



Parkville Association president Rob Moore and Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece celebrate the reopening of Grattan St. Photo: Hanna Komissarova.

Carlton and Parkville reunite! Grattan St reopens after six-year wait

“After six years of construction works, Grattan St, a major thoroughfare in Parkville, has finally reopened, providing a huge relief for residents and businesses.

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It also marks an important milestone in the progress of the Metro Tunnel project as the street sits above the new Parkville Station, which is set to open in 2025.

The state government announced on June 16 that Grattan St had fully reopened to vehicles, cyclists and pedestrians between Royal Parade and Leicester St, the first time traffic has flowed since 2018. During Grattan St's closure, motorists had become accustomed to "rat runs" and peak hour delays in the area.

The new streetscape includes separated bike lanes, more bike hoops, more than 100 trees, nearly 3000 square metres of plants, and connecting utilities.

From mid-July, bus routes 401, 402, 403, 505 and 546 will also run along Grattan St.

Minister for Transport Infrastructure Danny Pear-

son said the reopening would provide better access for thousands of medical staff, students, patients, and family members.

"The Metro Tunnel is not just about transforming our rail network, it's also creating great public spaces and making streets safer for cyclists and pedestrians," he said.

Once complete the Parkville Station will provide an important connection to the health and education precinct for the first time, with entrances on the doorstep of the Royal Melbourne Hospital, the Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre, and the University of Melbourne.

Parkville Station is almost 270 metres long, 30 metres wide and sits 30 metres below ground.

In a statement, the City of Melbourne said protected bikes lanes would be installed on Grattan St between Bouverie St and Royal Pde. They will be located next to the footpath, with separator kerbs and parking providing a buffer from traffic lanes.

Hook turn movements have been introduced at Cardigan, Lygon and Drummond streets while traffic lanes have been reduced from two to one in each direction, and some lanes at intersections have been reduced from three to two in each direction.

A new bus stop will also be created between Swanston and Bouverie streets, and the number of parking spaces reduced by 18, to accommodate for the increase in people travelling to the area by public and active transport.

Works will be completed in the coming weeks.

Lord Mayor Sally Capp said the riding lanes would improve safety for all road users.

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Residents win fight to save laneway from development in East Melbourne

The City of Melbourne has decided not to sell a laneway to make room for a proposed six-storey development in East Melbourne following concerns from residents.

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The laneway, which abuts the rear of 204-208 Albert St, is used daily by vehicles, providing safe access and parking to residences and workplaces along Clarendon St and Victoria Pde.

However, when plans for an office building at 204-208 Albert St by developer Whitehaven Property Development Pty Ltd were endorsed by the council last October, it was subject to reviewing a proposal of discontinuing and selling the laneway.

According to a council report, the council management's preliminary assessment showed the laneway "held no strategic significance to council and was considered not reasonably required for general public use".

The council also considered narrowing the laneway to three metres, but following a review of public submissions, the report said this "does not adequately address access and egress or safety concerns and that the road is still reasonably required for public use".

In their submissions, residents vehemently opposed the proposal after citing concerns of traffic flow and safety, particularly when reversing onto Albert St.

They also noted there would be increased congestion, safety hazards, and limitations on access for larger service and property maintenance vehicles, and that the "situation will only get worse" if 204-208 Albert St was to be developed.



Brad Marsh, president of the ACVP Residents Incorporated, submitted that the proposal "would cause great inconvenience to the many users of the laneway and increase the safety risk for the current and future users of the laneway and other road users".

But at their May 28 council meeting, councillors voted unanimously not to discontinue or sell the laneway, known as "CL1160", after receiving 18 objections and a 25-strong petition.

Deputy Lord Mayor and planning chair Nicholas Reece said the council would "encourage the developer of this site to continue to work in good faith with the City

of Melbourne and with the objectors and to find a built form solution for this site that works for everyone".

Cr Reece said there was considerable debate for the planning application last year and that "there was one important caveat on this approval, and that was that we would only approve the full development if we also agreed that discontinuing and selling the laneway to the developer was the right thing to do".

But he added that an independent committee "have conducted a thorough assessment and heard from a wide range of parties who use this laneway every day and they have come to the conclusion that the laneway is necessary for public use".

The council meeting also heard that the developer's planning permit was a "separate and distinct process" to deciding about discontinuing the laneway.

The East Melbourne Group's president Greg Bisinella said its submission was that the "proposal would not adequately allow for the safe ingress and egress of traffic utilising the laneway".

"Subsequent to the decision we have been made aware that the permit applicant is working on a revised submission for the discontinuance, which will address the safety concerns," he said.

"We look forward to seeing this revised proposal and review it on its merits in the hope that our concerns are adequately addressed."

The site at 204-208 Albert St is currently occupied by a two-storey Victorian building originally built as three terrace houses in 1859. The building, which was converted into a medical centre in the 1960s, is now vacant.

The EMG is fighting the development proposal at the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal, arguing the development proposal was not appropriate and failed to align with the character of the area. ●

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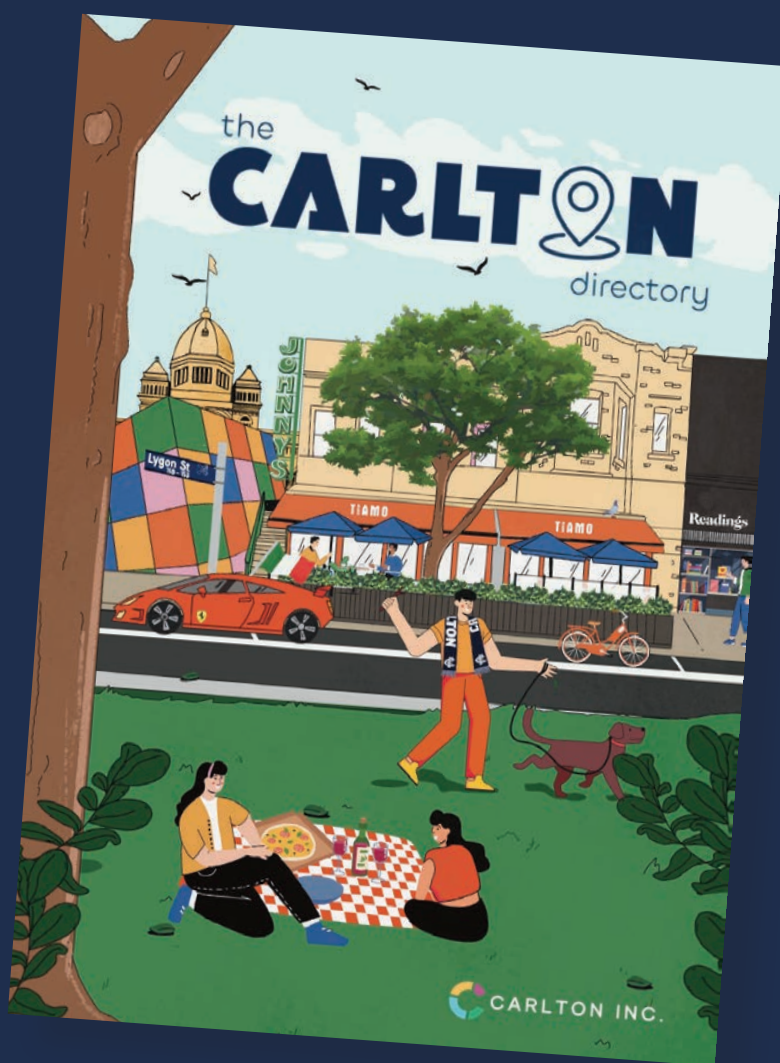
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Bottega Tasca: Carlton's go-to fine wine boutique

Family-run fine wine and spirits boutique, Bottega Tasca, has been a cornerstone of the Carlton community for the past 15 years, known for their thoughtfully curated collection of wines sourced from both local and global producers.

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GEORGIE ATKINS



With a background in licensed grocery stores alongside their father, brothers Paul and Fabian Tasca opened the store in 2008 when an opportunity arose to takeover a prime spot on Lygon St.

Despite initial challenges breaking into the Carlton business landscape, Bottega Tasca has become a beloved fixture of the community, with many local residents and neighbouring businesses warmly greeting the team by name – a testament to their enduring influence.

“Back in the day, it was a fairly large active corporate area. It took us about two years to really get going – a mix of placing ourselves with people, to changing their spending habits,” Paul told Inner City News.

“We knew we had to provide products that were different and weren't mainstream, and cater to a cross-section of demographics.”

Each bottle stocked in the store is tasted by the team, ensuring that only the best wines hit the shelves.

While showcasing a variety of European

wines, their focus is mainly on Australian producers with around 70 per cent of stock coming from Australian labels.

