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## “Project Cultivate” gets under way at cemetery

Project Cultivate, a long-awaited initiative aimed at enhancing the natural environment within the grounds of the Melbourne General Cemetery, officially sprouted last month. *Full story on page 7.*

## Residents lose fight to save historic building

*Parkville residents have been left disheartened after losing a state planning tribunal fight to save a historic building from being demolished and turned into a medical centre.*

WORDS BY *Brendan Rees*  
PLANNING

The community had been campaigning fervently to save the intra-war “Harcourt” building at 35-39 Royal Parade after a proposal to build a new dermatology centre at the site threatened to partially demolish the century-old building, in what residents believed was inappropriate and out of character for the heritage area.

While the building does not have heritage protection, it sits within the council’s heritage overlay, and in an area considered an example of “particularly intact Victorian residential development”.

The City of Melbourne knocked back the plans by Sinclair Dermatology last September arguing it did not fit the planning scheme while citing an “unreasonable and unacceptable impact on the residential environment caused by the intensity of the proposal”.

But residents’ hopes of retaining the building were dashed after the applicant appealed the council’s decision at the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT) and won – with a permit being granted to build a medical centre as part of a VCAT order issued on July 12.

“We find that the use of this site for a medical centre is generally consistent with the planning policies applying to this site, provided the impact on the amenity of the area is not unreasonably affected,” VCAT members Katherine Paterson and Ann Keddie stated.

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## “Cowboy” Corkman developers set to face VCAT over breach

*Developers who illegally demolished Carlton’s historic Corkman Hotel are embroiled in yet another controversy as they seek to amend an order designed to prevent unlawful planning activities.*

WORDS BY *Brendan Rees*  
PLANNING

Developers Stefce Kutlesovski and Raman Shaqiri knocked down the 159-year-old pub without planning approval in October 2016, which resulted in them being handed jail sentences in 2021 and fined nearly \$1.4 million, with their actions also drawing sharp criticism from community groups, heritage experts, and residents.

But the pair now face further troubles as the City of Melbourne prepares to take the men, who operate 160 Leicester Pty Ltd, which owns the site, to the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT) on March 4, 2024, after they sought to amend an order regarding works for a new proposed hotel at the Leicester St site.

The council revealed in July that it would oppose the applicant’s bid to amend an Enforcement Order, which requires external parts of the hotel to have been rebuilt by June 30 this year, “unless a planning permit had been obtained for the redevelopment of the land and substantial commencement of the development under the permit by 30 June 2022”.

“The City of Melbourne will oppose the applicant’s bid to amend the Enforcement Order for the former Corkman Pub site when this matter is



▲ *Latest plans lodged in October last year.*

heard in March 2024,” a City of Melbourne spokesperson said.

“The applicant has not obtained a planning permit, has not commenced development and has not rebuilt the hotel – and therefore is in breach of the Enforcement Order.”

Last October, the developers lodged plans to the council proposing to build a three-storey hotel featuring an entertainment space they believed would provide opportunities for “social interaction and support a vital night-time economy providing music, food and entertainment”.

The application attracted mixed reactions with the National Trust of Australia (Victoria) saying while it was disappointed by the developers’ decision not to consult the community as part of its proposal, it was an overall “pleasing” application, while some community members argued an approval would give the “Corkman Cowboys what they wanted”.

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## “Cowboy” Corkman developers set to face VCAT over breach

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According to the council, the applicant filed an application to amend the Enforcement Order on May 9 last year to allow further time to obtain a planning permit and begin the redevelopment of the site.

The developers were ordered to clear the site and turn it into a temporary park, which opened in September 2021 until new planning permissions were received.

The Carlton Residents’ Association Inc. in a statement said it was “appalled by the ongoing failure of the planning system to ensure compliance of an Enforcement Order”.

“The developer has not been punished, after seven years, for illegally demolishing an historic building and still there is no acceptable outcome,” the statement read.



*This is as much a product of a weak planning system that allows this, as it is of the developer’s illegal actions. The site continues to be an eyesore in a precinct that is about to be home to Parkville Station, on the doorstep of Melbourne University and the arrival of those who will access both Parkville and Carlton for education, work and living.*



▲ (Left) New plans submitted for the Corkman Hotel last October, and (right) the original hotel.

Carlton Community History Group president Jeff Atkinson applauded the actions of the council, saying regulations designed to protect that heritage were important, “and that those who ignore or violate those regulation can be subject to severe consequences”.

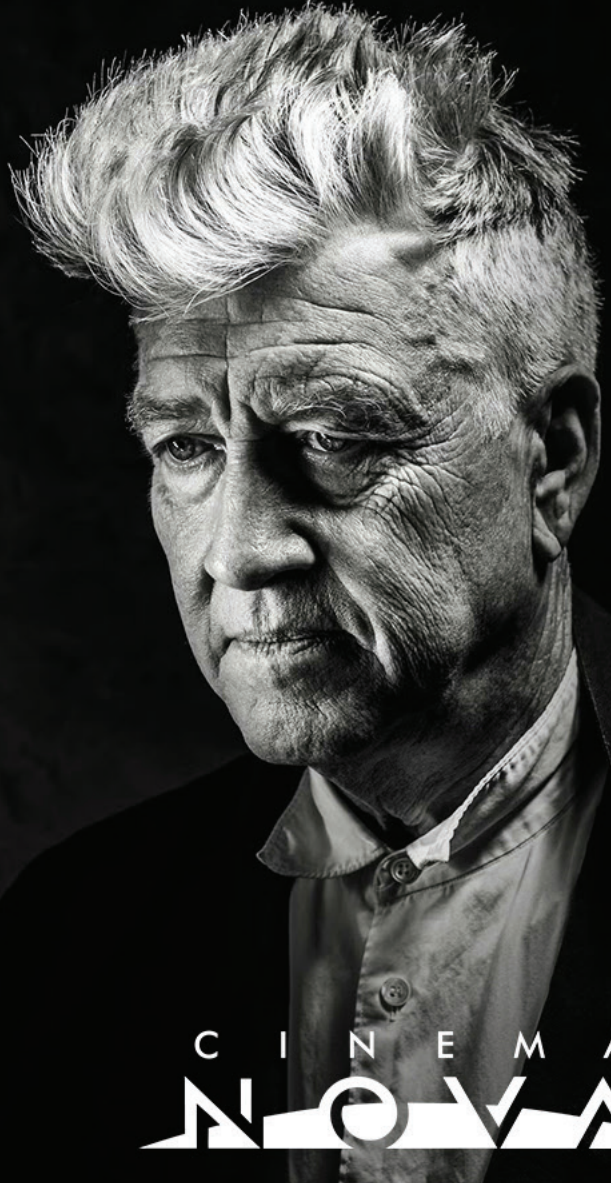
“Their response (the council) and that of the community as a whole to the destruction of this historic hotel shows that the community values

its built heritage,” he said. “These are important messages that these actions by the City of Melbourne reinforce.” ●



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# Bar Bellamy: where good friends come together

*Although Rathdowne St's latest cocktail bar and bistro is Oska and Dani Whitehart's first hospitality venture together, it has quickly become a stalwart destination for Carlton locals.*

WORDS BY *Georgie Atkins*  
BUSINESS

Deriving its name from the French phrase "bel ami" meaning "good friend", Bar Bellamy feels exactly that.

Despite only opening just shy of four months ago, Oska and Dani have already created a unique space that celebrates "community and togetherness".

"We wanted more of a neighbourhood spot, especially after the pandemic," Dani said.

"It's about bringing the community back into hospitality and having a warm space where you can meet new people or bring your old friends."

With Oska's impressive cocktail background (Gimlet, The Everleigh, Bad Frankie) and Dani's café expertise (Loafer Bread, Sibling, Archie's All Day), the husband-and-wife duo have poured their "heart and soul" into Bar Bellamy, and it certainly shows.

"We'd been wanting to open something together for years," Dani said.

"At first we wanted to do something that was day and night to combine our two loves, but when we found this spot it just leant itself so much more to a night-time space."

A regularly rotating menu ensures that Oska and Dani can "bring forward seasonal produce" in everything they do, from the food to the drinks list. Their house version of a Tom Collins infused with blood orange in three different ways (Oska will explain the rest) is the latest wintry example.



"It's all about quality; because we are operating it ourselves, it's very curated," Oska said.

"For example, the wine list we rotate pretty quickly and that's from wines that we taste and think, 'that's delicious, I want to showcase that.'"

The food is no different, with "nostalgic European" snacks on offer such as devilled eggs with anchovy or larger plates of coq au vin; available all the way through until 12:30am.

It's clear that "Bellamy" means more to the space than just the name of the business. The idea of friendship weaves its way into every aspect of Bar Bellamy, from communal tables to encourage conversation, to Oska and Dani even bringing their own friends into the fun.

"We designed it ourselves with help from one of our friends who's an architect," Oska told *Inner City News*.

"Another one of our friends did the stained glass that's along the feature wall and she works here too; we even went to high school with the

head chef."

While the Rathdowne strip has a long history of well-established local spots, Oska and Dani said that their neighbours and the community have been "so bloody lovely and welcoming" throughout the journey.

"I think the big thing people keep saying is that Rathdowne Village has been such a hub for a while, but there's still so many good venues down this end; I hope we're joining them," Dani said.

"You can have Italian one night or Sri Lankan the next or Chinese or Thai or Japanese or Pakistani; it's such a melting pot which is great," Oska added.

As well as being the new local favourite, Bar Bellamy has impressed people Australia-wide, receiving five nominations in the 2023 Bar Awards to be held on September 13. Dani is up for Host of the Year, with the venue also being nominated for New Bar of the Year, Best Bar

Food, Small Bar of the Year, and Bar of the Year in the Victorian category.

While the food and drinks could easily stand on their own, an experience is made even more special when the people serving you are just as passionate about providing you with a good time as you are about having a good time.

Bar Bellamy is warm, reliable, comforting and fun - just as a good friend often is.

Bar Bellamy is located at 164 Rathdowne St and is open from 5pm to 1am on Wednesday through to Saturday, as well as from 2pm to "stumps" on Sundays. ●

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# Blocked in their paths: residents face game day chaos

WORDS BY *Brendan Rees*  
SAFETY & SECURITY

Residents in the vicinity of the MCG have continued to be left frustrated as road closures on game and major event days leave some unable to access their homes.

The closures have led to up to a 45-minute delay of residents accessing their homes post-AFL games with Lansdowne St, Clarendon St, Wellington Pde being among those temporarily blocked from all traffic.

The East Melbourne Group (EMG) said the issue was ongoing, causing a major inconvenience for residents despite cars, motorbikes, and e-scooters all exiting the stadium.

While the EMG has been told the road closures were a safety measure, it said "it is just chaos, and a small number of residents are being denied the right to access their homes".

