

A photograph of a park with bare trees and a city skyline in the background. The trees are mostly without leaves, with some showing light brown or orange autumnal colors. In the background, several tall city buildings are visible against a cloudy sky. The foreground shows a large tree trunk on the left and a grassy area with a path.

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WINTER 2012

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THE TENSIONS
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THE EAST MELBOURNE GROUP NEEDS YOUR MEMBERSHIP

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THE EAST MELBOURNE GROUP AGM

The East Melbourne Group Annual General Meeting was held at Clarendon Terrace (the Menzies Foundation) on 17 May. The Guest of Honour was Paul Sheahan, President of the Melbourne Cricket Club and former test cricketer who spoke engagingly about some of his cricket memories, particularly at the MCG, and about the work of the MCC in its role as manager of Yarra Park. He took questions from the floor - some of them quite feisty given the strong views about car parking in Yarra Park.

President Stuart Hamilton highlighted some of the issues which the Group dealt with over 2011-12, including infill developments, the long-standing issue of whether to protect just facades or whole buildings of heritage significance, and the poor state of repair of some heritage properties in East Melbourne. He also mentioned a membership drive that the Group has recently started focussing particularly on new and younger residents.

Two long standing members of the Group, Percy Schlossberger and Peter Murton, were made honorary life members.

Stuart stood down as President after 3 years, and Margaret Wood, a former President, was nominated to succeed him.

As she will be leaving East Melbourne towards the end of the year, she made it clear that she was happy to accept the nomination pending someone else being prepared to take on the role later in the year. All other positions were filled.

The full committee, which operates from The Hut on the corner of Powlett and Albert Streets includes:

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WE HAVE A WINNER



Local resident of four years Liyat Haile captured the best East Melbourne Jolimont moment with her photo of autumn which appears on page 10.

Liyat won a delicious breakfast for two provided by Europa Cellars. Liyat also contributed other photos which appear throughout this edition.



"TELL US WHAT YOU THINK" AUTUMN WINNER

We received very positive and constructive feedback about the new look East Melbourne Jolimont 3002 News autumn edition.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to tell us what you thought.

Ingrid Sturmey's comment "One would have to be very disaffected to ask for more from a local newsletter me thinks!" wins her an ice cream cake courtesy of Otto and Joanna Pace from Casa Del Gelato.

COMMUNITY DAY RESCHEDULED

WANT TO GET INVOLVED?



The Jolimont East Melbourne (JEM) community day promoted in the last edition of the News had to be postponed in April.

(Our sincere apologies to the person who complained we did not remove in a timely manner all of the posters announcing the postponement.)

**It will take place in
MID NOVEMBER 2012
with the old Moomba
theme of JEM let's get
together and have fun**

Hosted by the East Melbourne Group with support from the City of Melbourne Event Partnership Program, the community day will aim to have a program of activities to engage people of all ages.

**It will feel a bit like
a country show –
plenty of good old
fashioned competitions,
games, stalls and
entertainment.**

Residents will be encouraged to bring a picnic and spend the day meeting and having a laugh with neighbours.

It takes an enormous team effort to host a really successful community day.

The convenor of the event, EMG committee member Siusan MacKenzie, would **love your ideas and assistance** to make it a really great and inclusive day.

**Please contact Siusan now
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ST. JOHN'S DEVELOPMENT TAKING SHAPE

BARBARA PATERSON
Covenor Heritage and Planning Committee

Work at the massive St John's site development at the corner of Hoddle Street and Victoria Parade is in high gear with a building completion date scheduled for October 2012.

What occurred with this site highlights the tensions between heritage protection, development and the rights of residents in a sensitive historic neighbourhood like East Melbourne.

The site is described by The National Trust in its Statement of Significance as 'A fascinating complex of three churches and associated buildings, dating from the mid 1860s to 1930, graphically illustrating the history of the East Melbourne Catholic Parish.' Each church is architecturally important and the whole site has a significant social and cultural history.

The first church on the site was the Parish Church of the Holy Trinity built by the Church of England in 1857. A new Holy Trinity Church was opened in George Street in 1864 but the old church and associated buildings continued in use variously as a common school, a Sunday school and gymnasium until the site was purchased in 1921 by the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne. The first St John the Evangelist Church, erected on the south side of the Holy Trinity Church, was opened in 1866 and is a rare architectural example of William Wardell's use of brickwork. Later, the Sisters of Charity opened St. John's School which operated until 2008. The second St John's church, opened in 1901, is architecturally a modern form of Romanesque with a striking stone Celtic

cross carved with emblems of St John the Evangelist and St Patrick. The third church, built on the foundation of the Holy Trinity Church and opened in 1930, is an example of the last phase of Romanesque revival.

In 2010 the site's owners were granted a planning permit to redevelop St John's site as a Catholic Leadership Centre, linked with the Catholic University further west in Victoria Pde. The complex includes classrooms, accommodation (for country and interstate students), and a dining room for 400 people and lecture halls.

The Centre's aim is to offer professional development for teachers and leaders in the Catholic sector from all over Australia. St John's will continue to hold a Sunday service for its large Vietnamese congregation. Heritage Victoria granted a permit in respect of works to the heritage listed buildings in response to a design brief by Lovell Chen, architects and heritage consultants.

Local residents have described the developer's approach to them as heavy-handed in the early stages of the Centre's proposal and development. They were particularly concerned about a lack of communication. The EMG along with many others lodged letters of objection raising planning and amenity concerns with the City of Melbourne. There were several meetings between the developer, the residents and EMG.