Paul also notes the “cross-section of demographics” among their clientele, with an increasing influence of younger wine enthusiasts who are developing a growing interest in fine wines and seeking higher-quality products.

“The younger generation now is so much more in touch with the quality of wine and different styles of wine. It's not just Chardonnay or Sauvignon Blanc,” Paul said.

“We actually expanded our natural and pet nat range for that reason. We started with two or three bottles and now stock 60 to 70 different types, so it's actually filled a gap.”

While having “seen a lot of change” over the years, Paul says the thing that has remained consistent is the unwavering loyalty of their customers, and the team's commitment to serving the Carlton community.

“I obviously enjoy the food and wine part of the business, but my favourite part is the

social aspect – you develop a lot of good friendships over the years” he said.

“There's a lot of customers that are very loyal to me, they'll ring up and order and know that I'm going to give them the best price I can.” ●

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“We’re improving the journey into the city for people travelling from the north. New protected riding lanes on Grattan St will connect to the popular Swanston Street and Rathdowne Street routes, and will soon connect to our new Arden Street lanes,” she said.

“With thousands of extra people expected to move through the area every single day, it’s important we deliver a safer route for riders, pedestrians and drivers.”

Parkville Association president Rob Moore said he was glad Grattan St had been reopened as initially guaranteed despite extensive lobbying to keep the street closed.

“I know the council were very much in favour of the reopening and did all possible to ensure it happened,” he said.

“The work done by the builders has been incredible and the landscaping will look superb once it regrows. A special thanks to Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece for following through on this as a local he understood the importance to Parkville residents both as a quicker way to Carlton but more importantly to enabling some of



the “rat runners” through South Parkville to go elsewhere.”

In a statement, the Carlton Residents’ Association (CRA) said it welcomed the integrated mobility options now available on Grattan St.

“It provides for train, bus, cycling and walking plus one lane of vehicle traffic each way. We look forward to further such

initiatives across our suburb and city,” it said.

Incoming Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece said the reopening was a “real cause for community celebration”.

“The good people of North Melbourne, Parkville and Carlton are reconnected once again. It will be easier than ever to grab a coffee or catch up with friends in

your favourite location in these beautiful areas,” he said. “I acknowledge that there were some people in the community who didn’t want Grattan St reopened to private vehicles. In the final analysis, the city had made a commitment to reopen the street to private vehicles, it was in the contract with Cross Yarra Partnership and so that’s what has been delivered upon.”

Cr Reece said the City of Melbourne would also “monitor how the new arrangements work and we’re obviously hopeful that they work well; we will keep a very close eye on is how traffic volumes across the area with the introduction of the new West Gate Tunnel Project”.

“We are concerned about what it is going to do for traffic volumes in Melbourne and so we will continue to monitor that closely and will respond accordingly if needed.”

But overall Cr Reece said, as a Carlton resident who lives off Grattan St, he “couldn’t be happier to see this important road reopened”.

“It’s been an absolute nightmare and now the communities of North Melbourne, Parkville and Carlton are connected once more. It’s a great day for inner city communities.” ●

Alleged stolen car crashes in Parkville

Two people have been charged after an allegedly stolen car crashed into a parked car in Parkville on June 17.

Police understand an allegedly stolen Mercedes sedan collided with a Ford Ranger at the intersection of Royal Pde and Gatehouse St just after 9am.

The Mercedes then crashed into a parked car, which was captured on dashcam footage that was later shared online.

The driver of the Mercedes, a 40-year-old man, was taken to hospital under police guard with minor injuries.

His passenger, a 28-year-old woman, was also taken to hospital under police guard for observation.

The 53-year-old male driver of the Ford Ranger was not injured.

The man was charged with reckless conduct endanger life, reckless conduct endanger serious injury, theft of motor vehicle, drive manner dangerous, drive while disqualified, careless driving and enter intersection on red traffic light. He will face Melbourne Magistrates Court on August 9.

His female passenger was charged with theft of motor vehicle, and was bailed to appear at Melbourne Magistrates Court. ●

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Locals recognised in King's Birthday honours

Six residents and workers in the inner city have been recognised in the 2024 King's Birthday Honours List, one of which was awarded posthumously for their contributions to health and the community.

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Carlton resident Libby Saunders, who is the coordinator of the Brigidine Asylum Seekers' Project, was awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for her "service to community health, particularly asylum seekers".



"I was surprised and humbled to be nominated as I already feel fortunate to work in such a flexible and supportive organisation, with such capable people – staff and volunteers – an ideal environment for anyone to flourish," Ms Saunders said.

"I'm a long-time social worker, committed to seeking social justice for disadvantaged people. The asylum seekers with whom we work are some of the most disadvantaged people in the community. Many have been waiting for more than 10 years for their visa outcome, some without the right to work or access to any income support."



Another East Melbourne resident Sue Henderson, who is president of the East Melbourne Neighbours Network (EMNN) and an East Melbourne Group committee member, was awarded an OAM for "service to the community of East Melbourne" – which the EMNN has celebrated in their column in this month's edition (page 13).

The late Professor Emeritus Bill Louis, also of East Melbourne, was posthumously awarded an OAM "for service to medicine as a clinical pharmacologist". Prof. Louis

was the Honorary Professor of Medicine, School of Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences at the University of Melbourne, and the former head of the Clinical Pharmacology Unit.

In a statement, Prof. Louis's family said they were thrilled with the news that he had received a King's Birthday award and "only wish he was alive to receive it in person".

"Bill would have been proud to be recognised for his lifelong devotion to clinical work in hypertension and cardiovascular disease, drug research, development and regulation and to medical education," the family said. "Bill was a devoted husband, family man and friend who always available in times of need. Bill's family would also like to sincerely thank everyone involved in putting his name forward for his award."

The Honours List also saw East Melbourne resident Greg Munt awarded an OAM "for service to the community through social welfare organisations". Mr Munt, who is profiled in this edition's Inner City Local, has been a volunteer with the St Vincent de Paul soup van for 50 years.

Clinical Professor Daryl Williams, who has been the director of anaesthesia and pain management at the Royal Melbourne Hospital since 2003, was appointed a



Member of the Order of Australia (AM) for "significant service to anaesthesiology and pain medicine".

Prof. Williams said he was "humbled and honoured" to receive the award, noting "individual awards can only be achieved through the collaborative work of others, and I would like to thank my family, friends and work colleagues for their tremendous support".

Prof. Williams played a leading role during the COVID-19 pandemic supporting staff safety and education around personal protective equipment and creating the respiratory protection program for ongoing staff mask fit-testing and support.

"The passion, kindness, caring and flexibility demonstrated by Royal Melbourne Hospital staff during the COVID-19 pandemic cannot be overstated and I am immensely proud to have been part of the Victorian response to the COVID-19 pandemic."

Prof. David Russell, who has been the director of general medicine at the Royal Melbourne Hospital since 2001, was also appointed an AM "for significant service to general medicine, to clinical education, and as a mentor". ●



Empty shopfronts "stabilise" in Carlton after suburb hit hard in lockdowns

Shopfront vacancy rates have increased slightly over the past year in Carlton, new data from the City of Melbourne shows, but significant ground has been made since lockdowns ended.

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The Vacant Shopfront Audit Data Report, published in April, showed while retail vacancies across the municipality was down to 10.7 per cent, Carlton's vacancy rate was steady over the past year, recording 11 per cent after increasing from 10.9 per cent.

Carlton was hit hard post lockdowns, having experienced a sharp increase in occupancy rate, rising from 75.4 per cent in November 2021 to 83.2 per cent in April 2022.

But the council report acknowledged that occupancy "appears to have stabilised" at around 84 per cent over the past two years.

In the past year, the vacancy rate for the Lygon St retail district had increased from 6.2 per cent to 8.3 per cent in April.

Among the success stories has been a business called This is Not a Toy Store, which had sold art toys on Little Collins St for a year, before finding a home on Lygon St.

The store began with 25 artistic suppliers and grew to almost 100 during its activation period.

In East Melbourne, empty shopfronts had risen since last year, from 8.5 per cent to 10.9 per cent (of 64 shopfronts).

But in a huge boost to the CBD, empty retail shopfronts had more than halved in the past year with shopping, dining, sport, and international students driving foot traffic.

The report revealed that vacancies in the CBD's retail district, from Queen St to Russell St, and La Trobe St to the Yarra River,

dropped from 13 per cent to 6.5 per cent in the year to April.

The council's positive data follows CBRE's Australian CBD Retail Vacancy report in February, which showed the CBD was the best performing city in Australia.

Melbourne had recorded the lowest vacancy at 7.37 per cent, followed by Sydney at 8.1 per cent, Brisbane (18.7 per cent), and Perth (25.3 per cent).