"There is a simple solution: give residents access via producing their driver's licence (proving their address) and safely send them to their homes."

One resident spoke out about the issue, saying while not every event at the MCG led to delays, it had ramped up in recent weeks, including a time when they were returning home from hospital after their daughter gave birth to her first child.

"We were coming back into the area via Lansdowne St, and there was traffic chaos, nobody could turn into Wellington Pde," the resident said, requesting anonymity.

"We said to the traffic controller that we lived there, and she said so do hundreds of others. It was bedlam everywhere."

The issue comes after East Melbourne residents lashed motorists last year for blocking their driveways and parking on nature strips during game days at the 'G, causing "significant damage" to the ground and some trees.

Victoria Police said police officers only

attended and facilitated pedestrian crossings for pedestrian safety during events at the MCG but confirmed they "do not block traffic or man traffic stations".

"Citywide Traffic Management is contracted by the MCG to undertake the traffic and street closures during events," Victoria Police said.

"Only certain matches due to crowd size dictate what and how many roads are closed."

The issue was raised at an EMG community meeting with police, as well as City of Melbourne representatives on July 31.

Concerns of crime in the area was also discussed including reports of thefts, an aggravated burglary, car windows being smashed, drug activity, and anti-social behavior.

"There was a commitment by all parties to work together to mitigate this problem," the EMG reported after the meeting.

"Victoria Police reiterated that it was very important for all residents to report criminal behavior either by calling Triple Zero (000) in an emergency or 131444 in a non-emergency".

"The City of Melbourne advised that they were working with agencies to ensure wrap around services are provided to those in need."

In one incident, a resident told *Inner City News* that their number plates had been allegedly stolen from the garage of their apartment building in Gipps St in July.

The resident had sighted a man earlier in the evening standing at the front of complex with blood on their face, after trying to call all apartments via the intercom before leaving.

The EMG's amenities convenor Jenny Owen said the meeting achieved "some positive outcomes" for the community, noting it was important for all parties to cooperate and provide a safer community.

Ms Owen said a public meeting would be held in future with Victoria Police, the City of Melbourne, and the East Melbourne community "to work on strategies to make our suburb a safer place to live, work and play". ●



# Residents lose fight to save historic building

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"By reducing the number of practitioners to 10, we find that this use will not have an adverse impact on the amenity of the surrounding area."

The members also stated the design of the proposed additions had "responded well to the site's context" and "will not have an adverse impact on the heritage values of the site or Parkville".

But the Parkville Association's president Rob Moore, whose group led the campaign to keep the red brick two-storey building, after the proposal attracted 150 objections, said he was disappointed by the outcome.

"Parkville Association residents thought they had presented a professional case supporting the original council decision," he said.

"Focusing on the intensity of the development and the flow-on affecting traffic and parking on residential streets and maintaining the fabric of Parkville's inner-city village, we tried to demonstrate the effect a large commercial clinic would have on our quiet residential neighbourhood."

Mr Moore said adjoining neighbours were also "very disappointed" as the new development would be a "massive change to their current environment".

However, he said that fortunately there were some VCAT rulings made in their favour, including the retention of the facade on Royal Parade (a heritage-listed avenue) along with seven metres of the facade on Morrah St, as well as the reduction of practitioners from the original application of 18.

He said a smaller footprint of the building's size was another win, with the removal of the third floor being substituted by a larger basement.

Under the proposal, a basement level car park would contain nine spaces, as well as house an auditorium, two treatment rooms and a medical imaging room.



*We find that the use of this site for a medical centre is generally consistent with the planning policies applying to this site ...*



A ground floor would feature two theatres, a recovery room, a trichology room and dispensary, as well as a foyer, administration, reception and toilet facilities, while the first floor would consist of consulting rooms, six procedure rooms, a foyer, staff and toilet facilities and a storeroom.

VCAT members noted the site had excellent access to public transport and would be complemented by the new Parkville train station when it was expected to open in 2025.

Harcourt was built in the 1920s as a boarding house, but more recently was occupied by Trinity College, and was home to up to 100 students, with the college also owning the land at 33 Royal Parade.

In 2020, Trinity College sold the land to two separate entities, with 35-39 Royal Parade purchased by Sinclair Dermatology.

The land at 33 Royal Parade is now used as a residence, and the current owners are in the process of renovating the building.

Last year, locals gathered at the front of Harcourt holding signs stating, "more than a facade", "save our heritage", and "no development or need for a medical centre in our heritage suburb". ●

# Vue Group set to open at the Fitzroy Gardens Pavilion

COUNCIL AFFAIRS

A fine-dining hospitality group is set to breathe new life into a venue nestled within the iconic Fitzroy Gardens.

The City of Melbourne in July announced that it proposed to enter a lease with Vue Group at the Pavilion, the same team behind the exquisite Vue de Monde restaurant at the Rialto Towers, with executive chef Hugh Allen at the helm.

The partnership is set to enhance the venue's visitor experience – with an initial term of 15 years set to be locked in – after the former Pavilion café closed at the expiry of its lease in March 2017, mainly due to the building's condition and the major renewal works that were required to continue to operate a sustainable café space.



"With years of experience in running some of the world's top hospitality venues, the Hugh Allen/Vue Group's vision is to create an iconic destination at the Pavilion that pays respect to and celebrates all things Melbourne," the council said.

The exciting announcement was made after council initially proposed to lease the building as a multi-community space but was unable to find a suitable tenant. More recently the Pavilion had been used as a creative spaces program for artists. ●



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# Heritage gem to get a makeover as new mansions get approval

*Three “maisonettes” are set to be built in East Melbourne, complementing an existing heritage mansion that will be preserved and enhanced under a \$14 million proposal.*

WORDS BY *Brendan Rees*  
PLANNING



The City of Melbourne has endorsed plans that will safeguard an iconic 1903-built property known as Kilburn Mansion at 29 Simpson St, as well as two adjoining heritage buildings at 19-27 Simpson St and 86-92 Wellington Parade, after giving a developer the green light to build three three-storey dwellings to the side and rear of the existing buildings.

In what the council believed would make “a positive contribution to East Melbourne”, the plans by Simpson House Pty Ltd will see the removal and reinstatement of Kilburn Mansion’s original Welsh slate roofing, as well as the demolition of “ugly add-ons” made in recent decades to bring the mansion back to its former Victoria era glory.

“I’m very pleased to say that the design proposed for this building truly respects the spectacular original Kilburn Mansion, in fact, in many respects, it does enhance the original grand mansion,” Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece said in his address at the council’s July 11 Future Melbourne Committee meeting, during which councillors unanimously endorsed the proposal.

Cr Reece said Kilburn Mansion had had many uses over the decades including more recently as a medical centre, but the interior for “the most part was not original, and there have been several additions to the site including, it has to be said, some fairly ugly new additions to the south and east faces of the building”.

But he added, “I’m very pleased to say that

in this new application, these new additions, these ugly additions are being demolished and will be replaced with much more respectful and architecturally interesting buildings”.

Residents, who have long treasured Kilburn Mansion, have lauded the proposal including the East Melbourne Group (EMG) who expressed their delight that the two-storey rendered brick Kilburn Mansion would be preserved.

“The construction of the three dwellings on the lot is relatively benign and, after consultation with neighbours, the historical society and others, we deemed it an acceptable outcome for the site,” the EMG said.

The site, including the adjoining buildings known as the “George St wing and former stables”, is recognised as a “significant” heritage place under the council’s Heritage Places Inventory March 2022.

In addition to the reinstatement of the heritage roofs, the council considered “key heritage issues” including the visibility of additions, and the integrity of the retained heritage buildings to allow basement piling to occur, for which a structural engineer concluded that the techniques for the piling would be “sound and has

recommended conditions should a planning permit issue”.

Under the plan, an external staircase encroaching into 19-27 Simpson St will be removed as will a separate building at the corner of Simpson St and George St to improve views to the heritage site and “result in a net community benefit”.

The development’s design has been created by leading architect Fender Katsalidis, which is renowned for producing the Eureka Tower and Australia 108, with Cr Reece praising their latest project as a “development which is truly outstanding and special for East Melbourne”.

“Planning applications are often hard-fought in East Melbourne, so it’s very pleasing to see in this case that we’ve arrived at an outcome mutually welcomed by all including local residents, the City of Melbourne, and the developer,” Cr Reece said.

The application received two objections with concerns raised about the impacts of construction, building height, inconsistency with the neighbourhood’s heritage character, sustainable design, and the provision of a basement car parking. ●



# No move to close Cooks’ Cottage, council says

WORDS BY *Brendan Rees*  
HERITAGE

Captain Cooks’ Cottage, a major tourist attraction at the Fitzroy Gardens, is believed to be up review but the City of Melbourne says no decision has been made to close it.

The cottage was originally built in 1755 by the parents of British explorer Captain James Cooks in Yorkshire, England before it was brought to Melbourne by Sir Russell Grimwade in 1934 as a centenary gift to the people and State of Victoria.

The City of Melbourne is understood to be conducting a review of the beloved landmark’s viability, but a council spokesperson said, “No decision has been made to close Cooks’ Cottage”.

The council did not confirm if the cottage was under review, but it comes amid a reported drop in visitation numbers and being the target of vandalism containing anti-Australia Day slogans – but there is no suggestion this has formed any council decision-making going forward.

The Royal Historical Society of Victoria’s heritage committee chair Dr Charles Sowerwine said the cottage was one of many attractions in the Fitzroy Gardens.

“The cottage has been enjoyed by generations of Australian children for nearly 90 years,” he said. But he added, given its “tenuous connection” to Captain Cook, the Society believed the cottage could perhaps be renamed “The Cook Family Cottage,” adding it “should be retained but appropriately curated to indicate that it is simply a restoration of a typical 18th Century Yorkshire yeoman farmer home”. ●

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## Carlton's new community pantry encourages "locals to help one another out"

WORDS BY *Kaylah-Joelle Baker*  
COMMUNITY

The Church of All Nations (CAN) Community Support program has its hearts set on inspiring a community of generosity with its latest community project "Little Free Pantry".

Located on Palmerston St, the recently installed pantry was introduced to help provide additional support to locals under the premise of "Give what you can. Take what you need".

The Church of All Nations currently has an Emergency Relief Program whereby it provides food parcels to low-income locals through an appointment-based program.

CAN Community Support executive officer Virginia Moebus-Nelson said the goal of the pantry was to provide "additional support to alleviate some of the program's limitations".

"[The Emergency Relief Program] has been highly sought after for local families and households who are struggling to put food on the table. However, this program has some natural limitations to its availability due to opening hours and high demand for appointments," Ms Moebus-Nelson told *Inner City News*.

"This pantry is open and available to people 24/7, and is designed to be a grassroots community project where locals help one another out."

Since opening the Little Free Pantry, the team behind the initiative has already found that demand is outweighing supply, and is calling on its neighbourhood to get on board.

