not be sure that he had not perhaps re-appeared and we would anticipate a sickening thump under the car wheels.

In the late 1980s the owner of the boarding house removed all the inhabitants leaving the place eerily empty except for a caretaker. There was no real protection from fire and we

constantly corresponded with the MFB to put in appropriate fire protection.

In 1989 after the Government had considered buying QBR for sheltered accommodation, it was put up for public auction. The street was aflutter with banners and posters from the Victorian Tenants' Association campaigning to keep the place for public use. Fiery speeches and a demonstration followed, but capitalism won the day and the Queen was sold to private buyers who have sensitively restored the building to its Victorian splendour with 21st century conveniences (in both senses).

Life next to the Queen is now rather more sedate and secure with three sets of good neighbours, but it is certainly less exciting.



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OPEN WIDE

By Siusan MacKenzie

Graham Culy relocated from Wellington to operate the East Melbourne Dental Group 12 years ago. Like most of us he was attracted by the beautiful parks, the gorgeous buildings and the fact that it is so close to the CBD but has its own character. Being able to get a great coffee and walk around the MCG and Fitzroy Gardens at lunch time is a bonus.

Graham has been practising for 35 years and dentistry has changed hugely in that time.

According to Graham he sees so many people who have been traumatised by early experiences of dentistry.

"The techniques and equipment that we have available to us now make a visit to the dentist a completely different experience.

We use a lot of high tech equipment such as computer generated porcelain crowns and inlays made on site in one appointment that make for much greater accuracy, less trauma and a much longer lasting result."

Government research found that in 2010 15 percent of all dentate Australians reported they had experienced tooth ache in the previous 12 months and one quarter reported they felt uncomfortable about their dental appearance while seventeen percent of adults avoided eating certain foods because of problems with their teeth. It is hardly surprising that as household income increases so do visits to the dentist.

Graham believes the new dental scheme that provides children with \$1000 worth of dental treatment over two years will be a great step forward.

"If we can get children used to having regular check ups and preventive treatment it will certainly improve the dental health of the next generation of Aussies."

Graham claims his nurses are long suffering, listening to the same jokes trotted out patient after patient but laughing like they have heard it for the first time. His Kiwi accent, although much diluted, still gets him in trouble.

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DRUG RELATED CRIME IN EAST MELBOURNE

By Roger Smith

The East Melbourne Fiesta on 25 November was a great opportunity to meet police to discuss drug-related crime in our precinct. There are many factors contributing to the prevalence of drug-related crime in East Melbourne. Unfortunately the installation of the CCTV in and around Victoria Street Richmond has successfully lowered crime around the flats but is probably channelling illicit activity across Punt Road to East Melbourne.

I live on an East Melbourne laneway with multiple entry points, with frequent drug deals and with a substantial number of discarded syringes and drug paraphernalia, I would welcome CCTV on this side of Punt Road.

After years of volunteering with St Vincent de Paul, I am aware of the realities and difficulties of life on the streets. However, because of concerns over the safety of children and elderly residents in East Melbourne, I contacted Melbourne City Council. We are still waiting for any definitive action but given that Robert Doyle campaigned on the basis of installation of

CCTVs in our area, I hold out hope that he will make good on his election promise.

Until such time as the Melbourne City Council responds to the problem of drug-related crime in East Melbourne, in the absence of CCTVs in our streets and parks and without a constant police presence, we can help make East Melbourne safer by always reporting crime and keeping an eye out for our neighbours' properties. With the holiday season fast approaching, this is more important than ever.

At the East Melbourne Fiesta, the police said that their main message to residents is to report any crime or suspicious activity to Crime Stoppers. This builds up valuable intelligence to allow police to devote resources where they are needed and to lead to arrests. Without this information it is difficult for them to act.

The Crime Stoppers number is 1800 333 000. In an emergency call 000.

If you see discarded syringes around the children's playground, gutters or laneways, call Melbourne City Council on 9658 9658 and they will remove the items promptly.



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WALK ON THE WILD SIDE

By Moira Rayner

The East Melbourne Fertility Clinic on Wellington Parade has been a thorn in the side for many people over many, many years.

Bertram Wainer, a whistle blowing doctor, set it up to challenge authorities and Victoria's Victorian criminal laws which made all abortion illegal and backyard abortion racket's rife.

The clinic is privately owned now. Abortion to save the life and health of the mother has been legal since the 1970s. Abortion was formally legitimized later by State government legislation. Yet the East Melbourne Fertility Clinic continues to be

a site of controversy and confrontation, a challenge to the public's right of unimpeded access to our local post office, chemist, dry cleaner or government and private businesses up and down that little bit of run-down road. Why? Because if they happen to be female and young, they are beset by anti-abortion protestors. Or they are beset by pamphleteers and pray-ers, who have picketed the joint, legal and not legal, for decades. And sometimes the police are called, and sometimes a council officer comes along and has a look and on one particularly idiotic occasion, issued an infringement notice to the partner of one of the Clinic's patients for 'littering' – he threw away a pamphlet.