Southbank recorded a vacancy rate of 9.6 per cent while North Melbourne recorded 10.4 per cent in the past 12 months.

Vacancies were the highest in Docklands, but it had experienced a significant improvement from 24.7 per cent to 18 per cent.

The shopfront activation program was launched in September 2021 by the City of Melbourne in a bid to fill shops and reignite the city after the pandemic, which led to 67 shopfront activations.

The latest data was presented to the council's June 11 Future Melbourne Committee meeting where councillors supported a recommendation from management to use the small business grant program to explore ways to reduce shopfront vacancy in retail districts most in need.

Lord Mayor Sally Capp was praising of the shopfront activation program, saying "the numbers absolutely speak for themselves".

"This program has very clear positive outcomes from the effort and investment that's gone into the shopfront activation program, working with our partners, our team leading the way and importantly creating those pathways for more small business owners into participating in the city economy, which is absolutely fantastic," Cr Capp said. ●

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Finders Keepers design market returns to Carlton

The Finders Keepers Market, now in its 16th year, is coming back to Melbourne from July 12 to 14 at the iconic Royal Exhibition Building, promising an unforgettable, creative day-out.

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Bringing together a diverse array of local designers, artists, makers, musicians, and food enthusiasts under one roof, Finders Keepers celebrates mindful making and thoughtful consumption across various markets throughout the year.

"The Finders Keepers has been hosting design markets in the local community since 2010, and we always love coming home to Carlton for our events twice a year," Finders Keepers general manager Katie Smith said.

"We bring together more than 250 stallholders at each event, giving local artists, makers, designers and foodies the chance to showcase their wares to a community that we know is mad for design and supporting local."

Among this year's line-up includes local illustrator and artist Hayley Sinnatt of Hayle and Shine, making her Finders Keepers debut.

"I combine hand painted and digitally drawn artwork into playful patterns and whimsical scenes to add a bit of colour and cheer to the world," Hayley told *Inner City News*.



Starting in 2020 with Hayley selling illustrations to friends and family, Hayle and Shine has grown to offer a range of commissioned pieces, apparel, fine art prints, and stationery.

Inspired by flowers, food, travel and still life scenes around the home, her work is a true expression of joy and fun.

"I always want to bring some joy through my work, and get so excited when someone wants to buy a piece for a loved one, or hang one up in their home," she said.

"I've been doing local design markets in Melbourne for a few years, so I'm very excited to be bringing my stall to a market that I've been attending since it first started in Docklands."



At the upcoming market, Hayley will be selling original illustrations on greeting cards, stickers, and postcards, alongside t-shirts, fine art prints, and framed paintings.

Her pieces are also printed by local studios across Australia, reflecting her commitment to sustainability and community.

"To be selling alongside such talented makers and chatting to new people and meeting online friends in person will be wonderful," Hayley said.

"I have such a great love for this city I've spent my whole life in. This neighbourhood



is on the doorstep to such an inspiring creative design and arts community that I feel so lucky to be a part." ●

For more information:
thefinderskeepers.com



Hospital staff gear up for charity run to support their patients

A group of 30 nurses from the Royal Melbourne Hospital's (RMH) bone marrow transplant ward are lacing up their running shoes for a good cause.

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The team, known as the Neutrophil Ninjas, will be participating in this year's Run Melbourne on Sunday, July 21, a popular charity fun run which will see participants run around Melbourne's iconic streets and landmarks in support of more than 250 charities.

The Neutrophil Ninjas will be taking part in a range of Run Melbourne distances, including the 5km, 10km, and half-marathon events to raise funds for their ward.

The RMH bone marrow transplant ward specialises in providing compassionate care for patients battling blood cancers such as leukemia and other blood conditions.

Many of its patients undergo extensive treatments and are hospitalised for extended periods, unable to leave the ward due to their compromised immune systems.

Juanita Huggins-Thompson, a bone marrow transplant nurse and Neutrophil Ninja, spoke of her motivation to take part in the run.

"We love our ward and the money we raise from Run Melbourne will go towards upgrading our patient spaces by developing a relaxation room for our patients to use during their treatment. These improvements will help to provide comfort while supporting patients' wellbeing," she said.

Ms Huggins-Thompson added the funds would also contribute to upgrading the patient lounge room and kitchen to help further support the ward's patients and their families.

"We frequently fundraise to support and improve our ward and we would be hugely grateful for any donations made to help us power through on race day at Run Melbourne – every little bit helps."

Run Melbourne has helped participants raise more than \$20 million for charities including Beyond Blue, Pets of the Homeless, Running for Premature Babies and more.

Registrations are open, with raising funds and supporting charities made easy via fundraising platform Grassrootz. ●

To donate: runmelbourne24.grassrootz.com/royal-melbourne-hospital



Melbourne Documentary Film Festival returns to Nova

The Melbourne Documentary Film Festival (MDFF) will run at Cinema Nova from July 17 to 31, showcasing an array of features fresh from some of the world's most esteemed festivals alongside compelling local productions.

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Cinema Nova has been home to MDFF since 2017, marking five years of the festival's growth as a standout in the global festival circuit.

"As a venue partner, we welcome the opportunity to showcase a plethora of local Melbourne talent as well as true stories direct from the most prestigious documentary film festivals across the globe," head of marketing at Cinema Nova Caitlin Pettit said.

"Whether you're a documentary fiend or new to the genre, MDFF's program of upwards of 80 features and short films is sure to have a story that resonates and connects with you."

The festival kicks off with the highly anticipated opening night screening of *Blak Douglas VS the Commonwealth* on July 17, offering a revealing portrayal of Dhungatti artist and Archibald Prize winner Blak Douglas.

The program also includes a screening of *Reading Landscape with David Holmgren* on July 21, where viewers will embark on a journey across Djaara Country

with David Holmgren, co-ordinator of the permaculture movement, as he shares insights developed over four decades of studying landscapes.

The film's showcase pays tribute to the late film director and producer Dan Palmer, whose vision was realised by filmmaker Dave Meagher in close consultation with Mr Holmgren.

"The film is building on my various attempts within the context of permaculture design courses, to inspire people on their journey to read landscapes because it is a process of inspiration rather than teaching," Mr Holmgren told *Inner City News*.

"Like reading people, we can all read landscapes to some degree. It's enormously empowering at creating a genuine connection to country. You start to see the landscape as alive, as coming from the past and moving into the future."

MDFF culminates with its closing night feature, *The Promise* on July 28, delving deeply into the profound impact of suicide on individuals and communities, amplifying diverse voices. ●

For more information:
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Youths share their voice at community forum

Young people have come together at the University of Melbourne's Parkville campus for a youth forum aimed at fostering dialogue about their experiences, aspirations, and challenges.

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About 60 participants attended the "Youth Voices" event on June 6, including Carlton residents, students, traders, workers, and members of the Carlton Community Network.

The gathering was organised by the Carlton Collaboration Partnership consisting of the University of Melbourne, City of Melbourne, and Carlton Community Network.

Among those to share their story was 15-year-old Farha, who loves to play soccer in the community and has an online sneaker business.

He asked about steps to support young people in sports and small business endeavours.

"What truly concerns me is the lack of opportunities for youth like myself to have a voice. It feels as though our opinions are disregarded, and avenues for meaningful participation are scarce," he said.

"Community centres and recreational



facilities, once buzzing with activity, now sit underutilised and inaccessible, leaving us with a sense of disconnection and isolation."

Another speaker, Arsema, raised concerns about the potential demolition of commission estates in Carlton and the impact on community connections, especially for non-English speaking residents.

"The residents would all have to move out; whether it be all at once or scattered during the next year or so," she said.

"After decades of residents developing a strong sense of community with their

neighbours, and those around them; what is your strategy to allow tenants to maintain this connection, particularly those who aren't fluent in English and lean on their neighbours for support in various aspects?"

Other key topics included accessibility and support for youth sports and small businesses, strategies to maintain community connections amid redevelopment, and affordable education for refugees and humanitarian visa holders.

There were also questions asked about free and accessible programs and events for the community, anti-racism initiatives

and support of Harmony Day, and employment support services.

Many attendees, particularly young people, felt welcomed at the University of Melbourne, with some pursuing educational opportunities after the event.

The City of Melbourne's education and innovation portfolio lead Cr Davydd Griffiths was also present. He said the event "was a fantastic opportunity for young people to have their voices heard about the things that matter most to them".

"It was inspiring to hear how much they cared about their community and the positive ideas they have to address some of the pressing issues in our city."

Carlton Neighbourhood Learning Centre executive officer Tony Milne, who was a panellist, said he was "deeply inspired by the passion and resilience of the young people in our community".