Geoffrey Borrack, an East Melbourne architect whose house adjoins the site,

was part of a small group who took their concerns to VCAT. A major concern of the

Parking is another major concern for neighbouring residents.

objectors was the noise potential once the site became operational as an educational facility. Borrack is now satisfied that the acoustics for the Centre are state-of-the-art. He recalls that residents used to hear the children at St John's singing and playing musical instruments. Hopefully, other pleasant sounds will emanate from the new Centre. Parking is another major concern



for neighbouring residents. Although the plans provide for underground parking the traffic engineers gradually whittled away the statutory requirements – now there will need to be a lot of people arriving at the Centre by means other than a car to justify the current situation. The sheer size of the development was also a significant concern. Residents wanted the development to harmoniously reflect residential scale. According to Borrack, who had modelled an alternative three storey building, it is particularly galling that this was feasible. Now that the actual building has achieved its four storeys height it is apparent that three storeys would have presented a much more sympathetic aspect to Victoria Pde. Now neighbouring residents are confronted with an edifice which imposes bulk on a street which is, after all, classified as a level two streetscape.

Ultimately the residents were unsuccessful at VCAT. To rub salt into the wounds, the developer's barrister said that the residents of East Melbourne were too demanding and had done very well over the years from the special treatment accorded to their suburb! At least the residents who went to VCAT were able to test the developer's expert witnesses in a legal setting.

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Although we hear that once work got underway that APM Group, the construction company, and Woods Bagot, architects, were very professional in their treatment of the adjoining residents, disruption to locals has been significant. Borrack is stoical about the process, being well aware of what is involved in such a large construction site however; noise caused by drilling through basalt during the construction of the underground car park was earsplitting.

Are there any advantages for East Melbourne in the new Centre? Well yes, if one disregards the overdevelopment of the site, the architecture is of a high standard. The landscaping is expected to be quite beautiful. The heritage buildings are being painstakingly restored at considerable expense. Attention is being given to the incorporation of small details into the buildings to enhance the integrity of the complex. A laneway used by residents is to be upgraded. The night time public lectures may well prove interesting to residents. However with its varied uses – church, teaching facilities, accommodation, large dining facility, lecture hall, the project entails many unknowns. For example, will it function more as a convention centre than an educational facility?



East Melbourne residents are entitled to protect the unique heritage of their area. Residents are not opposed to development altogether. The question is not necessarily whether large-scale development should be stopped but whether there are better ways to go about it. This is a question best asked at the earliest possible stage in the development process, and before plans have been finalized.

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In this instance, the St John's development is nearly complete and we wish those involved in the project all the best for the opening in October and look forward to an invitation for local residents to see the site first hand.

East Melbourne residents need to be vigilant about potential large-scale development sites in their neighbourhood and should aim to act early.

MOSSPENNOCH A HERITAGE TRAVESTY

BARBARA PATERSON

Covenor Heritage and Planning Committee

The Hilton Hotel redevelopment saga which encompasses historic Mosspennoch is now in its 11th year. Mosspennoch, a double fronted Italianate mansion on the corner of George and Clarendon Streets, was built in 1881 to a design by the architect Charles Webb (other works: Windsor Hotel, Royal Arcade, South Melbourne Town Hall, and Tasma Terrace). Mosspennoch has been a landmark in East Melbourne but it is no longer a building in which residents can take pride. Standing unoccupied, vandalized and deteriorating it is a travesty of its former self. 'Heritage crime' is a new concept taking root in the United Kingdom where systems, structures and partnerships are being introduced to tackle the issues. Who is guilty of the heritage crime which is currently Mosspennoch?

Mosspennoch was heritage listed in the 1970s upon application by The National Trust, supported by EMG, but the listing did not include the southern ballroom wing. It was not until 2003 that Heritage Victoria placed the whole of the building and curtilage on the Register. The reasons for this are part of the tumultuous developmental background of the Hilton site. Over the last 11 years the Hilton's owners, Thakral Holdings Pty Ltd, have prepared numerous plans for the site and these plans have been the subject of VCAT hearings, applications to Heritage Victoria, Ministerial intervention, a Supreme Court hearing and a subsequent hearing on Appeal.

In early 2009 Thakral appointed a new development team. A consultative meeting followed with EMG to discuss a fresh development proposal. EMG did not oppose the improved design. The City of Melbourne approved the permit application in 2009. Heritage Victoria approved the conversion of Mosspennoch into residential apartments on the basis that a Heritage Impact report by Lovell Chen was to be adhered to. Construction on the site did not commence.

Mosspennoch has now been vacant for many years. On occasions homeless people have occupied the building which has suffered fire damage. Last year police apprehended several youths following a vandalistic rampage through the building. Now, the windows are boarded up and it is surrounded by security fencing. EMG, The East Melbourne Historical Society and others have expressed increasingly forceful views about the gross neglect of this property. Heritage Victoria attends to repair broken windows but otherwise nothing happens.

Vandals and the homeless are not the worst culprits in the degradation of Mosspennoch. Their behavior only manifests itself once a building has already been rendered vulnerable. The guilt is collective. The current state of buildings such as Mosspennoch and Valetta is the result of developmental greed, ineffective planning administration, vandals, and individuals seeking vanity projects, impotent heritage bodies and indifferent municipal councils. The aim of heritage protection is not just to

preserve East Melbourne's surroundings for the future but to enable residents to appreciate and enjoy their heritage today. Mosspennoch, instead of being a heritage showpiece on the East Melbourne tourist trail, is a crime scene.

Recently, a prominent East Melbourne resident had feasible plans to buy and restore the building to its former glory and then lease it to a professional group who needed more office space and wished to remain in East Melbourne. Prima facie this would have been a very good outcome. However for this to occur additional planning permission was needed from the City of Melbourne. This in itself can be a lengthy process but the further requirement to advertise the amendments for public comment was considered a potential source of unpredictable trouble and complexity, a vexatious litigant at VCAT for example could cause significant additional delay. Mosspennoch continues to deteriorate and the professional group, obliged to move to the city, are lost to East Melbourne.