"So far, the Palmerston St Little Free Pantry has been well utilised by people needing an emergency stop gap of food or groceries, with it being quickly emptied once donations are made," Ms Moebus-Nelson said.

"It would be great to see the neighbourhood



get on board with donating groceries to the pantry; just add some extra groceries to your Woolies shop and swing past the church where the pantry is located and pop your items in for someone doing it tough to be able to take as needed."

Recommended items for the pantry include unopened, hygienic, fully-sealed packaged items, non-perishable and non-refrigerated items, staples such as pasta, noodles, sauces, tinned food, cereal, UHT milk, dry biscuits, spreads, toiletries, and shareable items, such as multi-pack noodles and muesli bars.

"We love the community around Carlton, and we invite you to partner with us in this project to support one another, particularly those doing it tough," Ms Moebus-Nelson said.

"We are sure that this Little Free Pantry will be loved and respected by the community as a space of generosity, respect and dignity. Get on board this heartfelt community project."

The Little Free Pantry can be found out the front of the Church of All Nations at 180 Palmerston St, Carlton.

For anyone interested in supporting the community project, visit *Palmerston Street Little Free Pantry* on Facebook. ●

## Cemetery greening under way

WORDS BY *Sean Car*  
ENVIRONMENT

Project Cultivate, a long-awaited initiative aimed at enhancing the natural environment within the grounds of the Melbourne General Cemetery while championing the use of locally native plants, officially sprouted last month.

The beginning of the new pilot horticultural project at the cemetery was marked with a smoking ceremony and Welcome to Country conducted by Traditional Owners, the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung of the Kulin Nation.

Southern Metropolitan Cemeteries Trust (SMCT) CEO Laz Cotsios said listening to Traditional Owners and understanding the types of flora that existed in the area pre-colonisation was critical to inform the project.

"We're listening to what the land needs. We're working with our neighbours, our colleagues, with Traditional Owners and with community to explore what could be and how we can re-imagine a more sustainable future together," Mr Cotsios said.

"We can't start again, but we can bring back some of the plants and hardy foliage that came before us."

The smoking ceremony, performed by Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Elder Aunty Joy Murphy Wandin, was attended by the teams delivering Project Cultivate. A Golden Wattle, significant in Aboriginal culture, was also planted to mark the occasion.

SMCT's collaboration with the Traditional Owners at Melbourne General Cemetery represents a significant step towards strengthening relationships, fostering cultural understanding, and honouring the rich heritage of the land.

By prioritising this relationship, the Trust said it aimed to create a lasting and inclusive



environment that reflected the values and traditions of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Visitors can continue to access Melbourne General Cemetery throughout the pilot horticultural project and will be provided with detours for any temporary path closures while works are under way.

Neighbours of Melbourne General Cemetery and holders of rights of those interred have been notified of upcoming works and asked to share their ideas in a survey to inform the project rollout. ●

**For more information:**  
[smct.org.au/project-cultivate](https://smct.org.au/project-cultivate)

## Residents angry over "shoddy" roundabout works

*East Melbourne residents have expressed disappointment and frustration over what they describe as "shoddy" works to upgrade a prominent roundabout in the area.*



WORDS BY *Brendan Rees*  
COUNCIL AFFAIRS

The roundabout at the intersection of Hotham and Simpson streets is being upgraded after \$420,000 was provided in funding as part of the federal government's road safety Black Spot Program.

When complete, the project will deliver raised zebra pedestrian crossings, kerb extensions and flat-top road humps to reduce vehicle speeds.

But residents have highlighted several issues since work began in May including "sloppy line markings", historic bluestone not being reinstated, and an "over supply" of road signs, with up to 22 signs (not including speed signs) not being collected, while fencing to a nearby property had been damaged.

"We as residents of East Melbourne, along with visitors to the area, expect high standards of roadworks in such an exceptional,

historic suburb," one resident said, requesting anonymity.

"A lot of historic bluestone was dug up during the works and hopefully are stored somewhere for the improvement of paving and gutters we are hoping for."

"The amount of signs really looks terrible, and detracts from the heritage and aesthetic feel of the area, and I think would leave a bad precedent going forward for future similar roundabout upgrades in East Melbourne."

In response, the City of Melbourne confirmed works had been completed mid-July, except for a bluestone channel on the south-east corner, which would be upgraded in the first week of August, while a "redundant sign" would be removed.

Speaking on behalf of the East Melbourne Group, vice-president Jenny Owen said while the safety upgrade was welcomed, the quality of the project was a letdown and not a good look for the area.

"It's shoddy workmanship, we want it



completed to a satisfactory level," she said.

"We are waiting for them (council) to do something about the oversupply of street signs, the aesthetics of the bluestones to fit with 19th-century properties, and the damage to a nearby fence as well."

"We are hopeful the upgrades are going to slow the traffic down and avoid any further accidents and injuries to people."

Residents said East Melbourne was well respected for its historic streetscape but the recent roadworks in question "have to a large extent neglected this". ●

This year, all Australians will be invited to make history by saying 'yes' in a compulsory referendum to alter Australia's Constitution by enshrining an Indigenous Voice to Parliament.

The Constitution is the founding legal document of our nation, providing the basic rules for the government of Australia. The Constitution is our nation's birth certificate.

Over many years we have spent a lot trying to improve the lives of Indigenous Australians, but we haven't got better results.

If the referendum succeeds, the Voice to Parliament means Indigenous Australians will be consulted and give advice to Government

to design better solutions for issues that affect them.

This will lead to better outcomes for Indigenous Australians in health, employment, and education – because we know when Government listens to people, we get results.

For most of us, saying 'yes' won't change much. But for Indigenous Australians the Voice will bring about tangible change. There is nothing to lose, but so much to be gained.

*L. White*

**Senator Linda White**  
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**Voting in the referendum is compulsory. Not voting may result in a fine.**



# Author shows lighter side of university life in new book

WORDS BY *Brendan Rees*  
ARTS & CULTURE

Carlton author Dr Leslie Kilmartin has launched his first satirical novel, taking readers on a hilarious journey in what is usually the serious realm of academia.

The book *OPEN DAY* is a witty plot about a fictional university located on the edge of Melbourne, which involves a group of “pretty unlovable characters” who all get their just deserts on a “catastrophic” open day.

“Rather than write yet another dry, academic treatise, I decided to satirise what I knew so well; university councils, senior staff and the ubiquitous marketers whose cringeworthy ‘straplines’ we see on the sides of trams and on billboards,” Dr Kilmartin, a retired professor, dean, and pro-vice chancellor at two Australian universities, said.

He said taking a step back from his mostly formal writing to lampoon the idiosyncrasies of academic life – in this case a fictional institution called Batman University – was enjoyable.

“I had fun writing my satire and I think readers, whether they know universities or not, will readily identify the types of character and events, which cry out to be satirised. As one reader wrote, it’s a ‘rollicking comic yarn.’”

Dr Kilmartin, said he finished his “surreal satire” a long time ago and had almost given up hope that it would ever be published as “satire, it seems, is not very fashionable these days, especially the surreal variety”.



▲ Carlton author Dr Leslie Kilmartin with his new book *OPEN DAY* at Readings Carlton. Photo: Marcela Lehoicka.

But when he got the call from his literary agent on July 25 that the book had been published, he said, “I couldn’t believe my ears”.

“I rushed to John’s house (his literary agent) nearby, and also in Carlton and with not a little emotion, received a copy of my novel *OPEN DAY*. It looked fantastic with its eye-catching cover.”

The book is available from Wakefield Press online, Readings stores across Melbourne and other good bookstores.

An official book launch will be held at Mr Tulk Café, at the State Library of Victoria from 5.30pm to 7pm on Thursday August 3. Enter via La Trobe St.

Copies of the book will be available for sale for \$34.95. ●



## La Mama launches winter program

*Despite stepping down from her role as CEO and artistic director of La Mama earlier this year, Liz Jones continues to show her love for the indie theatre through the curation of its winter program.*

WORDS BY *Kaylah-Joelle Baker*  
ARTS & CULTURE

It’s a program she is sure visitors will “find very exciting”.

Speaking with *Inner City News*, Ms Jones said she was “enjoying [her] life at La Mama very much” since the change in her role and has been making the most of it.

“I still enjoy my involvement, and it really enables me to experience and love the art that is happening,” she said.

“The experience of La Mama is quite unique in terms of its intensity, and all these works [for the winter program] are cutting edge works and all new works, apart from *Cactus* which we are bringing back because it’s such a splendid work.”

La Mama’s winter program began with The Melbourne Festival of Puppetry, which will continue until October 8.

Between the Primary Season list of shows and the *La Mama Explorations*, visitors can expect a full season of more than 60 events.

“It’s a very diverse program,” Ms Jones said.

“Along with [the Primary Season of shows] we have our *Explorations*, where every three nights there will be a new show. It’s like a pot-luck, and they’re usually quite short and cheap, but still very exciting, intense, and off-the-wall.”

Following the success of *ADA* and the sold-out season of *Garage Girls*, the program moves on to the “beautiful and moving” *I said this to the Bird* from August 2 to 13, the successful *Cactus* from August 16 to 27, and *My first bike* from August 23 to 27.

“For *My first bike*, Maude Davey has written the text and Jane Bayly has written the songs, and they have been working together for about 40 years on-and-off,” Ms Jones said.

“They are two of the finest women working in theatre in this country.”

The month of September then opens with *Piano (in seven parts)* from August 31 to September 2, and *Developers make shit neighbours* from September 6 to 17, before *Celebrity*, from September 20 to October 1, wraps up the season.

“I am really delighted to see Suzie J. Jarmain [performer, writer and producer of *Celebrity*] come back to the stage herself,” Ms Jones said.

“Her solo performances are quite brilliant, and she is extraordinarily intelligent in the way she explores the evil, wonder, and amazement of celebrity.”

Following the winter program, Ms Jones will be back curating the spring program as well. ●

**For more information:**  
[lamama.com.au](http://lamama.com.au)

## Carlton resident returns library book 68 years later

WORDS BY *Brendan Rees*  
COMMUNITY

A library book borrowed in 1955 has finally made its way back to the State Library of Victoria, in what senior librarian Tom Vasey described as a “big surprise”.

The book, *A History of Malvern*, was a staggering 24,853 days overdue when Graeme Coulson of Carlton made the unexpected return on June 8.

Mr Coulson found the book while clearing out his late mother’s home in Echuca.

“I’ve only been at the library for a few years, but I’d never heard of this happening before so I wasn’t sure what to do,” Mr Vasey said.

“When Graeme came up to the ‘ask a librarian desk’ saying he had a book to return, I was ready to explain that we are a research and reference library and why you can’t take books out of the building.”

“It was a big surprise to learn that this book was from the former lending collection and had been on loan for almost 70 years.”