"It was incredibly heartening to see the enthusiasm and dedication of our youth as they engaged with community leaders and stakeholders to discuss how we can better support their growth and success," he said.

The University of Melbourne's director of engagement and partnerships Padmini Sebastian said Youth Voices created a space for young people to engage with local issues and discuss their aspirations and challenges.

"The engagement by young participants was compelling and important, and a powerful call to action for us to work collaboratively to make change and improvements locally." ●

Celebrating Australia's best cheeses at Mould

Australia's biggest cheese festival returns to Melbourne on June 28 and 29, where it will take to its biggest stage yet at the Royal Exhibition Building.

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Presented by Revel, Mould has been bringing top-quality, Australian artisanal cheese to Melbourne since 2017, celebrating handcrafted homegrown cheese and their makers.

Showcasing more than 100 different varieties of cheese from hard to soft, textured to earthy, stinky to mild – Mould offers something to delight every palette.

"It's all about celebrating and

championing the best of Australian cheese, and it's been unapologetically Australian cheese since inception," Revel CEO and festival organiser Dan Sims said.

"We all love cheese, but traditionally we look to Europe for examples. But the quality of Australian cheese has never been better, so what we really want to do is to showcase that."

While relocating to the Royal Exhibition Building reflects a "natural growth" in the event's popularity, Dan emphasises that guests will still be able to enjoy a relaxed experience in a "considered and controlled environment".

"Our philosophy is always that more people doesn't mean a better event, because we still want people to engage and have a conversation with the cheese makers. We work really hard to find that balance," he said.

"I think it's a real testament to

not only the support of Australian cheese makers, but also to encourage the cheese makers to let them know that there is an audience out there who truly love and adore what they do. I think that's a really special kind of moment, and the Royal Exhibition is such an epic building."

In addition to a wide variety of cheeses, festival-goers can also look forward to a range of "cheese side hustles", from olives and relishes, to salumi and pickled vegetables.

Drinks will also be provided by local producers including Archie Rose distillery, Das Juice natural wines, and sustainable, boxed wine from Cult Cru.

"It's important to remember that where we put our food dollars is always important, but even more so at the moment being that there's so much pressure in the system, whether it be through hospitality, or in particular artisan



cheese-making businesses with costs going up," Dan told Inner City News.

"What's really encouraging and reassuring is to see that an audience out there is willing to directly support these producers,

and that's the thing I really like the most. Because if we don't support them, we will lose them, and that would be an absolute travesty. So come down, have a great time, and just celebrate the best of Australian cheese." ●



AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS SUPPORT TOP PRIORITY FOR PEOPLE IN THE INNER CITY

Our Neighbourhood Partners at a community pop-up

What would you like to see in your neighbourhood?

Is it better roads and public transport, or cleaner streets? Perhaps it's housing support, more trees and city greening, or more cultural events.

For people in Melbourne's inner city neighbourhoods, the most common response is affordable housing and homelessness support.

Across our city more than 4000 people took City of Melbourne's neighbourhood survey, sharing the issues they want prioritised in their community.

It was a record response for community consultation by City of Melbourne, demonstrating how much our communities care about the future of the neighbourhoods they live, work, study and play in.

We ran the pulse check survey in our 10 neighbourhoods to find out what mattered most to each community - giving you the chance to help shape the future of your area and guide the Council projects and services you and your neighbours value.

With cost-of-living pressures peaking, it's no surprise affordable housing

and homelessness support were high on the list for Carlton, East Melbourne, North Melbourne, the CBD and South Yarra.

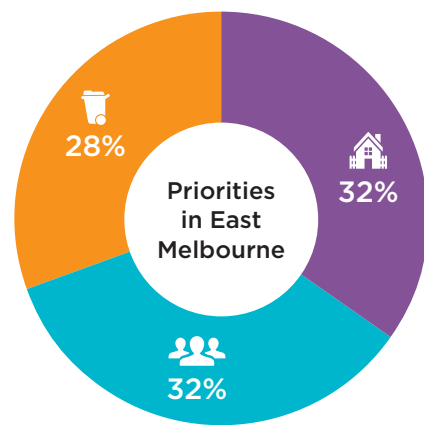
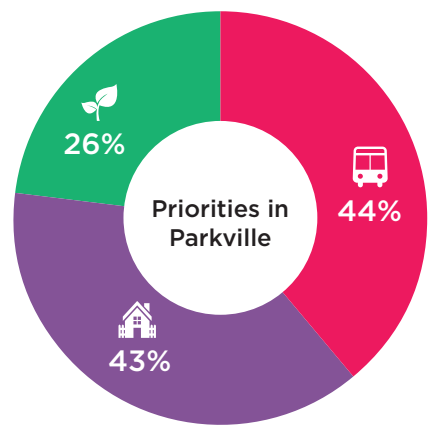
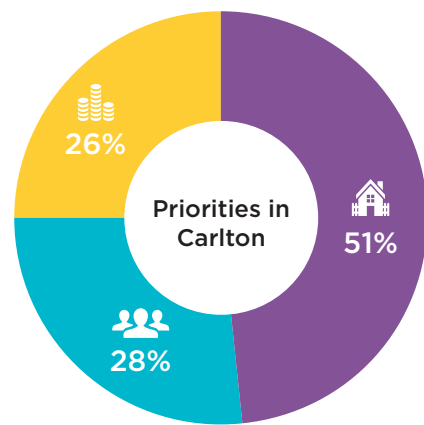
It's an issue we've long prioritised with housing projects like Make Room which is set to provide transitional supported housing for up to 50 residents who've been experiencing homelessness when it opens later this year.

In Parkville, the majority of people identified better roads, paths, public transport and parking as their top priority. Affordable housing was the second top priority.

Creative and cultural events to connect community were also very important to residents in East Melbourne and Carlton, while Parkville also flagged climate action and environmental sustainability as an issue.

Knowing what's important to our community will help us focus our efforts on these services and projects.

We'll now use your priorities, ideas and feedback to inform Council's future budgets and the next four-year Council Plan 2025-2029.



- Affordable housing and homelessness support
- Creative and cultural events to connect community
- Support for local economy, jobs and places
- Cleaner streets, waste and graffiti
- Better roads, paths, public transport and parking
- Climate action and environmental sustainability

* Survey participants were asked to pick their top three priorities.

Discover your Neighbourhood Portal



Find local news and events in Carlton, East Melbourne and Parkville and read more about the Neighbourhood Survey results at participate.melbourne.vic.gov.au/neighbourhoods



What we heard across the neighbourhoods

Affordable housing and homelessness support emerged as the highest priority across all neighbourhoods. Better roads, paths, public transport and parking was also a popular priority across the board.

For more insight into the Neighbourhood Survey results, visit participate.melbourne.vic.gov.au/neighbourhoods



GUIDE TO WINTER WELLBEING

Take a dip in one of our heated pools

Nurture your mind, body and spirit during the cooler months by making the most of the City of Melbourne's free and low-cost facilities and activities.

Physical activity is more than just organised exercise. Little changes like riding to work, walking to a meeting or taking the stairs can make a huge difference to your physical and mental health.

National guidelines tell us that adults should ideally be active every day. Every week, we should undertake at least 2.5 to 5 hours of moderate-intensity activity, or 1.25 to 2.5 hours of vigorous activity, or a combination of the two.

Here's how to move it your way in your neighbourhood:

WALKING OR CYCLING

Rug up and explore our parks and gardens on a leisurely walk, jog or fast-paced run. You can find maps of popular tracks, plus 135 km of on and off-road cycle paths on our website.

POOLS AND GYMS

Our recreation centres in the CBD, Carlton and North Melbourne offer a unique community vibe with friendly staff members to support your fitness journey. Explore them all to discover heated pools and top-notch gyms.

GROUP FITNESS CLASSES

Take your pick from classes for all ages and abilities including reformer pilates, circuit training, spin, dance, boxing,



FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT melbourne.vic.gov.au/activemelbourne

HIIT, BodyPump, yoga, meditation, AquaFit, tai chi and more at your local recreation centre.

ACCESSIBLE EXERCISE

Whether you're seeking a female-only gym session, accessible change rooms, or swimming pool hoists, our services and facilities are designed to offer everyone a welcoming workout.

Reach out to explore inclusive programs like adult swimming lessons, all-abilities touch football, tennis and cricket for people with vision impairment, and the FitSkills program for people with Down Syndrome.

TEAM SPORTS, MARTIAL ARTS, SWORDCRAFT AND MORE

Did you know there are regular swordcraft sessions in the city, with live-action battles? Search our Active Melbourne directory to find team sports galore, including basketball and volleyball.

You can even try your hand at martial arts, ultimate frisbee and dragon boating, or have a round of golf in the beautiful surrounds of Royal Park.

