



New Lygon Street Market to launch in Argyle Square in September

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The crew behind the renowned Rose Street Artists' Market in Fitzroy is launching a new market in Carlton this September.

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The inaugural Lygon Street Market will be held at Piazza Italia in Argyle Square on September 1 between 10am and 3pm.

The vibrant heart of Carlton is set to become even more lively with the launch of the Lygon Street Market, a new monthly market that promises to showcase the very best in locally made art, design, and tasty treats.

The new event, supported by the City of Melbourne and local trader group Carlton Inc., aims to provide a platform for local artisans, designers, and food vendors to display and sell their unique creations.

Visitors can expect an array of high-quality products ranging from handmade jewellery and original artwork

to delectable food and beverages, all crafted with passion and expertise.

Rose Street Market spokesperson Adam Ferrante was joined by Lord Mayor Nick Reece and Carlton Inc. president Sergio Alderuccio at Argyle Square on August 25 to announce the new market series. "We are thrilled to bring this exciting new market to Carlton," Mr Ferrante said.

"Our goal is to create a vibrant community space where people can come together to enjoy and support the incredible talent of our local artists, designers, and food producers."

Lord Mayor Nick Reece said the new market would "invoke the European vibe of community markets, uniting the neighbourhood and creating new traditions".

"On the first Sunday of every month, stalls of makers and mongers will line Argyle Square, inviting Melburnians and visitors to browse, discover and get excited about what's on offer," Cr Reece said.

"This is the culmination of two years' of hard work alongside great members of the Carlton community including Adam Ferrante and Sergio Alderuccio – congratulations to all involved."

The Lygon Street Market will operate on the first Sunday of every month. ●

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Renewed Arron Wood “energised” about the road ahead at Town Hall

“A fresh start, a proven record” is the message at the heart of Arron Wood’s reinvigorated bid for the City of Melbourne, citing a lack of vision for the city as his prime motivation for returning for another crack at Town Hall.

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It’s no small thing to put yourself up for public office. As the former Deputy Lord Mayor knows all too well, “it’s the most public job interview you can go for”.

After falling short against Sally Capp during the COVID-riddled 2020 election, he admitted “it was actually really hard to lose” after putting his vision out there for the people of Melbourne at the time.

“I think COVID was really tough for so many people,” Mr Wood told *Inner City News* when reflecting on the 2020 campaign. “It was tough even to get out and talk to people because they were dealing with so much.”

But as the pandemic continued to take hold across Melbourne, he said that the time away from council, where he served between 2012 and 2020, had given him precious time with his young family during a crucial period.

“COVID had a long tail and our family like a lot of families suffered, particularly our kids – they really got impacted with online schooling and all the rest of it. So, it took them a long time to bounce back,” he said.

“In the end, you deal with whatever you’re given and what I was given was certainly not second prize – I got to actually spend more time with my family when they needed me most.”

With Melbourne ultimately falling victim to the world’s longest lockdowns, Mr Wood is the first to “recognise it’s not easy to bounce back” as the City of Melbourne dealt with more than its share of challenges over the course of the last council term.

And he said that if “things had been flying”, perhaps there would have been no need to mount a comeback to Town Hall.

But in his words, he said “things aren’t going in the right direction”, and that it was the “lack of vision for what Melbourne

should be as a city” which challenged him the most.

With that, and following consultation with the people who know him best – namely his family who he said were “110 per cent” behind him – he’s putting himself out there for the city he loves once again.

“It’s a combination of factors,” Mr Wood told *Inner City News*. “Still having that passion and drive, knowing that I’ve got the skills to do the job and then seeing the city head in the wrong direction.”

“I saw crime, city cleanliness, even just the way of getting in and around the city, how businesses were struggling, how people were struggling. But the biggest thing for me was that lack of vision for what Melbourne should be as a city.”

The well-known environmentalist and Kensington resident of nearly 20 years, who founded and ran innovative education program Kids Teaching Kids for more than 20 years from its City of Melbourne home before entering politics, led the city through significant change during his eight years on council and chaired governance, finance and environment.