We understand that Thakral is currently working on a scheme with Bates Smart and Lovell Chen for plans for Mosspennoch and the adjacent site. However, given the economic climate and the lengthy statutory approval process required in these matters it is not expected that anything will happen in the near future. It is the view of EMG that the owners should now act responsibly and refurbish Mosspennoch into six residential apartments, as they originally proposed to do.



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WHAT'S IN A NAME?

EMILY MARR

A name can be a very powerful thing, it helps us decipher one thing from another and just like people, streets have names too. Though they are not personal we do use them to find out where we are and which way to go. But what most people don't know is the history of the streets. Where did they get their name? What is the history behind the name? These questions are usually the last thing we think about when moving onto a new street and really, we are missing out.

Each of the East Melbourne streets has a purpose behind its name, in most cases they are named after people but some are named after places. Take **Jolimont Street** for example. It was named by Superintendent La Trobe (1801-1875) after an area in Switzerland close to the family home of Madam La Trobe. She exclaimed, after seeing the site proposed for their new residence 'Quel joli mont'.

Albert Street is named after Albert, Prince Consort of England (1819-1861) husband of Queen Victoria. Although he was consort, which did not confer any power or duties upon him, he adopted many public causes such as educational reform

and a worldwide abolition of slavery and took on the responsibilities of running the Queen's household, estates and office.

George Street is also named after a king, King George IV (1762-1830) who reigned 1820-1830. He led an extravagant lifestyle that contributed to the fashions of the British Regency, was a patron of new forms of leisure, style and taste, commissioned John Nash to build the Royal Pavilion in Brighton and remodel Buckingham Palace and Sir Jeffry Wyatville to rebuild Windsor Castle. He also contributed in the foundation of the National Gallery, London and King's College London.

Frederick Armand Powlett, (1811-1865), public servant, Commissioner of Crown Lands, has **Powlett Street** named after him. Powlett helped form the Melbourne Cricket Club in November 1838 and three years later became the first president of the MCC. He was also a confidant of Lieutenant-Governor Charles La Trobe and was a renowned cricketer, racehorse owner and huntsman.

Simpson Street is named after James Simpson, (1792-1857), police magistrate and Commissioner of Crown Lands. Simpson, in June 1836, was appointed as arbitrator in all disputes between individuals, except in

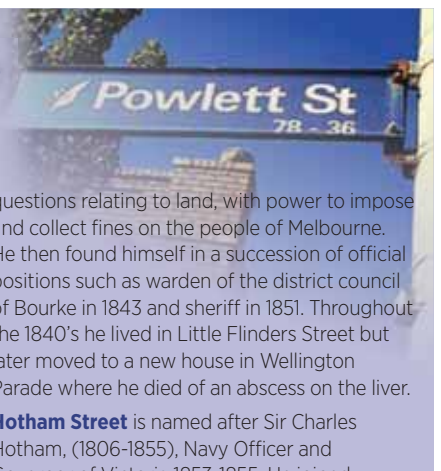
questions relating to land, with power to impose and collect fines on the people of Melbourne.

He then found himself in a succession of official positions such as warden of the district council of Bourke in 1843 and sheriff in 1851. Throughout the 1840's he lived in Little Flinders Street but later moved to a new house in Wellington Parade where he died of an abscess on the liver.

Hotham Street is named after Sir Charles Hotham, (1806-1855), Navy Officer and Governor of Victoria 1853-1855. He joined the navy in November 1818 and was quickly made Lieutenant in 1825 and postcaptain in 1833. By 1855 he was Governor of Victoria but soon met an untimely end when his health began to fail in November. In December he caught a chill while opening the Melbourne gasworks and died on the 31st.

So it seems the streets of East Melbourne hold quite a bit of history. With many of its names coming from great men of Victorian and British history, it would be easy to say that East Melbourne commemorates each of them through the suburbs street names.

Information for this article was sourced from the book East Melbourne Walkabout, written by Winston H. Burchett.





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LOST PROPERTY

To tie in with Heritage Week held in April this year the East Melbourne Historical Society mounted a photographic exhibition to show some of East Melbourne and Jolimont's historic buildings that have been lost to the wrecker's ball. Here is a taste of what was on show at the library.

CLIVENEN at 192 - 195 WELLINGTON PARADE, replaced now by the Hilton Hotel.

Clivenen (1886-1968) was designed by Wardell & Vernon of Sydney for Sir William J. Clark, landholder and MLC. It was East Melbourne's largest house, it had 28 bedrooms, five bathrooms and 17 servants' bedrooms, as well as a ballroom 100 ft by 50 ft. After Lady Clarke's death in 1909, it was sold to the Baillieu family who added a fourth floor and converted it into some fifty luxury self contained apartments. Miles Lewis in Suburban Backlash explains, "It had a common dining room, or meals could be served to residents in the flats, but there were no kitchens." It was sold for demolition in 1968.



Photo Hilton Hotel Archives.

At 124 WELLINGTON PARADE stood

PARK HOUSE, built in 1863 for Capt. Arthur Devlin and later remodelled by F. M. White for Hugh Junor Browne. It was replaced in 1967 by the current post office building.

Captain Arthur Devlin had spent many years as a ship's captain before settling in Melbourne where he was a merchant and also co-owner with George Ward Cole of the ferry, Gem, which travelled between Melbourne and Williamstown.



Photo c.1878. Private collection.

It seems Park House was initially a single storey house, but in 1873 when Hugh Junor Browne became the owner he made additions to the house doubling its size by adding another storey. The architect was F.M. White, designer of the Old Law School Building at Melbourne University. Hugh Junor Browne was the father of Pattie, the wife of Alfred Deakin.

At around the same period, could be seen **BURNELL, at 109 ALBERT STREET**. Burnell was designed for John Speechly Gotch, the founder and managing director of Gordon & Gotch, Newsagents, c. 1862. It was replaced by the Freemasons Hospital vehicle access and car park c. 1969.