ACTIVE MELBOURNE MEMBERSHIP

We have affordable options to suit you, whether you want to enjoy casual entry, unlimited swims, personalised gym consultations or reciprocal access to all our recreation centre locations.

Members can also access hundreds of virtual classes, tailored programs, daily workouts, progress-tracking and bookings on the **Active Melbourne app**.

How to get your flu vaccine



Bookings for flu vaccinations are now available for our community sessions, individual appointments and workplace immunisations.

Vaccination is the most important measure to prevent influenza and its complications and avoid passing the virus to family, colleagues and friends. It is recommended for all people six months of age and over.



For more information visit melbourne.vic.gov.au/flu vaccine or book via the QR code.

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QUESTION:
What's your favourite winter escape?

Faces of the Inner City



Jo
I like going for walks, especially in the sunshine on the cold days. And if I can, going interstate into warmer weather.



Matt
Going out skiing to Falls Creek.



Pranjali
I'm going to head to the Northern Hemisphere this winter; I'm going to India for a vacation.



Tanya
At the moment, I'm reading a really good murder mystery set on the Greek Islands, and just going for walks on my lunch breaks with my colleagues.



INNER CITY LOCAL

Vinnies soup van volunteer earns prestigious honour

For the past 50 years, Greg Munt has been a dedicated volunteer, spending countless hours each week preparing and serving meals for the St Vincent de Paul soup van.

WORDS BY
BRENDAN REES



The East Melbourne resident said he gets more out of volunteering than he puts into it.

"For me it's a reality check – you can lose sight of what's important, and what's important is family and friends," he said.

"It makes you constantly aware of how good people are."

For his unwavering commitment to helping others, Mr Munt was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in this year's King's Birthday Honours for his "service to the community through social welfare organisations".

But a humbled Mr Munt conceded he was "embarrassed" with the award, noting "there's so many other people who are so equal if not more deserving".

"You don't do it for the awards and if you look at this community, the Australian community, there is a massive percentage of people who do volunteer work," he said.

"Australia is built on volunteers."

Mr Munt was a founding member of the St Vincent de Paul Society Fitzroy soup van in 1975 after he and a group of friends banded together.

"We approached St Vincent de Paul and got money. They allowed us to operate out of Ozanam House in North Melbourne," he said.

"We just used our network of friends to get enough people to run the van. We had soup in canisters, we had sandwiches, fruit. Just whoever fronted up we would feed."

Today, the number of soup vans has grown to 10 with Mr Munt being a volunteer with the Margaret Oats Collingwood soup van since the 2000s.

He said his "life-changing" moment to help others started when he was at university studying engineering in the early '70s and had joined a friend in volunteering for the Missionaries of Charity, Fitzroy, which was a drop-in centre for men.

"You can imagine growing up in Beaumaris/Mentone, going to Fitzroy and looking after a home for homeless, mostly alcoholics. It was confronting and different to the way that I was brought up and the things that I saw," he said.

But reflecting on his journey, Mr Munt said he had met some fabulous people, and that he gets "more out of this than I've ever put in".

"The people that I've met over the over the years, both the people that we see and the volunteers I work with, they've always provided a reality check for my life." ●



“ Is cinema dying ... again? ”

WORDS BY
RUBY LOWENSTEIN

"The cinema is not a slice of life, but a piece of cake" – Alfred Hitchcock.

Rumours of the death of cinema have plagued the industry since the motion picture camera was invented.

In 1897, one of cinema's founding fathers, George Méliès, said that cinema was a creation without a future. In the 1920s, the advent of "talkies" coincided with a US economic decline, decimating box office revenue. In the 1950s, when household televisions in the US boomed from 1 million to 50 million, cinema was again doomed. In the 1990s, the rise of home video technology was the new end. Now a new foe is cited as cinema's likely assassin – digital streaming platforms.

The state of the industry

In 2019, before the pandemic, movie distributors and cinema owners speaking at CinemaCon Las Vegas said there was little to fear from streaming.

However, the pandemic threw movie houses into disarray, with a 67 per cent downturn in Australian box office in 2020. While ticket sales have rebounded to outpace 2020, box office revenue is only 80 per cent of what it was in 2019. Meanwhile, streaming platforms raked in a collective US\$14.4 billion in 2023.

Historically, distribution models have relied on a sequential release pattern – a "window" – to maximise profits. However, the industry is changing so rapidly, that traditional strategies are starting to look obsolete.

The future of cinema, and moves towards innovation



With film tickets in Australia averaging \$16 a pop and the cheapest Netflix subscription costing \$7.99 p/m, streaming services easily outcompete cinemas in terms of cost and quantity of access.

However, evaluating value is challenging. Especially given emerging trends that suggest streaming is undergoing an increasing value deficit. In Australia, the collective cost of household streaming platforms averages \$60 to \$80 a month. What's more, streaming value is being progressively diminished by a new wave of ingrained advertisements and additional "channels" within platforms requiring an extra fee to access content.

While cinema may not be able to compete in the quantity of showings, its true value lies in the quality of experience. Perhaps most importantly, like going to live sports events rather than watching on television, being in a cinema offers atmosphere, a sense of occasion and a shared experience.

To capitalise on this edge, the industry has thrown its weight behind innovation. Like any market product that wants to remain competitive, cinema business models must account for fresh modes of delivery or risk losing their consumers to rivals. Cinemas around the world are adopting complementary experiential services like live concert scores in cinema. Some of the largest US theatre chains have also introduced ticket subscription services – all you can watch for \$18 a month.

Melbourne cinema innovation

Cinemas in Melbourne are embracing this trend towards innovation. Cinema Nova has long utilised innovations such as their meet-the-filmmaker screenings, retrospectives, late-night marathons, and screened theatrical and operatic performances to engaged audiences. Their latest innovation, Scented Cinema, is perhaps one of their most creative, exhibiting films accompanied by sensory supplements including bespoke fragrances, scratch-and-sniff adventures, and boxes filled with edible treats.

Palace Cinema Kino has created a special events program which includes preview screenings of new release films accompanied by a specially themed drink. The Australian Centre for the Moving Image (ACMI) offers diverse film screenings including Q&A panels with creators and crew mingling nights for people interested in filmmaking to network and hear from established filmmakers and industry pros.

What happens next?

Even with these local innovations, the industry as a whole, is undoubtedly at a tipping point. Streaming services grow in power and the old Hollywood guard faces a choice between change or obsolescence. The perpetually asked question of whether cinema is dying is circulating again. Only time will tell whether these challenges are a death knell or a catalyst for innovation.

Based on historical resilience and the marks of contemporary innovation, this author thinks the latter. ●

Find out about more upcoming cinematic innovations in the inner-city:



Yarra Park State School comes back to life

Yarra Park State School in East Melbourne was located in a very prominent position – the intersection of Punt Rd and Bridge Rd.

WORDS BY
TIM HOLLAND - PRESIDENT

The building that still occupies the site and which housed the former school is familiar to generations of Melburnians who have passed through that intersection on the busy roads north-south and east-west.

The school opened in 1874 and closed its doors in 1987 when the buildings were transformed into apartments. Now two books have been produced documenting the history of the former school, and both books will be launched on July 5 by the East Melbourne Historical Society (EMHS).

The author of the history of the Yarra Park school is Ian Hind who is a member of EMHS and a former senior executive with the Education Department. Ian's research has assembled much detail about the school, but his book also places the history of the school in the context of

the development of public education in Victoria.

Yarra Park was an important school in the Victorian public education system and served the East Melbourne and Richmond communities. The school had many boys and girls as pupils who later had notable careers in many different fields, including Sir John Monash.

By the mid-1980s Yarra Park was under the two-way squeeze of falling attendances and the need to widen Punt Rd, an exercise that took houses adjacent to the school and the children's playground. Sadly, the school closed in 1987.

A companion piece to the history of the school is a monograph telling the story of the names on the First World War Roll of Honour at the school.

The Roll of Honour was a magnificent, engraved board which set out most of the names of former pupils who had enlisted in the AIF in the First World War. Unfortunately, this beautiful piece went missing after the closure of the school and has not been seen since.

Ian Hind, Sylvia Black and Tim Holland undertook to do short biographies of the people whose names were on the board, together with some other ex-pupils who enlisted and whose names did not make it



onto the board.

Those who survived the war (many with injuries) had a wide range of post-war experiences, and the setting out of these stories in the book provides a fascinating insight into life in the decades following the First World War.

Both these books will be launched at the East Melbourne Library, 122 George St, East Melbourne at 10.30am on Friday, July 5, and all are welcome to attend. Copies of both books will be available for purchase at the event.

Image: State Library of Victoria. ●

A taste of America comes to East Melbourne

Looking for a unique dining experience with all the flavours of classic American cuisine?