Among many of his notable achievements, Mr Wood played an instrumental role in the council’s Melbourne Renewal Energy Project (MREP), enabling a new wind farm in Ararat to power the city’s infrastructure, paving the way for MREP2.

Serving as Deputy Lord Mayor during his last term on council, he also led the city as Acting Lord Mayor through one of its most tumultuous periods following allegations of sexual misconduct made against former Lord Mayor Robert Doyle.

He said voters only needed to “go back to my track record” to prove that “when I promise something, I deliver”, adding that unlike his main opponent in current Lord Mayor Nick Reece, he was heading into this campaign with a united team.

Cr Reece is a long-time Labor Party member who is running as an independent in this election on a “unity ticket” alongside Liberal Party member Cr Roshena Campbell as his deputy – an idea Mr Wood described as “farcical.”

“The idea of a unity ticket, where someone from a completely different political persuasion and vision from the opposite political space suddenly joined hearts, I think is a little bit farcical,” Mr Wood said.

“I do want people to be sceptical in this election of what’s been said.”

Under a “five-point plan” for the city, Mr Wood has a suite of policies aimed at cost of living, city safety, cleanliness and greenery, the economy, residential communities and “reviving Melbourne’s cultural heartbeat”.

Announcing swimwear entrepreneur Erin Deering as his running mate in August, Team Wood has already pledged to make Melbourne Australia’s “Christmas Capi-



tal” and has promised a zero per cent rate freeze – a policy he last introduced at Town Hall during COVID as chair of finance.

As the campaign for Town Hall ramps up heading into September, Mr Wood told *Inner City News* he was “feeling energised about what I could do if I was elected”, and that he represented a “clear choice” between change and “more of the same”.

“The City of Melbourne is there to be provide good customer service, and that’s something which actually does excite me – to lead that culture,” he said.

“The biggest excitement I got while I was on council was going down to a residents’ group or even a lone resident who’s got an issue and they’ve been banging their head against the brick wall trying to get it solved.”

“I’m really clear with people I speak to that if they want just to meander along more of the same, then vote for the current Town Hall leadership, but not if you want a change in direction – if you want to actually start fixing some of the problems that we have.”

As for locals in Carlton, East Melbourne and Parkville, he said, “we need to be a safer city and see greater support for struggling small businesses.”

“Sadly, we’ve seen a 10 per cent jump in crime and this is impacting the amenity for residents,” he said. “As a Melbourne University student, Lygon St was always buzzing with life, but I’m hearing from businesses that it’s really tough going.” ●



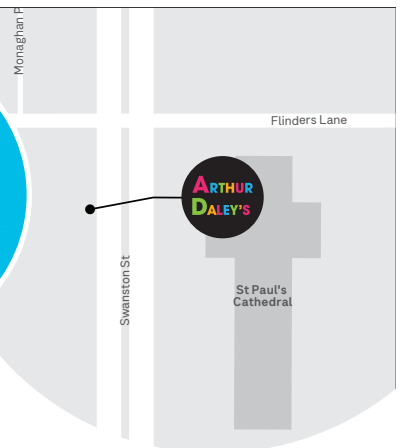
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Carlton's new cannoli store opens its doors

Another brainchild of That's Amore Cheese founder Giorgio Linguanti is Carlton's very own flagship Cannoleria.

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With five stores in Melbourne, the Carlton store is the first Cannoleria to have indoor seating.

The flagship store, located at 334 Lygon St, is dedicated to savouring the Italian experience, which entails enjoying life slowly with coffee and a cannolo.

The store is open Wednesday to Sunday and can seat 18 guests, and each day there will be four flavours to choose from – traditional Sicilian, chocolate, tiramisu and the ever-innovative rotating flavour of the week.

Cannoleria Carlton boasts a neutral palette décor with accents of blue and furniture from the sustainable boutique design studio, So Watt.

To complement the cannoli, the store has traditional Italian-style St Remio coffee on offer, available in servings of two, four or six,

each comes with mini cannoli, so customers can be taken to Sicily, if only for a moment.