In the early rate books, Burnell appears as a timber house but soon changed to brick and timber and finally to a fully brick house. The veranda and balcony were remodelled to a Moorish style probably around the turn of the century. John died in 1901 however the family remained there until the 1930s.



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CURRENT EMG PLANNING ISSUES

At any given time the Planning Sub Committee of the EMG deals with issues ranging from managing parking and the surrounds at the MCG through to building extensions of residences in East Melbourne. The Group usually does not get involved in such disputes unless there are general local amenity or heritage issues involved.

There are three current issues in East Melbourne worth noting.

First, there are a number of developments where previously **vacant land** thought to be uninhabitable, such as Brahe Place, have been proposed to be developed into numerous residential units, or where three single houses, such as 549-555 Victoria Parade, have been proposed to be used as a facade for a six three-storey unit development. As the demand for inner city space grows, East Melbourne can expect to see an increase in developments that propose infill of vacant land or more intensive usage, and we are likely to see a move from single and dual occupancies to intensive developments, as well as encroachment into previously vacant areas.

Second, consistent with the first theme above, we have observed **intensification of**

the use of existing developments, such as the Johnson Collection, St John's Church, the MCG and other non residential uses in East Melbourne. These need to be, in some cases, continually and carefully managed to ensure a benefit for all concerned. Some developments have gone the other way; for example, the Mercy Maternity and the New Boundary Hotel have become residential developments. The EMG has to deal with complex issues regarding the rights of residents to a peaceful environment in the face of proposals for non residential uses of properties in the area that threaten that peace. It is becoming more difficult to protect residents' rights as the economic might of those businesses and their desire to expand increases.

The third issue is that of **height developments in Jolimont**. Developments in Jolimont are not subject to the usual residential height restrictions. As such, there have been a number of developments, the most recent an application at 33-41 Agnes Street, that ought to be considered excessively high for East Melbourne but have been proposed or approved.

NAPOLEON BUONAPARTE AND EAST MELBOURNE – WHAT'S THE CONNECTION?

When Napoleon was exiled to St Helena, he resided for a time at 'The Briars', a property that belonged to William Balcombe, a trader, reputed to be the illegitimate son of George IV. The Balcombes welcomed Napoleon into their family fold and the house became a hub of social activity.

William Balcombe later became the Colonial Treasurer of NSW and one of his three sons, Alexander settled on the Mornington Peninsula. In 1853 Alexander Balcombe built a house in East Melbourne at 122 George Street, the site of the present library. He died there in 1877. Alexander had been born on St Helena and as a boy he would have come to know the exiled Emperor!

So the next time you are in the Library you can ponder on East Melbourne's connection to the man whose exhibition currently graces Melbourne at the National Gallery of Victoria (closes 7th October).

You can read the full story **Balcombes, Books and Napoleon Buonaparte** in the June 2012 newsletter on the East Melbourne Historical Society website at www.emhs.org.au

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OUR URBAN FOREST

BERNARD WHEELAHAN

Member EMG Parks and Gardens Committee

The City of Melbourne has adopted an urban forest strategy.

The main objectives of the strategy are to help

- reduce temperatures in the city
- mitigate climate change
- conserve water
- create healthier trees and ecosystems and
- enhance healthy liveability in the city.

To achieve these results, using forestry science, the council proposes to increase the number of trees and canopy cover, to extend tree species and diversity and to improve tree health, soil moisture and water quality.

This strategy is already being implemented in East Melbourne and Jolimont.

3002 is the location of three major stormwater capture and recycling schemes in each of Darling Gardens, Fitzroy Gardens and Yarra Park. Also most of the fountains in the public gardens have been refurbished and reactivated since the drought.

Large canopy trees have been recently planted in the footpaths of Simpson, Grey, Hotham and Powlett Streets. Trees nearing

the end of their lives have been replaced in other streets and in the gardens.

In June the Council agreed to install a treed median strip in Gipps Street.

This will double the canopy cover in the street from 35 to 70 percent and is estimated, at maturity to reduce summer temperatures in the street by three to four degrees centigrade. Weather stations have already been installed to measure the effect.

Across 3002, canopy cover in the public realm is 21 percent. In line with the whole of the City of Melbourne, it is aimed to increase this to at least 40 percent by 2040. The canopy cover in Fitzroy Gardens by contrast is 53 percent as evidenced by the rapid drop in temperature felt when one enters the gardens in summer.

Compared to most of the City of Melbourne, East Melbourne and Jolimont have outstanding open spaces. The latter regrettably lies administratively outside the City of Melbourne. Although Yarra Park is heritage listed, it is managed by The Melbourne Cricket Club (MCC). It is to be hoped that the laudable objectives of the city's public and transparent urban forest strategy can be at least partly achieved by the MCC until parking is eventually banned.

3002 also has the advantage of significant open spaces in the treed medians of its major streets, to which the Gipps Street median will shortly be added. This will be the first new median in 3002 for decades, and like the others will have a life of hundreds of years although as in the others, the trees will be progressively replaced over that time.

More difficult to manage and predict are the number, size and variety of trees in private gardens. These are constantly challenged by redevelopment driven by increasing land values. The preservation of the Bishops Court Garden is an outstanding exception.

Perhaps the successful implementation of the visionary urban strategy by the council in East Melbourne and Jolimont will encourage property owners, businesses and the MCC to develop their trees and biodiversity for the aggregate benefit of the whole community.



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COMMUNITY GARDENING IN EAST MELBOURNE

CHARLIE HOHNEN

Member EMG Parks and Gardens Committee

One might be forgiven for imagining that East Melbourne people aren't particularly interested in gardening. In earlier times newcomers were sometimes admonished for doing their own gardening in a suburb where even the smallest pocket hankin was manicured by 'professionals'. So the existence of a community garden group of passionate vegetable gardeners may come as a surprise. It has been in existence since 2004.