Mr Coulson’s mother, a historian who died last year at the age of 103, was a regular visitor to the library.



▲ Senior librarian Tom Vasey with *A History of Malvern*, which was 24,853 days overdue at the State Library of Victoria. Photo: Marcela Lehoicka

Mr Vasey said upon inspecting the book, he was fascinated to see the lending library’s slips in the back explaining the rules for borrowing in the 1950s.

“It shows that it’s not just the content of books that tell stories, this book also captures part of the library’s history and Helen’s connection to the library as well.”

And to Mr Coulson’s relief, the library was forgiving in not issuing a penalty for the book’s late return, which, if calculated today, would be estimated at just under \$12,000. ●



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# Inner City Local

## Muhubo's Somali art inspires women to learn a centuries-old craft

*Muhubo Sulieman began learning the art of traditional Somali weaving techniques from her mother at the age of five.*

WORDS BY *Brendan Rees*

The Carlton resident, who came to Australia from Somalia in 2003, has continued her passion for weaving and now creates everything from colourful handmade rugs, bags and wall decorations using natural grasses and tree branches, as well as recycled materials.

"These designs hold a key element in Somali history, being the only handmade craft that's been handed down by generations, allowing women to express themselves through their craftsmanship," she said.



One of her more mesmerising and treasured creations is an Aqal Somali, a domed-shaped traditional Somali hut adorned with weavings that was once used as a portable home by nomadic communities during pre-colonial times.

The Aqal was displayed at the Arts House in North Melbourne as part of a project called *Portage*, after she finished the stunning creation in 2019.

But she now finds herself in search of the perfect home for the masterpiece in what she hoped would be a platform to showcase traditional Somali craft to a wider audience while preserving her cultural heritage.

"I was able to store it at Carlton Primary after the project had ended as it was too large for me to keep in my house," she said.

"I'm going to hopefully find a place that wants it displayed or put it in storage."

Muhubo said while not ideal, the Aqal was now being stored at her home, which she hoped would be a short-term measure until it could be celebrated by the community in a better location.

"I've since been adding to it, making it look as traditional and authentic as possible," she said.

"It represents home, family, and togetherness. The Aqal is a home built by the community and gifted to new families."

Muhubo, who by day works in sewing and fashion design, hosts traditional weaving workshops at the Community Grocer in Carlton, the Collingwood Neighbourhood House, and the Kathleen Syme Library and Community Centre.

She has also worked with the Australian Tapestry Workshop at MPavilion, as well as Space2b and the Social Studio with the latter allowing her to connect her weaving and sewing together.

For those aspiring to learn the technique or wanting to add some colour to their fashion accessories or decorate their homes, she said



the crafts were unique and "will last you for decades".

"Their colours will not only attract the wandering eye but will go with any pattern." ●

## Rotary Club of Carlton welcomes new leader

*The Rotary Club of Carlton has welcomed the installation of its new president, Professor Mile Terziovski.*

WORDS BY *Brendan Rees*  
COMMUNITY



▲ Rotary Club of Carlton new president Professor Mile Terziovski (left) with past District 9800 Governor Amanda Wendt, and Rotary Club of Carlton past president Ian Ada.

The dedicated Rotarian said he was honoured to accept the position during a changeover dinner held at the University of Melbourne's Graduate House on June 27, during which he vowed to the lead the club forward with a range of projects to "inform, inspire and provide impact".

"Strategy is about making choices: it's not how good we are, it's how much better we can become. I will lead the club, with support from the board and the membership in the spirit of Rotary and District 9800," he said in his inaugural speech.

Prof. Terziovski, who is the department chair of business technology and entrepreneurship at Swinburne University, expressed his gratitude to members and emphasised the importance of working together to make a positive difference to the community.

He also acknowledged and thanked immediate past president Ian Ada for his services and support.

During the ceremony, Prof. Terziovski shared his vision for the upcoming year, with a commitment to continue running current projects such as driving membership, running a second-hand book fair as part of a major fund-raising effort in partnership with Albert Park Rotary, and funding an Afghan women and girls' education program.

He also unveiled an exciting plan of establishing a Lygon St farmers' market in partnership with Carlton Inc., with feasibility studies already begun through the help of five Swinburne University of Technology multidisciplinary student groups.

More details on the proposed market are revealed in Prof. Terziovski's column on page 13.

In addition, Prof. Terziovski said the Rotary Club of Carlton would continue its "Caring for Carlton" initiative by providing small grants to make a "big difference" in the community, while also identifying any means to assist in mental health programs and continuing to prioritise to end polio.

The installation ceremony was attended by Rotary members, including outgoing district governor Amanda Wendt.

In his concluding remarks, Prof. Terziovski thanked the district chair for community service Casey Tan who has accepted the role of deputy president, and to all members of the club "for their ongoing commitment and membership of the new RCC board".

"Together we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change across the globe, in our communities and in ourselves."

Dr Aron Perenyi was announced as the club's president-elect for 2024-25. ●

## Man charged after alleged burglaries in East Melbourne

WORDS BY *Brendan Rees*  
CRIME

A man has been charged following a series of alleged aggravated burglaries in East Melbourne on the evening of July 23.

Police allege the man broke into four homes in Gipps and Hotham streets at around 5.30pm before making off with various personal items including passports, wallets, and cash.

He was arrested on Hotham St after one of the victims confronted the culprit in their home and walked him out.

Melbourne Crime Investigation Unit detectives interviewed the 31-year-old who was charged with a raft of offences including aggravated burglary, burglary, handle stolen goods, possess drug of dependence and bail related offences.

The stolen property was recovered and returned to the victims, police said.

The Williams Landing man appeared before the Melbourne Magistrates' Court on July 24. ●



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Almost 40 per cent of the renewal program is now complete, with works continuing across the precinct.

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Queen Victoria Market will always remain a fresh food open air market and will retain its unique atmosphere, heritage and affordability.

In this special feature we take a look at the projects we've delivered and the ones to come that will ensure the future of our city's 145-year-old magnificent market for generations to come.

To keep up-to-date with works, visit [melbourne.vic.gov.au/qvmrenewal](http://melbourne.vic.gov.au/qvmrenewal)

## MARKET TRANSFORMATION PART OF HISTORIC \$1.7 BILLION PARTNERSHIP

**Melbourne's beloved Queen Victoria Market is set to undergo a \$1.7 billion transformation.**

The City of Melbourne will partner with Lendlease to transform the market precinct in what is the biggest mixed-use development in our history – attracting more customers and boosting business for traders.

Gurrova Place will be developed by Lendlease, following our landmark divestment of the Southern Precinct – generating more than \$1 billion in economic activity and creating more than 4,000 new jobs.

The once-in-a-generation project will enhance the traditional market experience Melburnians and visitors know and love – with iconic laneways and arcades to explore, a uniquely Melbourne retail offering, and new spaces to bring people together.

Gurrova Place will include build-to-rent apartments and 15 per cent affordable housing, student accommodation and a landmark office space across three buildings – all connected to the market by the soon-to-be revamped Franklin Street stores.

A new underground car park will provide 220 spaces for market customers, and 300 spaces on weekends. This is in addition to the 500 spaces already open in the Munro development – ensuring there will be no loss of parking.

Lord Mayor Sally Capp said the divestment of the Southern Precinct will transform the city's north with a vibrant new precinct bursting with uniquely Melbourne experiences “creating an enduring legacy for the Queen Victoria Market for generations to come”.

“Gurrova Place will enrich the traditional market offerings Melburnians and visitors know and love – attracting thousands of new residents, workers and visitors and boosting business for traders,” the Lord Mayor said.

“This globally-iconic precinct will be a place to celebrate – with spaces for events, world-class retail and new laneways and arcades to complement the beloved market experience.”

In consultation with Traditional Owners, Gurrova Place will pay tribute to the site's history. Gurrova means place of exchange or interchange, reflecting the purpose of the market.

The development has been designed by world-leading architects, and will set a new benchmark for sustainability – creating a precinct rich in biodiversity, while targeting Carbon Neutral Precinct Certification and 5 and 6 Star Green Star ratings.

Lendlease Managing Director Development Tom Mackellar said construction of Gurrova Place “begins the next chapter in the evolution of Queen Victoria Market”.

“Lendlease looks forward to working alongside the City of Melbourne, Scape and all project partners, and the community to deliver a reimagined precinct that preserves the heart and soul of this Melbourne landmark while ensuring it continues to thrive,” he said.

Gurrova Place will complement a range of projects we have already delivered in the precinct.

The divestment of the Southern Precinct follows an agreement with the State Government in 2014 to transfer the site to us to be sold, with all funds reinvested in the market's renewal.

Construction is expected to start next year with projects to be delivered in stages.

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We're proposing to create a new link between the heart of the CBD and the Queen Victoria Market along Franklin Street, paving the way for the landmark Gurrova Place development.

Along with a new Market Square and plans for a multi-purpose civic building, the transformation of Franklin Street will continue our investment in the Queen Victoria Market precinct.

Early works on the first stage of this project are set to start later this year on William Street, which will begin the works to realign Franklin Street to unlock Gurrova Place.

We want to hear your feedback about the project which will provide more open space for the growing community and improve safety and accessibility for all road users.

The Franklin Street transformation project proposes:

- 1250m<sup>2</sup> of open space for residents, workers and visitors to enjoy.

- Turning four lanes of traffic into two, maintaining access for motorists in both directions.
- Better connections for people moving between the CBD and Queen Victoria Market.
- More trees and plants, providing 40 per cent more coverage and helping create a cooler environment.
- Improved safety for the community with new pedestrian crossings, lighting and reduced traffic flow.
- Stormwater flooding management with draining upgrades and water sensitive urban design solutions.

The transformation of Franklin Street is part of the \$100 million Transport and Amenity Program - a partnership between the City of Melbourne and the State Government.

Community members can have their say on the Franklin Street draft concept design until 23 August at [participate.melbourne.vic.gov.au](http://participate.melbourne.vic.gov.au)



An artist's impression of a revitalised Franklin Street

**NEW FOOD HALL**

Construction of the market's exciting new dining experience is nearing completion.

Set to open later this year, the new Food Hall will offer customers a contemporary place to eat, meet and enjoy the market atmosphere.



**QUEEN STREET PLAZA**

Through the renewal program we created a new pedestrian-friendly plaza in Queen Street, between the toilet block and F to M sheds, with more trees, more shade and more seating for customers to stop and enjoy the unique market atmosphere.

Completed in 2019, together with the visitor hub and additional retail locations in String Bean Alley, the plaza welcomes visitors entering from the south and draw customers into the heart of the market.

**MORE SUSTAINABLE OPERATIONS**

Traders and customers told us that making Queen Victoria Market more sustainable is important.