With a wide range of cannoli and hot drinks available, Cannoleria Carlton needs to be on the destination list for any cannoli or dessert lover.

The first store was opened in 2018 by multi-award-winning cheesemaker Giorgio Linguanti and chef Dario Di Clerico.

The founders were united by a shared dedication to food innovation, and their journey led to the creation of the authentic Sicilian cannoli.

The cannoli are filled with That's Amore Cheese ricotta, preserva-



tive-free and are made with locally sourced, seasonal ingredients.

Before starting Cannoleria, Mr Linguanti, migrated to Melbourne without knowing a word of English.

In only four years, the young Sicilian had started That's Amore Cheese and won an award at

the Royal Melbourne Fine Food Awards.

He began with just one product, bocconcini leaf, which was a huge hit with the Italian restaurants in Melbourne and soon after he began making burrata and smoked scamorza.

Now with That's Amore Cheese being one of Victoria's most established cheese companies and the flagship Cannoleria store open in Carlton, Mr Linguanti, is continuing to make his mark on Melbourne and keeping the Sicilian dream alive. ●

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Council seeks community input on the East Melbourne Heritage Review

The City of Melbourne has launched the first heritage review of East Melbourne in more than 20 years, with consultation still open until September 6.

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The ongoing consultations, which began in late July, will inform the heritage review that will be undertaken until June next year.

The long-overdue review of heritage across East Melbourne comes as welcome news to the local community, with the council's most recent heritage information on the area based on a study conducted in 2000.

After community consultation closes on September 6, an independent heritage consultant will provide a historical overview of the area and propose changes to existing heritage places and precincts, as well as protections for new ones.

The resulting proposed heritage overlays will offer protection to places of local significance by requiring the council to issue planning permits for any new developments.

The heritage review will go before the Future Melbourne Committee in late 2025, after which an amendment to the Melbourne Planning Scheme will be proposed.

A public exhibition of the proposed amendment will take place in 2026.

This review is the latest in a series of heritage studies undertaken by the City of Melbourne during the past four years, including reviews of the Hoddle Grid, South Yarra, Parkville, North Melbourne and Carlton.

According to East Melbourne Group president Greg Bisinella, the community has been calling for a heritage review since one was promised at the beginning of the 2020 council elections.

Since then, Mr Bisinella said the community had "fought several applications that have threatened the heritage fabric of East Melbourne," costing "much time and expense" at VCAT.

In 2021, East Melbourne residents advocated against a proposal to partially de-

molish Eblana, a mansion built in 1883 for Young and Jackson pub founder Thomas Jackson, to make way for a luxury apartment building. That redevelopment has since proceeded and is expected to be completed in 2025.

Plans show that the remodelling will follow a recent trend in redevelopments of heritage buildings where only the building's facade is retained as an homage to its history.

"The last 70 years has seen the degradation of our heritage," Mr Bisinella told *Inner City News*.

"East Melbourne could be described as the 'jewel in the crown' of intact heritage properties in Melbourne. Others have referred to it as an oasis. What is unequivocal is that our heritage is under threat from inappropriate development applications, lax planning regulations and a system that is biased towards those with the most money."

The Participate Melbourne webpage has been open for community submissions since July 29.

Among the buildings that the East Melbourne Historical Society hopes will be

considered for heritage protections is Ascot Lodge on Hoddle St, which is an Art Deco building.

Though it now sits empty, Ascot Lodge was once a hostel with 22 rooms, one of which was let to local figure Scarfy, who was known for selling hand-knitted footy scarves out of his window in the '80s and '90s.

Other buildings being submitted for consideration include the interwar flats built by notable architect I. G. Anderson at Tunbridge Manor, as well as a 1940 apartment block at 246 Albert St and the Moderne style flats at 23 Albert St.

Consultation remains ongoing through a range of avenues; individuals can upload to the council's "East Melbourne postcard wall" which asks submitters what they would feature on a postcard for the area, add to a digital memory map of locations of historical, cultural or social significance, and sign up for community-led walks covering specific areas within East Melbourne.