In fact the group keeps a low profile because in our suburb which is so amply provided with green space there is room only for a few community garden plots. Community gardeners, as in other suburbs are allocated a small plot of land on which they can grow vegetables for their own use. In East Melbourne the plots are located at the back of Sinclair's Cottage in the Fitzroy Gardens. The space is incredibly tightly planted and serves just nine families. There are at least as many again on the waiting list.

Approaches to the city council to have space

allocated for community gardens in the redevelopment of the huge depot site in Fitzroy Gardens have been unsuccessful. Likewise VicRail won't allow plots on the vacant block on the corner of Vale Street and Wellington Parade where the local police station used to stand.

Recently a proposal to use the median strips in East Melbourne as community gardens was canvassed. This is good sunny space that might appear ideal for garden plots. It was felt however that given the nature of the historic precinct and the event crowds passing through this would not work. And so we are left with a dilemma.

There is a substantial demand for plots in this suburb where block sizes are often quite small. Balconies and courtyards may be used but overshadowing and poor orientation makes many of these spaces unsuitable for vegetable gardens.

How can the growing demand for somewhere to grow your own be met in the closely settled inner suburbs?

The Landshare scheme in the UK which matches those wanting land to grow vegetables with those who have land to share



is championed by Hugh Fearnley Whittingstall. If only we had something similar in East Melbourne. Vacant space could be put to productive use and community spirit could be nurtured along with the vegetables.

If you have any thoughts on community gardening in our suburb please share them with the East Melbourne Group admin@emg.org.au.

One possible outlet for gardeners who have made a life choice that leaves them little garden is 'Bishopscourt' on the corner of Clarendon and Gipps Street. A group of volunteers meets on the third Wednesday each month to tend the two acre garden saved from subdivision ten years ago by the efforts of the Australian Garden History Society and the East Melbourne Group. The gate is open and visitors are welcome to come in and look around. There are flower beds and shrubberies and a vegetable garden and there is always plenty to do if anyone feels like participating. Gardening is more fun when it is shared. That's the principle of community gardening.

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PEOPLE AND PERSPECTIVES

SALUTE CHEERS PROST AT EUROPA CELLARS

How time flies. It has been 10 years since Europa Cellars wine store opened in East Melbourne with the lofty ambition to make European wines more accessible, and break down the preconception that such wine is too expensive for everyday drinking.

General Manager Aidan Raftery started with the business in June 2010 just after the wine shop expanded to include a café, deli and wine bar. It is now possible at Europa Cellars to select an unusual wine and purchase goodies to compose a luscious antipasto platter while sipping on a really good latte and then come back next day for a delicious breakfast, lunch or dinner! Almost foodie nirvana according to the 2012 Foodies Guide to Melbourne review.

Coming from a restaurant background Aidan fully appreciates being able to work with great food and wine, but with much more respectful hours!

But it is the wine which is Aidan's real passion and it shows when he is asked for advice. Growing up in London his family always enjoyed wine with dinner so he developed discerning taste buds at an early age. His passion for wine was fuelled when his family moved to New Zealand and their next door neighbour was Bob Campbell, one of only 298 Masters of Wine in the world. He was a great mentor and

an inspiration for Aidan. Sharing the leftovers from wine tastings Bob conducted to write reviews they discussed each sample and Aidan would get lost in his truly infectious passion.



AidAN RAFTERY

The obvious question for a wine shop manager proved tough to answer for Aidan.

"What is my favourite wine? It depends on my mood! I will always have a soft spot for a glass of rose (although only if served from a tumbler) and as a wine geek there is nothing more special than a great bottle of Riesling

or Pinot Noir, as they speak so truly of the place they are grown, also Nebbiolo for its supreme longevity and incredible levels of complexity. I like wine with a cerebral quality."

According to Aidan we live in a wonderful vinous world and Europa Cellars now showcases wine from all over the globe including more unusual locations such as Japan, Israel, Lebanon, Slovenia and Luxembourg. Importing most of the wines in store themselves is what helps keep prices down and make unusual products more accessible.

While the range of imported wine is a major point of interest at the store, everyday wines are made specifically for Europa by some terrific local winemakers. "We look for smaller family owned and operated businesses because we prefer to meet the winemaker personally and listen to the vinous story they have to tell. We are happy to leave the bastardisation of wine to the big guys."

Aidan really enjoys the diversity of customers he gets to talk to. People of all ages and from all walks of life keep things interesting. A memorable moment was after the 2010 AFL Grand Final when a group of joyous Collingwood supporters started their celebrations at Europa. They bought a single stubbie of VB for one hand and a bottle of Louis Roederer Champagne for the other and began swigging from each consecutively as they sang Good Old Collingwood Forever. He found that very amusing and assumes it was the start of a long long night.



Provenance, seasonality and quality seem to be missing in our supermarket soaked, reality-cooking-show lives. It's easy to forget that tomatoes don't ripen in the Winter and that often, your best bet is the homemade bottle of passata that your neighbour kindly left on your doorstep from their most recent Autumn tomato day.

It's with this *sense* that we have tendered to our little European focused wine cellar. It's also with the same ardour that we are striving to reflect in our cosy Bistro.

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THE PEOPLE (AND PETS) YOU MEET ON THE STREET



CHARLOTTE SPENCER ROY AND YOUNG ANGUS

When Charlotte came to Australia 13 years ago, she chose to move to Melbourne over Sydney because she did not want to live in another city where a car was essential. The village like atmosphere of East Melbourne, where people know their neighbours, and are happy to walk and talk to one another is what attracted her to our suburb. Angus is very pleased with that decision. He loves the Powlett Reserve playground, getting his hands dirty in his vegetable garden and making preserves with mummy. Angus and Charlotte agree that all East Melbourne needs is a primary school to make it perfect.