WORDS BY
BRENDAN REES



Then head down to the new Route 66 Bar and Grill at 150 Wellington Parade, East Melbourne, where you can sink your teeth into some mouth-watering burgers featuring favourite ingredients like American cheese, Spanish onion, sliced pickles, and fresh guacamole. It also serves a variety of steaks "cooked to perfection" and marinated ribs.

Its passionate owners Karan Singh and Kamalpreet Kaur opened the venue's doors in February, with a promise to "give something different to locals and neighbourhood they never had before".

"Our menu has unique way of making burgers that are traditional ways of towns on Route 66 – the Oklahoma classic is our famous one," Karan said.

The naming of Route 66 Bar and Grill was inspired by the pair's desire to offer a distinctive dining experience that showcases their enthusiasm and talent.

"I am a chef by trade. I worked in a lot of grill restaurants and steakhouses in Sydney," Karan said. "I then moved to Melbourne seven years ago after I met my partner in Sydney."

"The name comes from Route 66 as I studied the way each town makes their burgers, and we put it

all together," he said.

"We use American-style rubs on ribs and seafood, as well as wagyu beef in our beef burgers. There's also chicken breast fillet marinated in our house recipe."

"Ribs are cooked in our unique house sauces as well, and we also have vegetarian burger options."

The restaurant's interior has a classic American feel with vintage seats and a burgundy leather seat against the wall, as well as a black and cream coloured carpet – making the atmosphere seem like you really are on a road trip.

A big feature is the bar where you can grab a classic cocktail with a modern twist to refreshing mocktails bursting with freshness.

Customers have loved the food and service with a 4.9 out of five-star Google review.

This is Melbourne's latest American dining adventure, highlighting the owners' "boundless potential and innovative restaurant concept". ●

For more information:
route66barandgrill.com.au



Pet's Corner



Wenhao Li and Eleven take on Melbourne together

Since relocating to Melbourne from Brisbane to pursue his studies, Wenhao Li has found solace in the company of his 10-month-old Corgi, Eleven.

"A lot of my friends are still in Brisbane, so when I moved here I decided I really wanted a dog," Wenhao Li told *Inner City News*.

Currently navigating the lively antics typical of puppies, Eleven finds the most joy in playful nibbling.

"He just bites everything at home. When

I buy something new and put it out, he just thinks it's his and bites it," he said.

"I took him to the off-leash dog park and he was chasing the other dog's feet trying to bite them – he's so curious about everything."

Having just finished his final exam, Wenhao Li is enjoying getting to spend more quality time with Eleven, particularly during their walks through Carlton Gardens together.

"When I was at university and felt stressed out about studying for exams, the only way that I would feel de-stressed would be with my dog. He's a great study companion." ●



A resident voice

Elections come around every four years but residents are around for much longer.

WORDS BY
MARTIN BRENNAN

The forthcoming City of Melbourne elections for Lord Mayor, Deputy Lord Mayor and nine councillors will be held in October and already there is jockeying behind the scenes to establish "teams" and supporter networks.

Residents are starting from scratch while businesses have a flying start with two votes, non-attendance voting, citywide representation (no local wards) and thus a city-biased business focus. But residents can have a voice if organised across the suburbs and neighbourhoods that make up this city.

There is a body of resident

opinion that running a resident team ticket could be an option, providing the opportunity to not only elect candidates supportive of our stake in the city but able to negotiate preferences in a highly contested field of teams.

The Carlton Residents' Association (CRA) committee will soon be setting aside time and effort to establish an agenda that reflects a "Resident Voice". It will set out the issues that matter to residents and we will be seeking responses from all candidates so that the council reflects our needs and issues.

Residents are invited to submit the matters that matter to them by contacting me at carltonresidents@gmail.com

Mobility

As readers of *Inner City News* will be aware the east-west links provided by Grattan and Queensberry streets were impacted by the construction of the Parkville Station. This initiative was supported by the CRA and will deliver

an underground rail system of benefit to inner and metropolitan Melbourne now and into the future.

The Mobility Policy adopted by the CRA in 2023 sets out the need for transport in the city to reflect the changing nature of the urban environment and be sustainable, integrated and accessible.

The Policy is explicit in its view that following the completion of the Parkville Station in mid 2024 Grattan St should re-open with the changes proposed by the City of Melbourne three years ago – protected bicycle lanes, additional and accessible bus stops, walking, hook turns to promote traffic flow and one traffic lane in each direction. CRA welcomes the integrated mobility options now available on Grattan St and supports such options across our suburb and city.

CRA is pleased that the council is proposing to complete its policy promise to reinstate Queensberry St and return it to one traffic

lane each way and improve the safety and accessibility of cycling from Peel St to Rathdowne St and increase canopy cover by further tree planting. CRA looks forward to engaging with the council in the community consultation that will begin on June 19 for six weeks.

E-scooters

The trial of a commercial e-scooter scheme initiated in 2022 by the Department of Transport and Planning with the agreement of the Cities of Melbourne, Port Phillip and Yarra continues to be extended. This is despite growing community concerns and now mounting opposition to an e-scooter shared scheme being permitted in the City of Melbourne.

The council has been supportive of the trial and the benefits e-scooters can achieve in the reduction of transport emissions and more efficient use of road space. However, during trial the council is coming to realise that

the lack of a regulatory framework and compliance measures is of concern and has informed the state government that its support is dependent on the council being granted the power to enter into contracts with e-scooter companies that would require compliance through the use of geofencing and the imposition of financial penalties.

This would prevent the riding of e-scooters on footpaths, in our parks and gardens and left in places that may cause injury.

CRA remains sceptical of the trial and its continuing extension by the state government and the role of the e-scooter as a legitimate contribution to mobility options across our city.

However, we do support the council's demand that the state government delegates to it the power to enter into contracts with the commercial providers of e-scooters and regulate their use to the benefit of the city's mobility. ●

PUBLIC HOUSING RESIDENTS' NETWORK

Is the Victorian Government delivering on affordable housing?

The Victorian Auditor General's Office (VAGO) has released a report on the state government's planning of the delivery of "social housing" in recent years.

Its focus was on the Big Housing Build's (BHB) contribution to increasing the number of additional homes in Victoria in public, community, and aboriginal housing. Search on the internet for "VAGO Planning Social Housing".

From the end of June 2017 (when the original Public Housing Renewal Program, the BHB's predecessor program had just started up) until end of June 2023, the report advises there had been a mere net increase of 1771 dwellings – 86,418 to 88,189 (p8). Demolitions have led reductions in public housing and community housing

providers increased their stock.

The report makes clear that community housing is replacing public housing as the government's preferred provider of non-market rent homes. Labor in government in Victoria is abandoning public housing. Community housing charges residents more in rents than does public housing, so the switch is punishing those Labor claims it is helping. Victoria has the highest percentage of residents in community housing being charged up to 30 per cent of their gross household income when compared to other states/territories.

In addition, community housing costs governments more through Commonwealth Rent Assistance payments and, in some cases, ongoing state government subsidies.

The report states that annual operating costs for Homes Victoria – managing tenancies and maintenance – runs at \$710

million per year but no detail on those amounts is provided. The government does not contribute enough to cover these costs.

The Department of Families, Fairness and Housing's response to the report does state that by the end of 2024 it will provide advice on funding the sustainability of public housing (p36). Public housing supporters will be watching out for this advice!

No mention is made of the plan to demolish the 44 high-rise public housing buildings over the next two-and-a-half decades, nor is there any mention of the role that federal government funding might play in the years ahead.

Other Victorian Government housing plans

The government has said it wants to facilitate the construction of 2.5 million new homes by 2051. There is no mention of affordable housing in this announcement. There is, though, an attempt to position lo-

cal councils to back high-density construction and the social media organisation "Yes In My Backyard" (YIMBY) is quoted as being a supporter. Just who the YIMBY folk are and who backs them in all communities that may be in the government's sights is unexplained.

The plan looks unachievable to say the least when the current rate of building contractor insolvencies, the profits that private developers expect and just who can afford to buy or build to rent are considered.

The Australian Greens proposal for a publicly owned home builder is a more certain way forward to build housing for renters and first homeowners. ●

Cory Memery

CITY OF MELBOURNE
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FEDERAL MP

Dutton's nuclear dead cat

The climate crisis and power prices have been back in the news lately.

Let's get one thing straight. The reason we're paying too much for power is because big corporations are making massive profits, at our expense.

Peter Dutton announced that he would pursue nuclear power. In reality, it's an attempt to lock in profits for coal and gas corporations. It's not serious.

It is a dead cat. It's a distraction being peddled by the coal and gas corporations who are trying to keep mining and burning their deadly products. It will lock in expensive coal and gas for decades, so they can

keep making billions in profits and you can keep paying record energy prices.