Council officers and heritage consultants will also be holding an information session at East Melbourne Library on Thursday, August 29 from 5.30pm. ●

A café with a cause opens shop in East Melbourne

Melbourne based not-for-profit STREAT has opened a new café in Melbourne, not only providing the community with a new place to eat but also opportunities for disadvantaged youth.

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STREAT is a social enterprise that provides disadvantaged young people aged between 16 and 24 with on-the-job training and supported pathways in hospitality.

The Gate 8 STREAT café is located at 88 Jolimont St East Melbourne and is now open to the public from Monday to Friday between 8am and 3pm, serving coffee, handmade pastries and sandwiches, salads and slices and muffins.

STREAT co-founder and CEO, Rebecca Scott OAM, said that they aim to make difference to young people who face a range of barriers and disadvantage.

"We aim to provide a sense of connection, safety and belonging to our young people," she said.

"We want our young people to thrive in all parts of their lives. We want them to feel a sense of belonging at STREAT, and know deeply that we're here to help them achieve a healthy self, healthy job and a healthy home."

Since 2010 STREAT has worked with more than 3000 young people, who have helped the organisation make over three million meals and coffees for Melbournians.

The social enterprise has a portfolio of 10 hospitality businesses guided by more than 90 industry experts, social workers and youth workers who provide

wraparound support services and and work readiness skills to those who need them most.

According to Ms Scott, "people" and the "planet" are the centre of everything they do at STREAT, and its overall business is both socially and environmentally friendly towards local communities, with 100 per cent of its profits reinvested in the enterprise's work with young people.

"We know we've done transformative work with individual young people. We haven't however, transformed the system around our young people - this will be a key focus of our upcoming decades."

With limited cafe options in the surrounding area, the Gate 8 STREAT café will provide a great opportunity for businesspeople and locals to come in, enjoy the delicious offerings and be doing socially impactful purchasing every time they place an order.

"We are delighted to be servicing the East Melbourne community and continuing our work with marginalised youth. Every delicious meal or coffee helps fund our youth programs, we look forward to meeting you," Ms Scott said. ●

A new, safer Melbourne under Gary Morgan

East Melbourne resident Gary Morgan is back for another bid for Lord Mayor, and this time improving safety is at the heart of his campaign for a new and "bigger" Melbourne.

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Mr Morgan, who is the chairman of Roy Morgan Research and a co-founder of the Committee for Melbourne, is competing in his seventh City of Melbourne election in 2024.

In the past, his preferences have proven significant to the successful Lord Mayoral candidate in the race for Town Hall. In 2020, that was Sally Capp.

This time around, he's tipped to be favouring Ms Capp's former running mate and current Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece, while historically Mr Morgan's previous campaigns have also added one councillor to the City of Melbourne.

The most recent councillor elected under Team Morgan was Carlton resident Dr Jackie Watts,

who served for two terms between 2012 and 2020. It's not yet confirmed who will be making up his 2024 councillor ticket.

Speaking with *Inner City News* in August, Mr Morgan, a passionate and long-time resident of East Melbourne, said he was fighting in this election to improve safety in the area and "get rid of the thugs, drugs and graffiti".

He's vowed to work with the state government and Victoria Police to better utilise protective services officers (PSOs), arguing those currently based at Jolimont Station could be deployed to patrol the neighbouring streets of East Melbourne. ●

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Arron Wood pledges to green Pelham St

Long-mooted plans to create a green biodiversity corridor from Carlton Gardens to University Square along Pelham St in Carlton would be realised if Arron Wood becomes Lord Mayor.

The upcoming City of Melbourne elections have been turned into somewhat of a referendum on Greenline, with Lord Mayoral candidate Arron Wood pledging to scrap the project if elected in October.

The \$315 million revitalisation of the Yarra River's north bank between Birrarung Marr to the Bolte Bridge was the central project of former Lord Mayor Sally Capp's election platform, with construction already begun in May this year.