Solar power, stormwater harvesting and an on-site organic waste recycling facility are just a few of the projects proposed for the renewed market precinct.

We've already powered up more than 1,550 solar panels to cut carbon emissions and reduce the market's electricity bill.

At the project's completion, the market will be powered by 3,765m<sup>2</sup> of solar panels.



**HERITAGE SHED RESTORATION**

We're investing more than \$30 million to restore the market's culturally and historically significant open air sheds, securing them as the unique backdrop of the market experience.

Ten of the 12 sheds have been restored since 2020. This year, the heritage shed restoration program moves to the final stage in Sheds H and I, with works to repair and strengthen structural elements, painting, new insulated roofing to improve the temperature under the sheds, and upgrade of common area services.

**MUNRO DEVELOPMENT**



Right on the doorstep of Queen Victoria Market, at the corner of Queen and Therry streets, will be the city's largest new library and community hub.

Works to fit out the new space have begun and are due to be completed later this year.

The development will include a library and community hub, family services, 2500 m<sup>2</sup> of new open space and laneways, new hospitality and retail stores.

Affordable housing apartments and 500 underground car parks for market customers opened in December 2021 and boutique hotel and apartments for long-term rental were completed in November 2022.

**SAFETY PART OF STREETScape WORKS**

As the Munro development nears completion, the final stage of works involved upgrading the streetscape, including the roadway, in front of the development along Therry Street and Queen Street.

As a key gateway into the market, the upgrade of the streetscape will greatly improve safety, create a more welcoming and pedestrian-friendly street with wider footpaths, more greenery, lighting and shade for customers to stop and enjoy the market atmosphere.

**IMPROVING MARKET FACILITIES**

Planning and heritage permits have been approved for two new purpose-built facilities in Queen Victoria Market.

Construction of the Trader Shed and Northern Shed will deliver essential services for traders and upgraded facilities for all market workers, shoppers and visitors.

**STRING BEAN ALLEY**

Twenty-six independent traders in bespoke shipping containers now call String Bean Alley home and provide a uniquely Melbourne shopping experience in the heart of the market.

String Bean Alley and the new pedestrian plaza on Queen Street are part of a series of key market improvements identified in the Queen Victoria Market Precinct Renewal Master Plan. These projects directly address feedback from customers and traders and as well as recommendations from the People's Panel.



FEDERAL MP

## Strong communities look after each other

*It's in the tough times that our community shows what it's really about.*

WORDS BY *Adam Bandt*  
FEDERAL MP FOR MELBOURNE



Right now, we're in a cost-of-living crisis. We've just come through the pandemic. And, by the looks of the weather reports, this summer could be one of the hottest on record.

But whatever is thrown at us here, our community sticks together. We innovate, create, we celebrate, and we build community.

We face serious challenges ahead, and we have to stick together to look after one another.

Currently, we're facing a housing crisis. Listed rents have gone up more than 20 per cent across the city, and real wages have gone backwards.

More and more people are finding it hard to keep a roof over their head.

It's dreadful waiting on the next letter from the real estate agent, or the next meeting of the Governor of the Reserve Bank to find out whether you can afford to live in your home.

It's really disappointing that the government has the power to act on these things, but they're choosing not to.

During the past few weeks, the government has announced it has secured a budget surplus. What good is a budget surplus to people who can't find a place to live?

The Greens are fighting back. In Victoria,

we're trying to stop the state government selling off public housing, and in Canberra, we're pushing the government to freeze rents and mortgages, and limit future rent increases, and to directly invest a lot more in public and social housing.

Our pressure is paying off. In the last sitting week, the Greens secured \$2b in direct investment for social and affordable housing from Labor.

Having secured this, we now must keep fighting to ensure everyone can get and keep a roof over their head.

In a country as wealthy as ours, everyone should be able to find a safe and affordable place to rest their head at the end of the day. ●



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STATE MP (UPPER HOUSE)

## Parking woes

*The latest solution in search of a problem from the City of Melbourne quietly kicked off in July, with a new Sunday and late-night parking ticket regime for Melbourne's CBD.*



WORDS BY *Evan Mulholland*  
LIBERAL MP FOR NORTHERN METROPOLITAN

If you haven't heard of it, you're not alone. Lord Mayor Sally Capp has been remarkably mute on spurning her own policy to date.

I figured since she appeared to be media shy, I should share an overview of what's being rolled out.

Starting out in the south-east corner of the Hoddle Grid this month, before expanding across the whole of the CBD and sections of Southbank, all parking will be metered in Melbourne's CBD from 7am until 10pm, seven days a week. For the first time, parking will now be charged on Sundays. Whether you've parked with the sun or the stars in the sky, chances are the meter will be running.

The council says it's all in the name of "clarity". But I'm not convinced there's much clarity coming from the Lord Mayor as to why we need to charge visitors to the CBD to park on near-empty streets at 9pm on a Sunday?

Find me a business that agrees with this plan, and I'll tip that West Coast brings home the Premiership flag.

Melbourne's CBD is the heart of Victoria's public transport system, home to five metro train stations, and the largest tram network in the world. But the council needs to accept, as has every other major city around the world, that cars are a necessary part of cities.

The continual ideological obsession by the City of Melbourne to demonise the use of cars, without a serious alternative, points to uncomfortable motivations. We need to call this policy out for what it is – a cash grab.

The council boasts that 95 per cent of public car spaces in the CBD are off-street, including many operated by the council themselves. If they were serious about reducing on-street parking in the CBD, why is the City of Melbourne charging \$12/hr in its own off-street carparks, like Council House on Collins St, whether it be 9am on a Monday or 9pm on a Sunday?

Perhaps there would be an argument for the Lord Mayor to squeeze some extra dollars out of visitors to the city if there was clear plan to ensure those funds were being returned to residents and businesses by improved services and amenities that make life here more liveable, and a friendlier place to do business. ●

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SENATOR LINDA WHITE

## One year in parliament

*I firmly believe you are never too old to learn new things.*

WORDS BY *Senator Linda White*  
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I have tried to stick to this philosophy my whole life, both during my first year in parliament and before, taking every opportunity I can to learn more about our country and how we can improve it.

Given the Albanese Government's first year has been focused on delivering a better future for Australians with policies like cheaper child-care, energy bill relief and making medicines cheaper, so far, I have found this outlook to be helpful in my role.

Restoring integrity to politics was a key election commitment of the Albanese Government. I was privileged to lead the parliamentary committee into the new National-Anti Corruption

Commission (NACC), playing my role in bringing all sides of the parliament together to agree to establish a powerful, independent integrity commission for Australia. The new NACC started work on July 1.

As the government's representative on the Council of the National Library of Australia, I was lucky enough to take part in establishing Australia's first National Cultural Policy in a decade, including securing ongoing funding for Trove. This is because promoting Australian art and culture is something the Albanese Government takes seriously.

I was also proud to be part of the parliamentary inquiry into the Indigenous Voice to Parliament referendum. I learned that the Voice is a modest and practical way to improve the lives of Indigenous Australians, and the referendum later this year to change the Constitution to enshrine a Voice is an opportunity we should grab with both hands.

The Senate isn't all about Parliament House. Recently, I have been travelling Australia inquiring into regional banking services, hearing stories of banks abandoning our regional communities through branch closures.

In the last year I have also crisscrossed Victoria – from Wodonga and Kilsyth to Catani and Tatura – visiting schools, factories, farms, and festivals, meeting the people who make up our great state and listening to what is important to them.

I love that every day in this job is different. Each day I learn new things and meet new people and get to contribute to making Australia a better place. It is truly a privilege to be your representative in the Australian Senate.

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# Margaret Kelly is refusing to leave her home!

*VCAT has supported Homes Victoria's application for evicting Margaret but she is refusing to leave her home at the Barak Beacon public housing estate in Port Melbourne.*

WORDS BY *Cory Memery*

Margaret has been joined by supporters who have occupied empty homes on the estate. Her incredibly brave stand in resisting the Victorian Government's plans to continue demolishing public housing and replace it with a majority of market rental housing has to be supported.

The proposed redevelopment will have 126 full market rent homes, 126 with 10 per cent discounted market rent homes for "essential workers" and a mere 98 community housing dwellings with fewer bedrooms than the current public housing.

Follow and please join the campaign: it's not over.



### Updates on other demolished public housing estates

Other estates that have been demolished under the original Public Housing Renewal Program – now absorbed into the Big Housing Build – such as at **Walker St, Northcote** (demolished in 2020) has only seen redevelopment starting up in May this year – six years after its initial announcement.

The demolished estate will be replaced with community housing provider managed – not public – housing and private dwellings for sale on a 30:70 ratio in favour of private. In 2021, developer MAB was seeking off-the-plan sales for \$3 million homes!

Homes Victoria has been depending on a private developer to gain sales at prices they want before building anything. It is not good public policy delivering affordable housing. It is a developer profits first policy.

Having failed to get developer interest in the same outcome as Walker St, Homes Victoria fully funded the redevelopment of **Dunlop Ave, Ascot Vale** delivering 100 community housing and 100 market/discounted market rent dwellings. There are already reports of significant defects from tenants.

Evolve Housing is running the whole estate and collecting the rents. Evolve Housing was only first registered as a community housing provider in Victoria in early 2022. Chris Eccles who had to resign his position with the state government during the inquiry into COVID-19 hotel accommodation is a board member.

Thousands of public housing tenants have been relocated under these programs into empty public housing, community housing and high cost leased and bought private housing, all adding to the rental crisis across Victoria. It's costing the state government a fortune and is not reducing the waiting list of now 126,000 adults and children and growing.

### Independent regulation of public, community and affordable housing?

Mystery continues to surround this proposal by the previous Labor Government.

The government received a final report on 31 May 2022, following consultations on an Interim Report:



Independent oversight of housing providers, including Homes Victoria, may be too much for the current government to accept, particularly given criticisms were made of community housing providers' treatment of residents in the Interim Report. Attempts to include "affordable" housing in a new regulation regime may also be too hard for the state government. ●

*This column has been written with the assistance of the Save Public Housing Collective.*

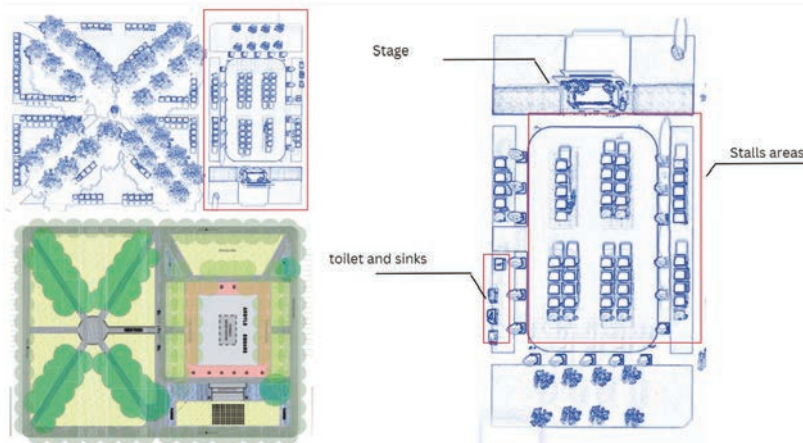
## ROTARY CLUB OF CARLTON

# Farmers Market proposed for Lygon St, Carlton

*Rotary Club of Carlton and Swinburne's Business Consulting Project Unit collaborate to explore the feasibility of a Farmers Market.*

WORDS BY *Prof. Milé Terziowski & Dr Chamindika Weerakoon*

At Swinburne University of Technology, the Bachelor of Business Degree's final year capstone unit, known as the Business Consulting Project, has a key objective: to equip students with valuable experience and skills in tackling real-world problem-solving projects. This is achieved through the integration of design thinking, experiential learning, and management consulting principles. In this unit, students work as management consultants in small multidisciplinary teams, tackling live problem-solving projects and feasibility studies. Through this hands-on experience, they gain practical knowledge and expertise, preparing them effectively for the challenges of the business world.