It's a distraction because Dutton has no chance of winning the next election. Even if he did, he would never be able to get his dangerous plans through the Senate.

The debate about targets and nuclear power is about little more than hot air. Neither Labor nor Liberal targets will meet Paris climate goals, with both committed to coal and gas.

While all that was happening, it's possible you missed some of what we have been able to achieve in Parliament. We were able to force Labor to shelve their plans to fast track offshore gas.

In Parliament, you get used to seeing the

government walk in and demand the Parliament back whatever changes the coal and gas industry demand, so it was significant for us to be able to use our numbers, take them on and prevent more offshore gas from being accelerated.

Labor's plan ignored the concerns of First Nations people who were opposed to the offshore gas developments.

Now we need to make coal and gas corporations pay more tax.

Fifty-four coal and gas corporations made more than \$100 billion in revenue in the last financial year and didn't pay a single cent in tax.

We're in the middle of a cost-of-living crisis, people are being forced to choose

between eating and heating their homes, and Labor is refusing to make coal and gas corporations pay their fair share of tax.

And we're in the middle of a climate crisis, but emissions still keep going up. The latest data shows pollution has risen since Labor came to office. The massive support for more coal and gas is putting a safer future for us all out of reach. ●

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METRO TUNNEL



Big day out for Parkville locals exploring the new Parkville Station

A group of Parkville’s workers and residents have been treated to a tour of the recently completed Parkville Station by the Metro Tunnel Project.

Over a single day in June, more than 1000 hospital workers, university staff and the Parkville Association members passed under the station’s 54m-long skylight on Grattan St to its platforms more than 30 metres below ground.

Visitors were able to get up close and personal with the new station’s modern features, as well as the artwork *Vernal Glade*, by renowned Melbourne artist Patricia Piccini.

They also toured the 44m-long Royal Parade underpass, which will connect the station, hospitals, and University of Melbourne. The underpass will allow pedestrians to cross Royal Parade safely without waiting for traffic.

Peter Mac’s Rose Kinsella said the station would make getting to the hospital easier for staff and patients.

“The last thing you want someone to be doing when they’re going through che-

motherapy or radiation is having them struggle getting on and off trams, which is what we have to do at the moment,” Ms Kinsella said.

“That easy lift straight from Parkville Station, straight into the front door of Peter Mac, will be really, really helpful.”

Professor Justin Denholm of The Royal Melbourne Hospital said, “As someone who has been up in these buildings, watching the whole thing go up from the beginning, it’s been wonderful to see it all come full circle.”

The tour came just weeks after major construction was finished on Parkville Station and just days before Grattan St reopened to motorists and cyclists for the first time in six years.

Meanwhile work continues on the Metro Tunnel’s other stations – Anzac, State Library and Town Hall – and train testing is progressing deep beneath the CBD.

The Metro Tunnel is the biggest upgrade to Victoria’s rail network since the City Loop opened in 1981.

It will free up space in the City Loop, creating a new end-to-end rail line from Sunbury in the north-west to Cranbourne and Pakenham in the south-east – via a new tunnel under the city. ●

PARKVILLE ASSOCIATION



Welcome back Grattan St

On the evening of Saturday, June 15, the barriers were removed on the Eastern side of Royal Parade and Grattan St was reopened.

The lead article in this issue covers the re-opening, however, I would like to say how thrilled I was to walk Grattan on the 15th and drive by early the next day.

While we were promised it would be reopened there was heavy lobbying to keep the street closed following the completion of the works for Parkville Station. Rumours spread and we worked very hard with all parties to ensure it did not remain closed!

I would like to thank the Lord Mayor Sally Capp and Deputy Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece for their support. They must have been sick of the constant questions and emails, however, the vital link from Royal Parade to Carlton will be great for residents and removing some of the Parkville “rat runners”!

We must also appreciate how important the reopening will be for Carlton traders who have suffered during COVID and will now pick up more traffic from the adjacent suburbs.

To CYP (Cross Yarra Partnership), a job well done. As a community we could not have wished for more cooperation, information, and teamwork. The only things missing now are the trains which will be here this time next year.

The station is looking magnificent and on

June 11, 20 Parkville Association members were treated to a trip around the station!

South Parkville residents will have noticed traffic counters recently. The City of Melbourne was conducting traffic flows prior to the reopening of Grattan St and will do another survey post the school holidays to see whether the “rat running” has decreased.

We will also be holding a public meeting after the one hosted by the council to look at calming and other traffic measures in our suburb.

Many congratulations to Father Joe Caddy who has been the Parish Priest at St Carthage’s since May 2021. Father Joe took the role on as well as his role as Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

Father Joe has been appointed the Bishop of Cairns; a role he will take up in August. Joe has lived in Parkville during his local role and has become a well-liked and respected resident and a member of our community.

Finally, the Parkville Association will be holding its annual Christmas in July on July 22. Members are urged to book early as we will have several key guests and the usual fun night. ●

Rob Moore

PRESIDENT

PARKVILLE ASSOCIATION



EAST MELBOURNE NEIGHBOURHOOD NETWORK

Congratulations, Susan Henderson

An active member of our community for more than 20 years, Sue Henderson received a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in this year’s King’s Birthday Honours List, for services to the community of East Melbourne.

Susan founded the East Melbourne Neighbour Network (EMNN) in 2015, a community organisation that aims to promote a spirit of neighbourliness, support residents on issues relating to health and wellbeing, and provide opportunities to educate, share information and interact socially.

Under Susan’s direction, the organisation has grown into a

thriving and inclusive community group which offers a range of health and wellbeing programs including a morning coffee and guest speaker series of talks, activity classes offered each term, including gentle exercise, pilates, yoga and chair yoga, health qigong, book groups, walking group, ukulele, community choir, intergenerational meet-ups (with kindergarten children and residents), monthly Sunday lunches and coffee catch-up groups.

Susan established the East Melbourne Connect Facebook page which helps to connect locals and share information, and she is a former committee member of the East Melbourne Group and former convenor of its amenities committee.

This award shines a light on all



the efforts Susan has put into the East Melbourne community over many years and it acknowledges the impact and the difference she’s made in our community.

The Term 3 health & wellbeing program will recommence on July 15 and includes activities for people of all ages.

Monday: Chair Yoga (10.30am); Gentle Yoga: (5.30pm); Book Group (7pm)

Tuesday: Walking Group (8.30am); Mindful Matt Pilates (9am); Tai Chi (10.30am); Book Group (12noon); Mahjong (3-5pm); Community Choir (7pm)

Thursday: Pilates (9am and 10.30am); Ukulele (3pm);

Friday: Gentle Exercise (9.30am); Social Morning Coffee (10.30am - monthly)

Various dates: Intergenerational Meet up (with Kindergarten children and seniors), 10am (monthly)

For more information: Email sue and Ann-Maree emnn3002@gmail.com



The East Melbourne Community Choir is seeking a pianist!

This is an opportunity for a local resident to share their talents as a musician and become involved in our community by accompanying the conductor at rehearsals and play vocal lines with singers.

The choir is a friendly, relaxed group of community members who enjoy singing together. The choir sings an eclectic repertoire of music including musicals, pop, folk and classical in two- and three-part harmony.

Rehearsals: Tuesday of each month during school term.

Time: 7pm to 8.30pm
Venue: Unitarian Church, 110 Grey St, East Melbourne. Contact Ann-Maree (0417 173 818) or email: emnn3002@gmail.com ●

Quiz



1. What was the title of the political magazine founded by John F. Kennedy Jr.?
2. America Ferrera (pictured) starred as the titular character in which 2006 comedy drama series?
3. In which year did Carlton FC win its first VFL/AFL premiership?
4. According to the City of Melbourne, how many people live in Parkville: A) 8,003 B) 9,114 or C) 9,843?
5. *I Think I'm Gonna Like It Here* and *Easy Street* are songs from which Broadway musical?
6. In the 1950s, there were discussions to hold the 1956 Olympics at what location?
7. Which US jazz musician had the nickname 'Bird' or 'Yardbird'?
8. Helping over 250,000 young people since establishment in 1984, what Parkville icon recently celebrated its 40th birthday?
9. Where in East Melbourne will you find The Conservatory, a near-100-year-old Spanish Mission-style glasshouse?
10. Which musical duo recorded the soundtrack to the 1968 film *The Graduate*?
11. On what date will the Melbourne City Council elections take place?
12. The Eiffel Tower and what building are the only original structures left standing today from the golden period of world expositions?