OTTO PACE

Otto is a very proud Italian who has lived in East Melbourne since 1978 and for the past 30 years has been making fabulous gelati in Lygon Street. Most of East Melbourne has been through the shop door for a taste! Being a small business owner doesn't leave much time for leisure but he is a recent convert to vegetable growing and bottling produce and would love to see a community garden adjacent to the railway. He loves the proximity to the city, the active community, knowing his neighbours and the small scale heritage housing East Melbourne is famous for. He would however like to see Wellington Parade beautified and no more cars in Yarra Park.



GLENDA BANKS

Glenda Banks has lived in East Melbourne for about 15 years, moving in from Kew. She has found scaling down from a house to an apartment liberating and enjoys the sense of community found here. With a background in journalism she has written several nonfiction books and has just completed a historical novel *A Respectable Married Woman*. It is set in Victoria's mid 19th century goldfields with references to early East Melbourne. Glenda is enthusiastic about the cultural choices our village offers – in particular the Johnston Collection, the Historical Society, the East Melbourne Group and the excellent library.



MARGARET AND JON BAIRD

For Marg and Jon being just a big serve away from the tennis courts where they enjoy a hit several times a week is one of the things they have most enjoyed since moving to the neighbourhood 13 years ago. For them East Melbourne is a peaceful jewel with something interesting to see no matter in which direction you walk. Tree lined streets, beautiful parks and buildings and access to good cafes are aspects of the suburb Marg relishes as she walks to class at the Victorian Artists Society where she regularly exhibits her watercolours.



TIMOTHY MCCLUSKEY AND SARRAH BARNETT

For young couple Tim and Sarrah the only thing East Melbourne lacks is a pub - nothing rowdy, but just somewhere local to go for a quiet drink with friends. Living in a clean, well kept green neighbourhood is important and so is being able to shop and eat well close to home. They frequent the cafes and restaurants in the neighbourhood and are often seen enjoying the papers with a coffee at Europa. As football fans they opt for a peaceful life when the Bombers play the Blues and go their separate ways to the MCG.



CHARLIE

Life is all a bit confusing at the moment for Charlie the loveable six year old golden retriever. He can't understand why his folks Bron and Tim have packed up all of his toys into boxes and moved to an apartment further up the street while renovations take place. There is no way he was letting his favourite toy Rufus out of his sight in case it also disappeared! He misses greeting his friends with a wag of the tail and a friendly bark as they walk past the gate but it does make it all the more exciting on his walks when he sees someone he recognises.

MATERNAL HEALTH FOR EAST MELBOURNE FAMILIES

The Maternal Health Centre in Powlett Reserve has been serving the needs of young families in our area for a number of years. The centre provides support, maternal and infant assessments and immunisations. The Maternal Child Health Nurse is a Registered Nurse and Midwife with post-graduate studies in Family and Child Health.

City of Melbourne Family Services team provides educational programs for parents. These programs are across the municipality so all families can access parenting information. Along with maternal health services, the centre in Powlett reserve includes a community meeting room for new parents groups.

Mother of 14 month old Angus, Charlotte Spencer-Roy says, "I didn't realise until Angus arrived how vital the Maternal Health centre is for our community. It provides essential help for new parents close to home. Being within walking distance of home means I can take my child for check-

ups locally, without needing to use a car or public transport. This made a real difference when Angus was an infant, in winter, when I wanted to avoid other public transport passengers with coughs and colds."

The Centre's nurse, Angelique Sherwen works part time when the centre is open on Monday and Tuesday.

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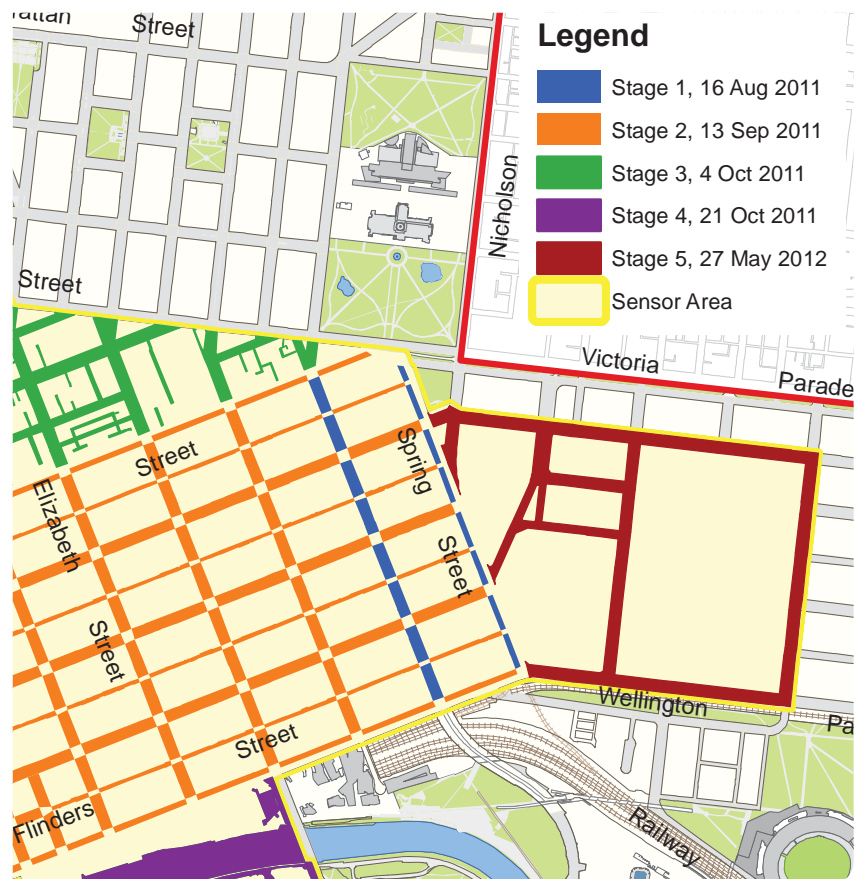
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Three locals received commendations in the last round. Ha To Ly ('The Chef') and Thanh Truc Ly (Lilly) from Star Kingdom Chinese Restaurant in Wellington Parade and Ottorino Pace from Casa del Gelato in Lygon Street Carlton.