The Rotary Club of Carlton collaborated as an industry partner with the Business Consulting Project Unit during semester one of 2023. The project involved conducting a comprehensive feasibility study for establishing a Farmers Market in Carlton. Multidisciplinary student teams applied various management consultancy models, frameworks, and analytical tools that they learned in class to conduct extensive observations, stakeholder interviews, and industry research.

The suggested approach involves co-creating the Carlton Farmers Market by engaging customers, local business owners, community groups, and organisations like the Carlton Football Club, enriching the market experience for all visitors. To enhance the market's visibility and reach, students designed localised posters and digital marketing campaigns targeting environmentally and socially conscious millennials as a core segment. The recommendations from the student

teams covered essential aspects of the Farmers Market project, including its focus, structure, target market, value proposition, layout optimisation, and venue.

Students recommended Argyle Garden at Lygon St as the ideal location for the market, featuring 60 to 160 stalls across 1.2 hectares. The proposed Farmers Market aims to create a boutique feel, emphasising sustainability-oriented organic food items, honey and pantry goods, and artisanal products mainly.

Operating monthly initially and later transitioning to fortnightly, the Farmers Market would cater to the experience economy concept while promoting environmental practices.

The Institute of Management Consultants awarded the Consultancy Excellence Award to the best consulting team. Their exceptional work included a layout optimisation plan presented through a digitally simulated video, along with suggestions for a seasonal strategy of food items and discounted contracts for stalls.

*Prof. Milé Terziowski (Rotary Club of Carlton president) and Dr Chamindika Weerakoon are from the School of Business, Law, and Entrepreneurship at Swinburne University of Technology. ●*

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CARLTON HISTORY GROUP

# Larrikin gangs in Carlton

*From the 1860s through to the early decades of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, the streets of Melbourne and its inner suburbs were plagued by gangs of young men known as “larrikins”.*

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Their behaviour ranged from irreverent pranks to obscene language, larceny, hurling stones, brawling, drunkenness and assault. “Pushes”, the larrikin word for gangs, were endemic in town and in nearby suburbs.

Among the more notorious gangs in Carlton was one known as the “Emu Push” that centred around the Lincoln Square area. On the night of March 11, 1910, the members of the “Emu Push” and the “North Melbourne Push” had a pitched battle in Victoria St near the market, fighting with pickets, bicycle chains and other weapons. After the fight a group from the Emu Push marched through Carlton, knocking down anyone in their way – until they saw the police, whereupon they scattered in all directions. Later they went into the city and assaulted a constable.

Street fights between individual “push” members were also common. In 1910, two police constables came across a stand-up street fight on the corner of Pelham and Cardigan streets, Carlton, watched by a large crowd. This was between a member of the Emu Push and one from the Cardigan Street Push.

When the constables arrived on the scene the crowd dispersed. But soon after, the fight resumed down the street on the corner of Cardigan and Queensberry streets. The police arrested the two fighters who continued to swear at them all the way to the police station.

Larrikins were defiant of the police and were not above assaulting a patrolling constable. On Christmas Day 1916 a constable had his face severely injured by a gang of larrikins wielding bottles and ended up the police hospital. It seems that a group of 15 or 20 men were creating a disturbance near Lincoln Square. When the constable ordered them to move away, a 20-year-old named Pearson threw a bottle at him. The policeman tackled him and brought him to the ground, but while they were struggling, Pearson struck him on the face causing a severe injury.

According to a former Carlton policeman who served in the First World War many of the men associated with the “Emus” eventually turned into useful citizens.

“I saw a number of them in France,” he said in 1919. “And they were fine fellows. They did their bit well and proved themselves great soldiers.”

After the war, public attitudes towards larrikins changed and softened. Some commentators have suggested that this was because the growth of more serious crime and criminal gangs in Melbourne in the 1920s made larrikin street fights appear less serious. ●

EAST MELBOURNE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

# “Better to have a loaf on the table than a loaf in the Pub”

*The Band of Hope was formed in England in 1847, with a more formal organisation set up in 1855.*

WORDS BY *Jill Fenwick OAM*  
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*The Band of Hope  
To the crowds that group  
In the drunkard's gloomy way  
Can afford them light  
That will guide them right  
For it shines with celestial ray*

*The Band of Hope  
From the hangman's rope  
It will many a murderer save.  
And lengthen the life  
Of the suffering wife  
Who looks for an early grave.*

It was seen by many as a way to develop self-reliance in working men who could use temperance as a means to self-improvement by renouncing alcohol.

It was a non-denominational movement, with branches set up by both Protestant and Catholic communities.

It came to Australia in the 1850s and spread rapidly through the state. In East Melbourne, meetings were held fortnightly, each meeting combining temperance with light entertainment, as this excerpt shows ...

“At the fortnightly meeting of the East Melbourne Congregational Band of Hope held on Tuesday evening, the Rev. Jesse Mayo presided. An illustrated address by Miss Hodgkinson on drinking, smoking and swearing was much appreciated. The singing of temperance songs by members followed.”

One temperance song was this, though I'll only quote verses three and four ...



We can laugh at these sentiments now, but in the latter half of the 19th century and the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup>, the Band of Hope organisation and meetings had a powerful effect, with 190 branches in Victoria by 1927.

Evening meetings included recitations, lectures, prayers and songs. Children as young as six were wooed with “Temperance medals, handsomely illuminated Pledge cards and an assortment of new Recitations” to forgo alcohol. The cards read: “I, the undersigned, do agree that I will not use intoxicating liquors as a beverage”. In NSW in the pre-WWI period, school children in Grades 4 to 6 took annual health and temperance knowledge tests provided by the Methodist Band of Hope Societies. With the advent of war, the tests were dropped.

Over the years, the Band of Hope lost followers. In 1953, it was still in existence, but without influence, with *The Methodist* of July 4 of calling it “a largely forgotten organisation”. However, its early influence can be seen in the Temperance Hall at 174 Russell St (demolished in 1963), the Coffee Palaces of the 1880s, including the very grand Federal Coffee Palace on the corner of Collins and King streets, demolished in 1973, in the six o'clock closing of hotels adopted by all states, and in the “dry areas” where the sales of liquor were prohibited. ●

METRO TUNNEL

# Metro Tunnel achieves major milestone with first test trains

*The first test trains have started running through the Metro Tunnel, marking a major milestone for the project and the beginning of a rigorous, months-long testing phase.*

Two test trains – one in each of the twin nine-kilometre tunnels – were driven through

the eastern entrance of the Metro Tunnel at South Yarra in the early hours of July 25, stopping at Anzac Station.

The journey was years in the making and marks the start of the project's next major testing phase inside the new tunnels and stations, which will stretch into 2024.

Over the coming months, the seven-carriage trains will run back-and-forth deep under the CBD and Yarra River testing various equipment and systems to ensure they are working seamlessly and safely.

Fundamentals – such as lining the trains up with the platforms – will be tested first before the team gradually increases the complexity, from one train at low speed using minimal power through to multiple trains at greater speeds.

Everything from lifts, escalators, security systems, communications, lighting, plumbing, power and the Victorian-first platform screen doors will all be rigorously tested to ensure all systems are working together with Melbourne's new fleet of bigger, better trains. ●



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BUSINESS

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their health the way they should. The fast pace of life means they may be putting additional stress on their bodies and be at risk of physical and mental burnout, chronic disease, or mental ill health," Dr Burmeister said.

"At No. 1 Women's Health, we have made it

easier for even the busiest of women to get the healthcare and support they need with multiple services."

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HEALTH & WELLBEING

# Decoding fitness: what does it mean to you?

*When fitness seekers come knocking on my door, the conversation typically kicks off with a "why?" The response almost always dances around a single word: "fit". But, hold up a minute. When we say "fit", what do we really mean?*

WORDS BY Kane Hamilton  
PRIME40 PERSONAL TRAINING

The term fitness can be traced back to an old Nordic word meaning "to knit" – a beautiful metaphor for a life interconnected between body, mind, soul, and spirit. In a modern context, it's been reduced to "the ability to perform a task". But which task?

That's where the misunderstanding starts. The "task" that we associate with fitness varies greatly. For some, it could be managing a full day at a desk, diving into video games, immersing in television shows, or savouring a leisurely stroll. This lifestyle might be just enough to qualify as being "liveability fit" – sustaining a basic level of fitness to meet the demands of daily life.

For some, the term "fit" paints a picture of a life unhindered. Maybe the ability to pursue their favourite physical pastimes or hobbies passionately, without compromise, and with the hope of continuing these cherished activities throughout their lives for as long as possible.

However, it's worth pondering: is "liveability fit" truly sufficient? While this may not prioritise the broader spectrum of health and longevity, it's a choice unique to each person. But I invite you to reflect: is your current level of fitness truly aligning with your personal goals and the life you aspire to live?

To me, a fit person is someone who balances work, family, friends, hobbies, nutrition, and maintains a healthy body weight. They are fit for a fulfilling life.

Let me clarify, before we start idolising the gruelling fitness bootcamps or treating the latest fad diet as our nutrition gospel, let's hit the pause button. Remember, a six pack that forbids you from savouring an impromptu hamburger might be more of a fitness prison than a fitness goal. After all, isn't the point of fitness to enhance our lives rather than clip our wings?

Fitness can be less about glory and more about life's practicalities. Shooting hoops with your kids or carrying a couch upstairs can become a different ball game.

I coach people to be better in these moments. Prime40 is rooted in this concept. I emphasise clarity on health, fitness, longevity, and diet. We work on the basics: disciplined nutrition, an active social life, mastering essential human movements, and maintaining regular exercise.



To be strong, not tired. Be the person a friend will call in emergencies or to help carry a couch up some stairs.