But while the council adopted a funding strategy for the project just prior to the former Lord Mayor's departure from Town Hall, its future is anything but secured given the complex nature of land ownership that stretches the length of the north bank.

Appearing alongside his candidate for Deputy Lord Mayor Erin Deering at Birrarung Marr on August 25, Mr Wood said that if elected, the remaining money unspent on Greenline would be redirected to local "community and sustainability initiatives".

One of the six new open space projects proposed under his plan would be a green linear park along Pelham St, which the council most recently identified as a potential "biodiversity corridor" in its master plan for University Square.

As reported by *Inner City News* in January, the council also identified Pelham St as a key "connector" and earmarks opportunities for increased permeability and open space in its most recent Carlton Urban Forest Plan (2013-2023). ●

Greens reveal housing policy for the City of Melbourne

The Greens are pushing for an "abundance of affordable homes" in the City of Melbourne as the central policy initiative of its election campaign for Town Hall.

WORDS BY SEAN CAR



A "fairer, greener Melbourne" is the message the Greens are urging Melburnians to get behind as the party pledges to do everything it can to shift the needle on providing desperately needed affordable homes in the city.

Launching their campaign in Carlton on August 18, the Greens' 2024 bid for Melbourne will be led by Lord Mayor and Deputy Lord Mayor candidates, North Melbourne resident Roxane Ingleton and CBD resident and mental health peer support worker Marley McRae McLeod.

While the City of Melbourne's electoral gerrymander, where businesses are given two votes to residents' one, makes it near impossible for a Greens Lord Mayor to be elected, the party has historically contributed two councillors to Town Hall.

As previously reported by *Inner City News*, the number one and two spots on the Greens' councillor ticket will be taken by current Cr Dr Olivia Ball, and newcomer West Melbourne resident Karl Hessian.

Current Cr Rohan Leppert, who has served three consecutive terms over 12 years at the City of Melbourne for the Greens, won't be recontesting at the elections in October.

Speaking at the party's campaign launch, Roxane Ingleton, a registered midwife at the Royal Women's Hospital, said she was running for Lord Mayor because she believed in a more "affordable, sustainable and healthy city".



Having lived and worked in Melbourne for much of her life, she said she was passionate about creating connected communities and "fighting for compassionate treatment of the most vulnerable among us".

"I live and breathe Melbourne," Ms Ingleton said. "My work sees me interacting with and caring for our local community members from all walks of life, often during the most sensitive and transformative time of their lives."

She added that much of her work was about "championing fairness and equality, both in the workplace among my colleagues, in our health system and in our broader communities".

Speaking with *Inner City News* ahead of the party's campaign launch, she said the issue of housing went to heart of this message, and that the Greens were the only team with a plan to do something about it in Melbourne.

With opportunities for a greater number of affordable homes in urban renewal areas like Arden, Ms Ingleton said the Greens would continue pressuring the government to go harder.

"The pandemic, recession and ongoing cost of living crisis has exposed unreliable, insecure work as well as soaring housing prices across the city. I know what it means to be an essential worker that struggles to

affordably live near my work," she said. "Rental affordability and housing diversity are in a dire state. We need abundant housing supply, and we need to do it well. We need quality and affordable homes to support healthy communities, and we need our services, infrastructure and green open space to keep pace with growth."

"As Lord Mayor I will fight for quality, energy efficient affordable housing close to where people work. The plan I announce today will build a more affordable and more sustainable city."

Sharing its housing policy exclusively with *Inner City News*, the Greens plan to:

- Meet and beat the Victorian Government's draft Housing Target for the City of Melbourne through a municipal planning strategy.
- Expand Homes Melbourne to build 300 new below market rental homes for key workers on Council-controlled land in the next term of council and manage private affordable housing contributions.
- Advocate fiercely for inclusionary zoning, including mandatory 30 per cent affordable homes in urban renewal areas.
- Hold the state to account in its promise for affordable homes in Arden, an obvious location for new higher density public housing.
- Position Power Melbourne 2.0 to offer affordable renewable energy for residents, whether owners or renters, at scale.
- Retain the Victorian-best pensioner rates concession and Victorian-best rates hardship policy.