Photograph courtesy Block Arcade Studios City of Melbourne



The Chef and Lilly are pictured here with Lord Mayor Robert Doyle.

ROMANCE WAS BORN AT THE JOHNSTON COLLECTION

Romance Was Born, one of Australia's most internationally celebrated fashion houses, has created a spectacular new arrangement at The Johnston Collection.

Infused with their famously quirky design sensibility, The Bride, The Ship & The Wardrobe: Romance Was Born meets William Johnston, offers an opportunity to view the Collection through the eyes and aesthetic of these talented young designers, Anna Plunkett and Luke Sales. The tour also includes installation works by artist, Kate Rohde.

It was William Johnston's wish that *Fairhall* be regularly rearranged and so each year individuals with relevant backgrounds are invited to interpret the Collection.

The Johnston Collection is located in East Melbourne. We do not publish our address. ALL visitors must arrive with Collection staff in our courtesy bus from the Hilton on the Park Hotel. We regret entry will not be permitted to those coming directly to the Collection, including confirmed bookings.

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Palliative care is often misunderstood and seen as a service that we might need in the last few days of life – but this is just part of the story. Palliative care is a more holistic service that recognises the special needs of a person who has a life threatening illness. The focus is not on cure but on treating their symptoms, controlling their pain and making them comfortable. It is about assisting them to live fully in the time they have remaining and to assist them to feel in control of their treatment. It is also about supporting family members and carers to care for their loved ones at home and helping them through the grieving process.

Palliative Care Victoria located in East Melbourne gets calls daily from people looking for guidance at a time of great vulnerability. Lesley Dredge gave the example of Martha who rang the day we spoke asking about what services were available to enable her terminally ill father in law to come home from hospital. The doctors were not sure how long he has

to live, maybe months, hopefully longer, but a cure is not possible. She thinks he probably needs a special bed and other equipment, some assistance with pain which is not too bad right now and definitely some support for her mother in law who will be the primary carer.

This is all possible so she was referred to her local community palliative care service to assess their specific needs. It is not unusual for a palliative care service to assist a person to establish a safe and comfortable space at home and then to retreat until they are needed again.

Palliative Care Victoria is located in East Melbourne. If you want more information about palliative care - you can contact 9662 9644 or go to www.pallcarevic.asn.au.



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MFB recommends that:

- The smoke alarm can be heard when in bed
- Mobility aids are kept by the bed at night
- Doors are never deadlocked when you are home so you can get out quickly if a fire occurs
- Smoke alarms are tested monthly

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For information about the smoke alarm subsidy for deaf or hard of hearing contact Vicdeaf on 9473 1111 or TTY 9473 1199 or info@vicdeaf.com.au



FILTHY GORGEOUS NOT AN OPTION

JOANNA PACE

Covenor Amenities Committee

On 27 June a panel hearing was held at Melbourne Town Hall to assess submissions for and against an application for a kerbside cafe permit in Hotham Steet corner Hoddle Street.

The panel included representatives from Street Trading, Engineering Services and Development Planning, Urban Design.

The applicants' proposed Filthy Gorgeous Cafe and Bar operation, menu and management plan was tabled and discussed.

The East Melbourne Group and other residents objected to the granting of this permit arguing that the proposed use posed a real and insurmountable threat to the residential amenity of Hotham St

and the neighborhood; and moreover, that Council guidelines create a duty for Council to protect amenity in a residential zone.

The meeting was very well conducted and a frank exchange of views was encouraged by the chair, Mr J Kanelopoulos.

A detailed evaluation of the proposal was undertaken by the City of Melbourne which included the consideration of written submissions, consultation and engagement with key stakeholders at the Hearing, and a subsequent site inspection by the panel members.

The City of Melbourne has determined that the operation of an outdoor

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“ Police also encourage residents to contact the City of Melbourne Council on 9658 9658 regarding graffiti and amenities that may be broken. ”

Recently they have arrested and spoken to numerous people in the Powlett Reserve vicinity regarding drug related matters. Please contact police at Melbourne East on 9637 1100 if you observe behaviour you believe to be suspicious. If police need to attend immediately, please make contact via 000.

Police also encourage residents to contact the City of Melbourne Council on 9658 9658 regarding graffiti and amenities that may be broken.

The sooner graffiti and damage is reported the quicker it is removed or repaired.

This philosophy works on the 'broken window theory' where if something is broken, like a window, and it is left in disrepair then offenders think the area is not policed and it can encourage other crime and further damage in the vicinity and create a general



Jacinta Ryan recently met with Sergeant Sean Martin to discuss her concerns regarding cars parking on and damaging the median strip in Simpson Street when there are events at the Orthodox Church on Victoria Parade.

perception of the area not being safe.

Noise is a part of our everyday life but there are laws governing how loud the noise can be and the times that it can occur. Police generally deal with noisy parties with amplified music. The Council can also deal with other noise related matters involving building works, barking dogs, lawn mowers being operated outside permitted times etc.

HERE IS AN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT GUIDE REGARDING SOME OF THE MOST COMMON SOURCES OF NOISE IN OUR COMMUNITY.