Be fit, stay fit, fit into your clothes, be fighting fit, fit as a fiddle, fit like a glove, fit the bill.

Be fit to do the tasks of life for as long as you can. Be a knitted person.

So, let's rethink. What does fitness mean to you? ●



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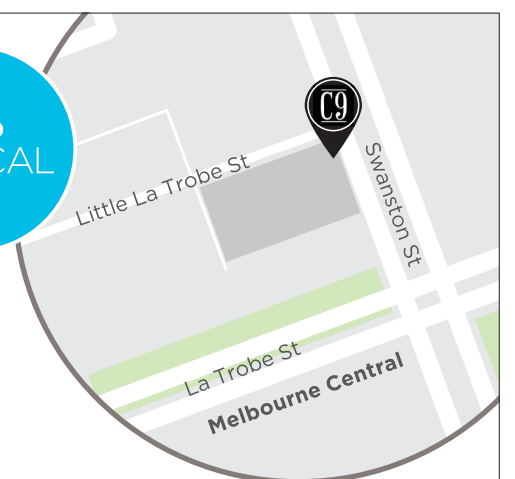
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CARLTON NEIGHBOURHOOD LEARNING CENTRE



## Cost of living pressures ignite unprecedented need for food relief

*The rising cost of living in Australia has driven an unprecedented need for food relief, signalling a systemic issue that requires urgent attention.*

WORDS BY *Tony Milne*  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

While wage growth stagnates, living costs are escalating, leading to an alarming number of Australians grappling with food insecurity.

Community-led initiatives, such as the Carlton Neighbourhood Learning Centre's (CNLC's) Free Food Relief Market at our Open Door office, are working to mitigate this growing crisis. These initiatives offer a broad range of food items and other essentials to those most affected by these economic pressures.

The severity of the situation is further underlined by the Neighbourhood House Victoria's 2022 survey. This survey indicates a steep increase in the number of Neighbourhood Houses now providing food relief compared to previous years.

In 2022, 58.4 per cent of the 400 Neighbourhood Houses across Victoria

reported that they were delivering food relief and that it had become one of the top 10 services provided by Neighbourhood Houses. More than two million kilograms of food relief were delivered per year (nine tonnes each day) by Neighbourhood Houses.

What was once a secondary service for Neighbourhood Houses has become a primary offering due to the stark increase in demand.

This rising need for food relief serves as a bellwether for broader societal and economic issues. Though community food relief programs are necessary and do an invaluable job of mitigating immediate hardship, they are also a band-aid solution. Food Relief initiatives cannot be the long-term solution.

To combat food insecurity Australia must implement systemic changes addressing the root causes. There is a pressing need for policy interventions aimed at strengthening wage growth, reducing inequality, and ensuring affordable living and affordable housing for all.

In the interim, community organisations like the Carlton Neighbourhood Learning Centre continue to provide essential relief to those grappling with these challenging economic circumstances.

If any local businesses, cafés, restaurants, or agencies want to help support the Carlton community with food relief please contact Carlton Neighbourhood Learning Centre on 9347 2739. There are many solutions we can find together. ●

EAST MELBOURNE NEIGHBOUR NETWORK

## A delightful mid-winter gathering in East Melbourne

*While Paris was gearing up for a lively Bastille Day demonstration, on the other side of the globe, the charming neighbourhood of East Melbourne came alive with a heart-warming midwinter get-together.*

The occasion, hosted at Chez Henderson, was a delightful gathering for members of the community who came together to share stories, catch up with old friends, and listen to a captivating talk by heritage architecture consultant, Arthur Andronas.

Several points of interest were shared during the gathering. There is an exhibition at the Library by Alissa Duke showcasing her travel sketches. What's more, Alissa is conducting sketching classes during August, providing a delightful way to engage in artistic activities while on vacation.

Another fascinating exhibition mentioned was at the Royal Historical Society of Victoria, where they featured a book by Dr Liz Rushen on Garryowen, an early chronicler of Melbourne. The exhibition was centred around Garryowen's work, a highly recommended visit. For those interested in delving deeper into the topic, the book is available for purchase at the East Melbourne General Store.

One of the highlights of the gathering was a proposal to establish interaction between the older cohort of East Melbourne and the young children at the Day Care Centre. A heart-warming idea was to organise an event at the library where both groups could come together, fostering a sense of community and intergenerational connection.

Marie Fels took the opportunity to extend an invitation to anyone interested in joining the daytime book reading club. For those keen on becoming a part of this literary community,

they could reach out to Anne Graham at [anne.graham2@icloud.com](mailto:anne.graham2@icloud.com).

There was also a discussion about the unfortunate incidents of letter boxes being rifled through by unknown individuals. Attendees were urged to be vigilant and report any suspicious activities to the police on 131 444.

After these engaging conversations, the group was treated to a captivating presentation by Arthur Andronas, a renowned heritage architecture consultant. Arthur shared insights into his ongoing restoration work on St James, Gardenvale, which faced a devastating fire in 2015. His extensive connection with St Patrick's Cathedral since 1981 added depth to his talk.

The presentation focused on the cathedral's architect, William Wilkinson Wardell, who drew up the plans for the iconic structure within a remarkably short period after arriving from England in 1858. Arthur detailed how Wardell was tasked with incorporating parts of the pre-existing structure into the new design. Wardell's expertise extended beyond St Patrick's, as he was also appointed Inspector of Public Works, contributing significantly to projects like the Victoria Docks and the Mint. Subsequently, he moved to Sydney to work on the design of the renowned St Mary's Cathedral.

Arthur's talk delved into the symbolism and cultural aspects embedded in the design of St Patrick's Cathedral, offering the audience a fascinating glimpse into its history.

The event left a lasting impression on all who attended, inspiring many to plan visits to St Patrick's Cathedral to witness firsthand the architectural wonders described by Arthur.

The anticipation for yet another delightful gathering is building with guest speaker Amanda Hampson, author of *Lovebirds* currently in its sixth reprint. The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, August 11, at 10.30 am. ●

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## Pet's Corner

### Miniature and active

“

*It's hard not to feel tempted to just tag along and play with these two cherubs in the park.*

”

WORDS BY *Phillip Emmanuel*

Basil and Clover love running around freely at Princes Park when they get the chance to, especially on a nice sunny day where the skies are clear, and the grass is green.



Carlton local and construction planner Shern and her good friend Jac (a nurse) have had their Miniature Schnauzers, for the past two-and-a-half years and love their company.

“They love to tussle around with each other,” Jac said, as their four-legged friends ran around, soaking in the sun one July afternoon.

“They are such great companions; the centre of our lives,” Shern said.

These Schnauzers never bore, always taking the opportunity to snag food left behind by the Princes Park students, spending time in the beach and tagging along to the pub with their owners.

“I think she takes after me” Shern laughed, when talking about her trips to the pub with Basil.

When asked what they loved about Princes Park, Jac said she loved that she and Shern could take their Schnauzers to a place where they could run around freely, and they made the most of it. ●

MELBOURNE ZOO

## Red pandas don their mittens for winter

*There's reason to celebrate these chilly winter days, with the recent gusty winds shedding leaves off trees at Melbourne Zoo revealing some of the zoo's most elusive residents.*



Red pandas Roshani and Seba are all rugged up with their heavy red coats, bushy tails and soles of their feet covered in fur, which are often referred to as mittens.

Melbourne Zoo carnivores keeper Jess Stockton said winter was the best time to come and see the Himalayan-native species, as Red pandas thrive in cold weather.

“Our Red pandas are more visible than ever in the large Elm and Plane trees that have shed their leaves,” Ms Stockton said. “You can now clearly see them curled up sleeping in the forks of branches, munching on bamboo leaves, or skilfully climbing.”

“If you look hard enough, you might even catch a glimpse of their furry ‘mittens’, which help them with insulation and to grip slippery, mossy branches.”

Fifteen-year-old great grandmother Roshani is the oldest female Red panda in Australasia. She shares her habitat with 12-year-old male Seba, who is known for his bold but gentle nature.

Although Red pandas are a solitary species, the pair can sometimes be seen sitting close together high up in the trees at Melbourne Zoo.

“In winter, Roshani and Seba are fond of curling up and sunbathing in sunny spots,” Ms Stockton said. “They often stretch their faces towards the sun and look absolutely gorgeous and serene.”

The Red Panda is native to the Himalayas but is adored globally because of its endearing facial features, gentle nature, reddish-brown fur and long, fluffy tail.

The species is classified as Endangered by the International Union for Conservation of Nature's Red List, and its population is declining in the wild, with habitat destruction and hunting a continuing threat. ●



PARKVILLE ASSOCIATION

# Disappointment at VCAT

*The Parkville Association and 130 other residents who were among the 153 objectors were obviously disappointed with the decision by the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT) as reported in this month's Inner City News.*



VCAT decided to set aside the decision by the City of Melbourne to refuse a permit for the development of a dermatological clinic on the corner of Royal Parade and Morrah St in Parkville.

Sadly, the hearing was conducted online over eight days, as a hearing at VCAT would have been more beneficial. Armed with eight individual objectors and the Parkville Association residents we thought we had presented a professional case supporting the original council decision.

Focusing on the intensity of the development and the flow-on affecting traffic and parking on residential streets and maintaining the fabric of Parkville's inner city village, we tried

to demonstrate the affect a large commercial clinic would have on our quiet residential neighbourhood.

Reading the reasons for granting the permit we clearly do not agree, however we have to accept the ruling. We presented correspondence from senior staff regarding NEIC (National Employment and Innovation Clusters) that clearly stated zoning and heritage overrides the NEIC zoning.

Likewise, we presented the current biomedical zone plan which has Story St as the end of the zone. Royal Park is clearly within the NEIC so if followed literally watch out for factories in the middle of the park!

The adjoining neighbours are very disappointed as the new development will be a massive change to their current environment. Bearing in mind the former Trinity site was used for educational purposes and was non-commercial.

The use of the loading zone on Morrah St will impact Naughtons and even bicycle parking where the ruling states there are plenty of hoops to park bikes on Royal Parade will impact pub users.

I can sight many other instances, but we must not forget the rulings that are in our favour ...

The retention of the facade on Royal Parade (a heritage-listed avenue) and for seven metres down Morrah St;

The reduction of practitioners from the original application of 18, which was reduced by the council to 12 to finally settle at 10; and

The smaller footprint to basically the original site and the removal of the third floor to be substituted by a larger basement.

Moving forward we need to ensure all residents' parking areas remain as they are essential to residents, and that the green travel plan undertaken by the business is implemented and managed. This was a major thrust where patients will have to arrive by public transport following advice from the clinic verbally, via

text and online.

Sadly, their barrister concluded at VCAT that he could not understand the "vehemence" of Parkville residents against the development. Frankly we do know our suburb best, some of us have lived more than 50 years in the suburb and know the pain of parking and over use of our roads. We regard the area as our village in a suburb that this year turned 150 years old.