Joining Cr Dr Olivia Ball and Karl Hessian on the Greens councillor ticket at the number three and four spots, respectively, are Parkville resident and allied health work Aaron Moon, and North Melbourne public housing resident and youth leader Barry Berih. ●



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City of Melbourne elections: where things are at

We've learned plenty more during this past month about the makeup of the field competing for Melbourne Town Hall at October's City of Melbourne elections. Here's a snapshot ...

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The two front runners

Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece wasted little time after being sworn in during July to announce his bid for the city's top job, announcing a campaign underpinned by a pledge to "get good done".

This was followed by announcing Liberal Party member and current councillor Roshena Campbell as his deputy. While the identities of who will be making up the Team Reece councillor ticket remained unconfirmed at the time of publishing, it's understood long-term Cr Kevin Louey will be given the number one spot, meaning a likely fifth consecutive term on council – 20 years to be precise.

As for Cr Reece's main opponent, former Deputy Lord Mayor Arron Wood, who served alongside Reece as a fellow Team Doyle councillor during the 2016 election campaign, also announced his candidacy for Lord Mayor in late July.

And on August 11, Mr Wood announced his running partner as swimwear entrepreneur Erin Deering, who despite being new to politics is understood to have a "unique ability to innovate and lead on a global scale."

Cr Reece's campaign has so far included promises of lighting up Melbourne's laneways, a "Melbourne 3000 board", free swimming lessons for beginners, cost-of-living relief and "Australia's largest ever renewable power purchasing plan".

Mr Wood meanwhile has sworn to implement a zero per cent rate freeze, cut the cost of annual parking permits, establish a comprehensive program to tackle graffiti, make Melbourne Australia's "Christmas Capital" and axe the Greenline project to free up spending.

The smokey

Announcing their candidacy here in North Melbourne in early August was current independent councillor Jamal Hakim, who has proven to be an impactful

contributor during his first term.

Cr Hakim has made a habit of engaging with all corners of the community and he is looking to make history by having the first Greek-Australian Deputy Lord Mayor Esther Anatolitis, and the first Aboriginal councillor Bebe Oliver elected to the City of Melbourne.

While the weight of the City of Melbourne's gerrymander, where businesses are each given two votes to residents' one, will present a challenge for Team Hakim, preferences will prove the key in who ends up in the Lord Mayoral robes.

Given the number of teams expected to make up this year's field, depending how preferences flow (particularly the more progressive tickets) don't be shocked if Cr Hakim emerges as a front runner come October.

The rest

The Greens have announced Roxane Ingleton and Marley McRae McLeod as their Lord Mayor and Deputy Lord Mayor candidates, however most of the interest is with who runs in the party's first two councillor positions.

The Greens have historically contributed two councillors to the City of Melbourne, and those will most likely be taken by current Cr Dr Olivia Ball, and newcomer in West Melbourne resident Karl Hessian. Three-term councillor and Kensington resident Rohan Leppert won't be recontesting in October.

The Labor Party also announced its ticket in Kensington on August 10, headed up again by Lord Mayor candidate and East Melbourne resident Phil Reed. But again, expect Cr Davydd Griffiths to be returned to council at the number one spot on the councillor ticket.

While the Greens have notoriously been the kingmakers at recent City of Melbourne elections, it will be interesting to see who Labor chooses to preference after Cr Nicholas Reece (a Labor member running as an independent) selected Liberal Cr Roshena Campbell as his running mate – a move which hasn't been well received by either Labor or Liberal.

More interestingly, the Liberal Party is endorsing a City of Melbourne council team for the first time ever, and it's understood East Melbourne resident and former federal candidate for Macnamara Owen Guest will fill the number one councillor spot.