Motor vehicles (except entering or leaving premises), lawnmower, equipment or appliance not in group 2 below having an internal combustion engine.	Not allowed Monday to Friday before 7am and after 8pm. Weekends and public holidays before 9am and after 8pm.
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Domestic air conditioner, swimming pool pump, spa pump, domestic heating equipment (including central heating and hot water systems).	Not allowed Monday to Friday before 7am and after 10pm. Weekends and public holidays before 9am and after 10pm.
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PUTTIN' ON THE RITZ

With a focus on friendship raising rather than fund raising, 150 people attended the annual winter dinner organized by the East Melbourne Group social committee and hosted by Peter McKeon at The Melbourne Club in Collins Street.

President Margaret Wood, in her welcome provided a brief history of the Club mooted in 1838 by a group of pastoralists and businessmen. It is Melbourne's oldest gentleman's club having moved

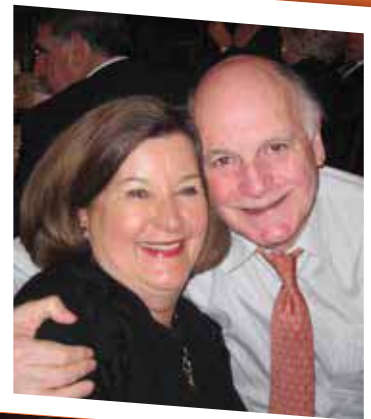
to its London style clubhouse in Collins Street designed by the renowned 19th Century architect, Leonard Terry in 1858.

A highlight of the evening was the fabulous floorshow *Puttin' on the Ritz* which had people tapping their feet and singing along to the latest production of long standing EMG Committee member, John Lidgerwood.

The annual dinner once again provided a perfect opportunity for friends

and neighbours to come together, enjoy fine food and company and celebrate our good fortune in living in this wonderful community.

You are encouraged to put Monday December 17th in your diary for the Christmas cocktail party which will be held in the newly renovated social rooms of the Richmond Football Club.



HULLO IN THERE

MOIRA RAYNER

Member EMG committee

When I published my first book 15 years ago I had just discovered Robert Putnam's work on the then novel idea of 'social capital.'

Putnam's report of his long term study of regional government in Italy demonstrated that those regional governments that had been historically egalitarian were demonstrably more efficient, productive and responsive to market forces. What made the difference was people's voluntary acts of consideration and interest: sharing greetings; using public open space for socialising as well as commerce or travel, cooperating by, say, putting out rubbish bins, joining choral societies, taking all kinds of part in community activities though not party politics, or organised religion.

The same governments which encouraged ordinary people to make use of urban and regional space also had the offices that answered the phones on time, did what they said they would do, and showed the lowest occurrence of corruption, indolence and apathy. And had the best functioning local economies.

Since the late 1990s the terms, 'civil society' and 'social capital' have been adapted to very different economic agendas. Some even include elites

and cliques that deliberately exclude minorities and engender privilege. That's not what I think it means.

Being involved in our local community and talking about what it should look and feel like to live here, makes it a decent and better place to live. It's called getting along.

“ My first local conversation was with the lady next door who, when our dividing fence spontaneously burst into flames, wept over her ruined rhododendrons ”

That's one of the reasons East Melbourne has grown on me since I bought my home, a former brothel on Hoddle Street in 1994, with its multicoloured neon lights, pink painted rooms once monitored by a 'madam,' strange and wonderful plumbing, and the sixties-style psychedelic nudes still inside the cupboards.

My first local conversation was with the lady next door who, when our dividing fence spontaneously burst into flames, wept over her ruined rhododendrons and agreed to let me pay for the new fence myself.

The second was with another neighbour who helpfully asked us to

keep the noise down. Since then our conversations (including complaints about my yappy dogs) have made a small and living community in our lane - a good one. And a lot of the good swirls around local businesses.

The willingness of local, small enterprise - my dear old East Melbourne General Store particularly - offers opportunities for meetings, connections and support for community events; coffee shops and bars would benefit and so would Melbourne council from our meetings and greetings and feeling involved and responsible for our local way of life. We must do more to include the renters, young families, young singles and children, old folk who need a 'Hullo in there!', and anyone at all willing to share in building up the 'capital' of our little bit of heaven.

Watch out for me knocking on your door, in the next week or two. Let's talk about what East Melbourne people want more of. Sunday morning coffees at Norm's, anyone?

PS You don't have to read Putnam to think about East Melbourne's social capital. Feel free to borrow (it's out of print now) Jenny Lee's and my 1998 **Rooting Democracy - Growing the Society We Want** from our superb East Melbourne library.



INTERESTED IN LOCAL HISTORY

Forthcoming events hosted by the East Melbourne Historical Society at Clarendon Terrace, 210 Clarendon Street East Melbourne.

Wednesday 15 August at 8pm

The Vanishing Sculptures - What has happened to the statues that used to decorate the Fitzroy Gardens in the 19th Century?

Wednesday 17 October at 8pm

AGM followed by Melbourne Less Glorious - Memories of East Melbourne's less salubrious days.

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STAR GAZING



The Transit of Venus may have come and gone, but the Melbourne Observatory is open for visitors to **planet gaze every Monday evening from 8:00 - 9:30 pm.** outside the Visitor Centre, Observatory Café.

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Wrap up in your winter woollies and walk down to Southgate - it's virtually on our doorstep - and check out a free movie. Films are screened every Tuesday and Wednesday at 7pm until 31 August.

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INVITE THE NEIGHBOURS FOR A CUPPA

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MELBOURNE STORIES

Celebrating Melbourne's status as a UNESCO City of Literature, the City of Melbourne Library Services has put together the Melbourne Collection to add to our reading pleasure. Why not borrow one of these Melbourne stories to entertain you on wet and chilly winter days?

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IN THE BOTANIC GARDENS

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You will be automatically enrolled on the City of
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**Voting is compulsory so if you are not enrolled to
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