The only charges ever laid by the frequently visiting police seem to be against a security guard for an alleged assault on a protestor. Another security guard was shot and killed by a madman attracted to the 'right-to-life' challenge the Clinic posed. The only light on the hill has been the presence of 'Friends of the East Melbourne Fertility Clinic' (pictured) who have voluntarily protected women and men who want to use its services, and to seek to reason with the protestors.

Shouts about 'killing your baby' and verbal, and sometimes physical protests (I've seen them) have further traumatised women who are already hurt by their difficult decisions. No effective action has been taken by the Clinic, the Council or the Police (they are all 'going to get advice' and then not share it) to deal with the countless confrontations affecting clients, passers-by and local residents. The East Melbourne Group has met and talked with all of those who could do something but haven't worked out how or when or by whom. There is no safe access to the Clinic and none of them including the Clinic (which surely has a duty of care to its patients) the Melbourne City Council (which has a statutory duty to protect the amenity of East Melbourne) or Victoria Police (to enforce the law) are willing to act.

This has to stop! I know I am not alone in wanting to stroll to the Post Office or the pharmacy unimpeded by protestors outside the clinic who have the effect of rubbing the people of East Melbourne up the wrong way for more reasons than one.

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John Wykes has lived in East Melbourne for many years and each afternoon he can be seen jogging around Powlett Reserve with his little dog Mitsy.

Few people know he also has a skill and passion for water colour painting which he took up seriously in 1994 after studying the technique at the Victorian Artists' Society under leading exponents. He was influenced from an early age by his father and other relatives who were all interested in art.

He has spent several sojourns painting in the UK, France, Canada and the USA and has received awards at exhibitions for his work. John now enjoys capturing scenes from his travels in his paintings. Over the years he has also often been inspired to paint familiar views in our neighbourhood.

John painted the five wonderful aspects of East Melbourne which appear on note cards recently produced by EMG. Two of each scene is contained in a packet which can be purchased for \$20.

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AN EARLY START AT MANDARIN

By Roger Smith

We are a family living in East Melbourne with three young children, two of primary school age. When we returned to Melbourne from Edinburgh, our children were enrolled in our local school, Richmond West Primary (RWPS), one of only a handful of Victorian schools offering a full bilingual Chinese language program.

Both children learn in English for the first half of the week and then swap to Mandarin for the latter half of the week.

Lotte (grade two) started in the second semester and it has taken some commitment to help her bridge the gap with her classmates, many of whom are already proficient in written and conversational Mandarin.

The school recommends enrolment no later than grade two as after that the

gap is generally too great to close. Hugo, who is in prep, also started in the second semester and even he has had to put in many extra hours to catch up.

The RWPS bilingual program received recognition recently with an official visit by the Australian Ambassador to China, Ms Frances Adamson. She was so impressed with the quality of the bilingual language program that she sought permission from acting principal Lloyd Mitchell and vice principal Anna Wood to praise the school in a speech to Asialink and the Australia China Business Council that she was to give later in the day.

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Pat Jones has been a member of EMG for some time. She considered it important to help maintain the aspects of our suburb that she so appreciates, however, it was only recently that Pat got actively involved by volunteering for the Fiesta.

"I felt warmly welcomed and was so impressed by the energy, commitment and creativity of the organising committee. The rewards of being involved soon became very evident and I'd encourage all residents to join up and take an interest in the work of EMG."

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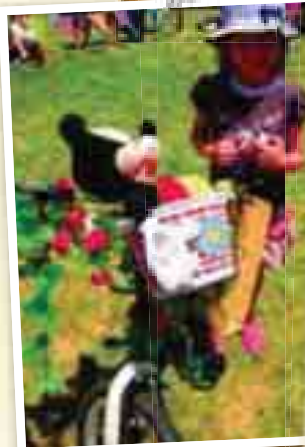
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Saturday 29 December	Normal hours
Sunday 30 December	Normal hours
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New Year's Day Tuesday 1 January	Closed
Wednesday 2 January	Normal hours Resume

THE MELBOURNE LIBRARY SERVICE WEBSITE

is well worth a look. If you would like some suggestions for your summer reading, this link: www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/MelbourneLibraryService/Goodreads/Pages/3books.aspx#spirit suggests '3 Books' in 'admiration of the human spirit', or 'that you can't put down', 'to spark you sense of wonder' or 'that will keep you on the edge of your seat' as well as other categories (27 books in all).

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A TREAT IS IN STORE IN FEBRUARY AT THE WHEELER CENTRE

The Wheeler Centre kicks off 2013 with a celebration of storytelling that revels in the deepest recesses of the imagination. The Annual Gala Night will be dedicated to Maurice Sendak's 'Where the Wild Things Are' a work that has captivated generations of children – and inspired countless creative artists to travel to their dark sides and back ... in time for tea.

The Wheeler Centre has gathered a diverse tribe of twelve Australian writers to take this much-loved classic as inspiration for their own creative work, to be performed at the Town Hall. There will be poets and dramatists, essayists and fiction writers, journalists and lyricists – with works that will transport you to faraway lands, explore the wildness within and ultimately transcend.

Presenters, Hannie Rayson, Robyn Davidson, Alison Lester, David Marr and Luka Lesson will roar their terrible roars, gnash their terrible teeth and show their terrible claws. (Or something like that, anyway.) All profits will go to the Indigenous Literacy Foundation.

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