QUIZ SOLUTIONS

1. George 2. *Ugly Betty* 3. 1906 4. A) 8,003
5. *Urban Camp* 6. Fitzroy Gardens
7. Charlie Parker
8. 11. October 26
9. Royal Exhibition Building
10. Simon & Garfunkel
11. 12. The Eiffel Tower and the Sydney Opera House

5x5

No. 302

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

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SOLUTIONS

Across: Lined, Inane, Novas, Elect, Dents
Down: Lamer, Inane, Novas, Elect, Dents

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Sudoku

No. 037

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

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SOLUTIONS

EASY

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HARD

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Wordfind

Theme: Weather

The leftover letters will spell out a secret message.

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| DROUGHT | SLEET |
| FLOOD | STORM |
| FORECAST | SUN |
| FROST | TEMPERATURE |
| HEAT | THUNDER |
| HUMIDITY | |

Secret message: Cumulonimbus

Crossword

No. 037

ACROSS

- 1 Waiflike (4)
- 3 Helpers (10)
- 10 Premise (11)
- 11 Slash (3)
- 12 On the seashore (7)
- 13 Hurricane (7)
- 14 Compelled (7)
- 15 Compress (7)
- 17 Denial (7)
- 20 Hang (7)
- 22 Ocean creature (3,4)
- 24 Maybe (7)
- 26 Greeted (3)
- 27 Chaos (11)
- 28 Shades (10)
- 29 Prefix meaning million (4)

DOWN

- 1 Issue (5)
- 2 Detach (7)
- 4 Adept (7)
- 5 Nutty (7)
- 6 Piano professional (5)
- 7 Transcendent state (7)
- 8 Propped up (9)
- 9 Gets in touch with (8)
- 14 Christian holiday (9)
- 16 Fungus (8)
- 18 Level (7)
- 19 Myths (7)
- 20 Most excellent (7)
- 21 Scrutinise (7)
- 23 Part of a jacket (5)
- 25 Dance (5)

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SOLUTION

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Codeword

No. 037

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SOLUTIONS

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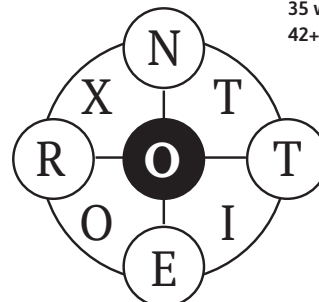
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9-Letter

No. 037

Today's Focus:
22 words: Good
35 words: Very good
42+ 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".



Reference:
Collins Concise
English Dictionary

SOLUTIONS

entrot, extort, EXTORTION, into, intort, intro, iron, itron, nitro, noir, noter, nori, notat, onit, oont, orient, otter, oxen, oxer, riot, roneo, root, rote, rotten, rotl, roto, tenor, tone, toner, tonite, tonit, tort, torte, torte, toot, tooter, tore, torl, torn, toro, torre, tote, toxin, trio, triton, tritone, trot

WHAT'S ON July



Experience Melbourne's inner city buzz this month! Explore eclectic art galleries, indulge in gourmet dining, and dance the night away at vibrant nightlife spots.



THE FINDERS KEEPERS DESIGN MARKET
The Finders Keepers Design Market returns this winter, bringing more than 270 of Australia's best independent designers, makers and foodies to Carlton, Narrm.

Royal Exhibition Building

JULY 12 TO 14



MAKE YOUR OWN T. REX MASKS
These school holidays, channel your inner dinosaur at the Melbourne Museum. Our thrilling new exhibition, Victoria the T. rex, sets the stage for a hands-on adventure.

Melbourne Museum

UNTIL JULY 12



NOCTURNAL: MUSEUM AFTER DARK
On the second Thursday night of every month, catch up with friends and uncover the mysteries behind some of the world's most fascinating exhibits with tours, talks and trivia. Sip on cocktails and grab a bite to eat.

Melbourne Museum

UNTIL SEPTEMBER 12



MOTLEY JAZZ
You're invited to The Motley Bauhaus' weekly instalment of Motley Jazz on Saturday afternoons. This free event features some of Melbourne's finest jazz musicians playing your favourite standards and originals.

The Motley Bauhaus - 118 Elgin St

UNTIL JULY 27



YOGA CLASS IN ITALIAN
Join a beginner yoga class in Italian. All ages and levels are welcome! And don't worry if you're not fluent - you can easily follow along with the teacher's movements and learn a few new Italian words

CO.AS.IT - 189 Faraday St

JULY 6 - 2PM TO 3.30PM



JOSH STALEY: POKER FACE
Comedian, magician and showman Josh Staley returns to the Melbourne Magic Festival with Poker Face, showcasing the high-energy, modern magic that has taken Josh across the globe.

Arrow on Swanston - 488 Swanston St

JULY 9 - 13



THE COMMUNITY GROCER CARLTON
The Community Grocer Carlton is a weekly pop-up fruit and vegetable market selling up to 140 types of fruit and vegetables at affordable prices.

510 Lygon St, Carlton

FRIDAYS, 8AM - 12PM



COOK TO CONNECT
Join a dietician in these sessions to learn new tips and tricks for cooking healthy and delicious meals. Even without all the bells and whistles of a full kitchen it is still possible to make nutritious food.

Kathleen Syme, 251 Faraday St, Carlton

TUESDAYS, UNTIL DECEMBER 17, 11AM - 1PM



LOCAL LUNCH CLUB
At the Local Lunch Club, a delicious free vegetarian lunch will be cooked on-site by Open Table using diverted surplus food that otherwise would have gone to waste.

Kathleen Syme, 251 Faraday St, Carlton

UNTIL AUGUST 17, 12PM - 2PM



MAMMA BALL PARKVILLE
A free women-only basketball skills and fitness program providing social connection for participants. Mamma Ball is inclusive of those who identify as a woman and non-binary participants.

Court 3 - State Sports Centre - 10 Brens Drive

JULY 18 - SEPTEMBER 19



EAST MELBOURNE NEIGHBOUR NETWORK
The East Melbourne Neighbour Network aims to create a thriving and inclusive community and provides a range of health and wellbeing activities for people of all ages, as well as a community choir. For further info contact:

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The Melbourne City Council elections

You have until 6 August to enrol

If you are enrolled, you must vote.

You do not need to be an Australian citizen.

Information about how to enrol to vote is available in many languages.



Melbourne City Council 选举

如欲成为选民,请在8月6日前进行登记。若您登记成为选民,则必须参加投票。

非澳大利亚公民也可参与投票。

有关如何登记投票的信息,有多语种版本供您查阅。

Melbourne City Council 選舉

如欲成為選民,必須於8月6日前進行登記。如閣下已登記成為選民,則必須參與投票。

投票人不需為澳洲公民。

關於如何登記成為選民的資訊設有多種語言版本可供查閱。

Las elecciones de la Municipalidad de la Ciudad de Melbourne (Melbourne City Council)

El plazo para empadronarse vence el 6 de agosto. Si usted está empadronado/a, deberá votar.

No es necesario ser ciudadano/a australiano/a para poder votar.

La información para empadronarse a fin de poder votar está disponible en varios idiomas.

Melbourne City Council 선거

8월 6일에 등록이 마감됩니다. 등록된 경우 투표는 의무입니다.

투표하기 위해 호주 시민일 필요는 없습니다.

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การเลือกตั้ง Melbourne City Council

คุณสามารถลงทะเบียนได้จนถึงวันที่ 6 สิงหาคม หากคุณลงทะเบียน คุณจะต้องลงคะแนนเสียง

คุณไม่จำเป็นต้องเป็นพลเมืองออสเตรเลีย

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Các cuộc bầu cử Melbourne City Council

Quý vị có đến ngày 6 tháng 8 để ghi tên vào danh sách cử tri. Nếu là cử tri, quý vị phải bỏ phiếu.

Quý vị không cần phải là công dân Úc.

Thông tin về cách thức ghi tên vào danh sách cử tri có sẵn bằng nhiều ngôn ngữ.

Melbourne City Council انتخابات بلدية مدينة

لديك حتى 6 أغسطس/آب للتسجيل في قائمة الناخبين. يجب أن تُصوّت إذا كان اسمك مسجلاً في قائمة الناخبين.

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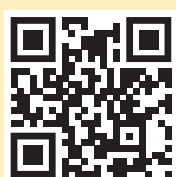
تتوافر المعلومات حول كيفية التسجيل للاقتراع بالعديد من اللغات.

Doorashooyinka Melbourne City Council

Waxaad haysataa ilaa 6 Agoosto si aad isu qorto. Haddii aadan isqorin, waxaa waajib kugu ah inaad codka bixiso.

Uma baahnid inaad tahay muwaadin Australiyaana.

Maclumaadka ku saabsan sida la isu qoro si cod loo bixiyo waxaa lagu hellaa luqada badan.



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