To highlight the spirit of our village we held our Christmas in July on July 24. Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece popped in for a drink and a chat, giving us the opportunity to thank him for being in the trenches with us on the hearing.

Our sponsors, Nelson Alexander, presented some door prizes and the evening was a great success! Thank you to all who joined in the fight – now we have to ensure the VCAT ruling is strictly adhered to! ●



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CARLTON RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

# Moving forward!

*The Carlton Residents' Association (CRA) has renamed its transport policy the "mobility policy" to reflect the changing nature of urban transport.*

The policy now provides a response to how residents, workers and visitors move around the municipality now and into the future and the importance we place on the liveability and sustainability of our suburb.

In essence, good mobility needs to be safe, reliable, efficient, sustainable and accessible. In the longer term the objective should be to work toward sustainable mobility recognising the need to address mobility and its impact on climate change.

This will require future proofing mobility by moving to EV vehicles, autonomous vehicles, and freeing up road space for public transport, trams and buses, extending footpaths, introducing shareable streets and increasing green spaces by freeing up road space.

During the past 45 years our streets have changed dramatically from wide, treeless bitumen thoroughfares to attractive streets with medians and now mature trees.

Through traffic has been reduced by street closures and calming measures such as lane reductions, controlled turns, speed humps. Bicycle and pedestrian paths have been improved and footpaths widened in the commercial areas to allow outdoor eating. The introduction of parklets has resulted in an improvement in outdoor dining, a reduction and slowing of traffic and improved amenity and safety for pedestrians. It has also encouraged patrons to travel by walking, cycling and public transport.



Carlton has had good public transport for a long time and improvements have been made such as the underground rail line now under construction. Tram stops have been improved

to enable those with a disability, children, and older persons to have ease of access and safety. We believe that the remaining step-up tram stops should be replaced with those providing for the access required by all.

There are still areas for improvement and issues of concern that are covered in the mobility policy that is now available to CRA members and interested members of our community. For those interested in receiving a copy please send us an email with the subject "mobility policy copy".

The mobility policy was prepared for CRA by Peter Sanders, Blair Healy, Antoinette Sagaria, and Martin Brennan. ●

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EAST MELBOURNE GROUP

# News from the residents of East Melbourne



*The East Melbourne Group (EMG) extends a warm welcome and best wishes to all East Melbourne residents, businesses and visitors who are seeing the signs of spring in our wonderful suburb.*



WORDS BY *Greg Bisinella*  
PRESIDENT

While it has been a cold winter, your EMG team has not been hibernating. We continue to work to support the community and are always looking to engage with those who live, work, and visit the suburb.

We are pleased to announce several upcoming events which we hope you will join in.

The EMG 70<sup>th</sup> year anniversary Gala Dinner is being held on Friday, September 1.

Full details can be found at [trybooking.com/CJVS](http://trybooking.com/CJVS) or on the QR code below:



And later in the year we have scheduled:

- EMG Annual Trivia Night – Friday, October 13
- EMG Annual Family Christmas Picnic at Bishops Court – Saturday, November 25
- East Melbourne Library Community Family Day – Saturday, December 2

Keep a look out for updates on these events.

As I write, Jen Owen and the amenities team are planning to meet with representatives of Victoria Police, the Melbourne Cricket Club (MCC) and City of Melbourne to try and resolve



some ongoing issues with crime, parking, a new "wombat crossing" in Simpson St and resident car access to homes during major events.

As always, we welcome feedback and encourage you to get involved by joining the group. ●

**For more information:**  
[emg.org.au](http://emg.org.au)



# Quiz



1. What was Sri Lanka formally known as?
2. The works of Vincent van Gogh primarily belong to which art movement?
3. In 1902, who became the first 'Lord Mayor' (pictured) of Melbourne?
4. A team of architectural firms, led by Lyons, took out Victoria's top architecture award for what build?
5. In which year did the Korean War begin?
6. The Festival of Puppety returned for its biennial festival; in what year did the festival originate?
7. *Normal People* and *Beautiful World, Where Are You?* are novels by which Irish author?
8. Footballer Harry Kane plays for which English Premier League team?
9. Which of Shakespeare's plays is the longest?
10. Carlton's Melbourne Community Toy Library has reopened; when did it open again and under whose management?
11. What renowned Carlton restaurant is celebrating a triumphant 50 years of being open?
12. Which Carlton reserve is currently receiving backlash from some residents following a proposal that will deem it a dog park?

### QUIZ SOLUTIONS

1. Ceylon
2. Post-Impressionism
3. Sir Samuel Gillot
4. The University of Melbourne's Student Precinct in Parkville
5. 1950
6. 2015
7. Sally Rooney
8. Tottenham Hotspur
9. *Hamlet*
10. July
11. 1950
12. Papa Gino's

# 5x5

No. 027

Insert the missing letters to make 10 words – five reading across the grid and five reading down.

A		O		E
	O		E	
D		O		D
	U		G	
E		E		D

### SOLUTIONS

AFORF, DOZEN, DROID, LUNGE, EMEND.

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# Sudoku

No. 026

Fill in the blank cells using the numbers from 1 to 9. Each number can only appear once in each row, column and 3x3 block

### EASY

		7	9	6				1
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### HARD

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### SOLUTIONS

#### EASY

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#### HARD

1	5	9	4	7	2	6	3	8
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7	2	6	1	4	8	5	3	7
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9	8	4	6	9	1	3	7	2

# Wordfind

Theme: Space

The leftover letters will spell out a secret message.

N	U	S	E	L	T	T	U	H	S	U
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M	A	R	S	G	R	B	U	R	O	N
C	O	S	M	O	S	S	I	T	R	E
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S	P	A	C	E	S	H	I	P	S	S

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| ASTEROID  | ORBIT      |
| ASTRONAUT | PLANET     |
| COSMOS    | ROCKET     |
| GAS       | SATELLITE  |
| GRAVITY   | SATURN     |
| JUPITER   | SHUTTLE    |
| MARS      | SPACESHIPS |
| MERCURY   | STAR       |
| METEOR    | STAR       |
| NEPTUNE   | SUN        |

Secret message: Universe

# Crossword

No. 026

### ACROSS

- 1 Counter-intelligence (9)
- 6 Employer (colloq) (4)
- 10 Separates with a sieve (5)
- 11 Decision-making group (9)
- 12 Denial (8)
- 13 Duds (coll) (6)
- 15 Pitfall (4)
- 16 Huge statues (10)
- 19 Artists who embrace post-classical styles (10)
- 21 Circle of light (4)
- 22 Variety of nut (6)
- 24 Plane hubs (8)
- 27 Bandit (9)
- 28 Fraudulent schemes (5)
- 29 Appendage (4)
- 30 Sponsor (9)

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### DOWN

- 2 Protect (9)
- 3 Implant (5)
- 4 Cemetery (10)
- 5 Courageous (4)
- 7 Surpass (5)
- 8 Appears to be (5)
- 9 Apple drinks (6)
- 10 Refuge (7)
- 14 Lucky (10)
- 17 Methods of travel between floors (9)
- 18 Husbands or wives (7)
- 20 Staggered (6)
- 22 Military student (5)

- 23 Japanese dish (5)
- 25 Sat (5)
- 26 Italian meat-based sauce (4)

### SOLUTION

E	S	I	D	I	S	E	N	S	T	I	V	L
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# Codeword

No. 026

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### SOLUTIONS

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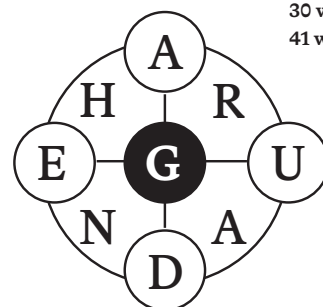
# 9-Letter

No. 026

Today's Focus:

- 20 words: Good
- 30 words: Very good
- 41 words: Excellent

Using the nine letters in the grid, how many words of four letters or more can you list? The centre letter must be included and each letter may only be used once. No colloquial or foreign words. No capitalised nouns, apostrophes or plural words ending in "s".



### SOLUTIONS

dagae, agar, aged, agenda, argue, anger, argue, argued, angier, angier, danger, drag, drug, dung, ead, gander, garden, gear, grade, grand, guard, hang, hanger, hanger, harangue, HARANGUED, huge, hung, hunger, nudge, rage, raga, rage, raged, rang, range, ranged, rung, urge, urged

Reference:  
Collins Concise  
English Dictionary



# What's On: August 2023

## Community Calendar

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 6:30PM TO 9:30PM

**CARLTON CONVERSATIONS**

Carlton Residents Association invites you to its third Carlton Conversation this year, with novelist, storyteller, and human rights advocate Arnold Zable. Enjoy a free drink, nibbles, and a 45-minute talk followed by a Q&A.

Clyde Hotel, 385 Cardigan Street  
info: carltonresidents@gmail.com



EVERY TUESDAY, 10:30AM TO 11AM

**SONGBIRDS**

Songs, rhymes and stories to engage your budding bookworm's mind and introduce them to the fun rhythm of language.

For babies and toddlers up to 18 months old, no bookings required.

Kathleen Syme Library



EVERY SATURDAY, 8AM TO 1PM

**FARMERS MARKET**

Stalls selling fresh produce on primary school grounds.

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Carlton North Primary School



EVERY SATURDAY, 1PM TO 3PM

**WOMEN'S SOCIAL SOCCER (FREE)**

Melbourne Social Soccer runs free social games for women. Contact 0456 700 688.  
admin@melbournesocialsoccer.com

Crawford Oval  
121 Princes Park

EVERY WEDNESDAY, 10:30AM TO 11AM

**STOMPERS**

Share the wonder of books with your preschooler at this storytime with stories, songs, rhymes, and activities.

For children aged 18 months to 3 years old.

East Melbourne Library



UNTIL OCTOBER 8

**LA MAMA'S WINTER 2023 PROGRAM**

Start your winter the right way by catching up on the latest shows in La Mama's Winter 2023 program. From *Explorations*, to *Musica*, *Poetica*, *Cabaretica*, and many more.

Info: lamama.com.au/whats-on/la-mama-hq-winter/



REOPENING JULY 17

**CARLTON TOY LIBRARY**

Make sure to pop by the Carlton Toy Library at The Chapel (469 Cardigan St) once its toy library reopens.

Open Monday from 3:30pm to 6pm, Wednesday from 10am to 12:30pm, and Saturday from 10am to 1pm.



FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH, 6PM TO 9PM

**MONTHLY SOCIAL NIGHTS (FREE)**

On the first Monday of each month, YMCA Victoria is hosting Social Nights at the Carlton Baths. The night will involve food and good company.

Carlton Baths, in the Green Room.

## Business Directory

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