That leaves pollster Gary Morgan, who has run for Lord Mayor at the past several



Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece
and Cr Roshena Campbell



Arron Wood
and Erin Deering



Cr Jamal Hakim and Esther
Anatolitis



Phil Reed

elections and is largely there to try and get a councillor elected (most recently this was Carlton resident Dr Jackie Watts) and provide preferences to his preferred Lord Mayoral candidate. Last time around, that was Sally Capp.

Inner City News can also confirm that East Melbourne Group president Greg Bisinella will lead the resident team Voices of Melbourne as its Lord Mayoral candidate, joined by Carlton Residents' Association's Megan Gathercole (deputy) and West Melbourne resident Mary Masters as its number one councillor candidate.

Former Carlton football great Anthony Koutafides has also announced he will run for Lord Mayor, with former federal Liberal MP Gladys Liu taking the number one spot on his ticket.

While some reports have linked Team Kouta with the Liberal Party, others have speculated that it could be, in fact, a feeder ticket for Cr Reece – a mad Carlton fan

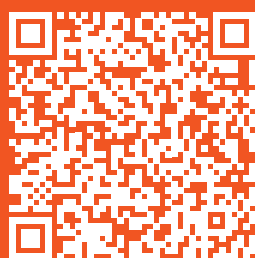
who only recently posted a selfie taken with Mr Koutafides at the MCG.

As for the remaining councillors who haven't declared their intentions publicly, Cr Phil Le Liu is understood to be running on Arron Wood's ticket, while Cr Elizabeth Doidge earned her place in 2020 on a predominantly CFMEU-backed ticket. For obvious reasons, it appears her return to council would seem unlikely.

That leave Cr Jason Chang, who earned his spot on Arron Wood's 2020 ticket, and has been a part-time contributor on council due to the constraints of running his business Calia, which went into receivership earlier this year. He confirmed on August 13 that this term would be his last.

As per previous elections, Hyperlocal News (publisher of Inner City News) will host a donations register on its website inviting all candidates to declare their donations during the campaign. ●

Nick Reece for Melbourne Mayor



Melbourne is the best and fairest city in the world – and I've got a plan to make it even better. I want to make our neighbourhoods greener, our streets cleaner, our events bigger, and our city safer.

I want to deliver better community services and quality housing that's affordable, while protecting our heritage suburbs.

I want to make Melbourne an economic powerhouse, from headquarters to startups, making it easier to do business, supporting our traders and hospitality industry – the beating heart of our city.

I've got a strong track record as a City of Melbourne Councillor – and as Lord Mayor, I will be someone who Gets Good Done.

I'd love your support! Nick nickformelbourne.com.au

Authorised by Nicholas Reece, PO Box 1163, Carlton 3053.





JOINING THE DOTS AROUND MELBOURNE FOR RIDERS

More and more people are using bikes to move around, and with Melbourne set to become the biggest capital city by 2030, it's crucial that workers, students, residents and visitors feel confident getting from A to B.

To accommodate these new road users, we need to deliver high-quality bike lanes in the right locations.

Through City of Melbourne's refreshed bike lane program, we're joining the dots in our network – installing more durable infrastructure with protected spaces for bikes and private scooters improving footpaths and planting more trees.

We've seen a huge uptake in riding since we started installing more bike lanes in 2020 – with 22 per cent more rides on these routes, and a massive 83 per cent drop in riders feeling unsafe. We're also seeing 34 per cent of rides by women and girls in these lanes, as they feel more safe travelling on these routes.

SOME OF OUR FAVOURITE NEW RIDING LANES

Exhibition Street

The separated bike lanes we delivered on Exhibition Street in 2021 are receiving a spruce up with new bluestone islands and raised sections in front of the theatres.

This route is perfect for those going to a late-night comedy gig, belting their heart out to a favourite musical or even dipping their toes into city-riding for the first time.



Swanston Street / Elgin Street

Grattan Street

To support the thousands of university students, hospital workers and inner-north residents who ride through Carlton every day, we've delivered protected bike lanes on Grattan Street.

They connect to the bike lanes between Bouverie Street and Royal Parade which were delivered by the Victorian Government, and popular riding routes along Rathdowne and Swanston streets.

Arden Street

We've kicked off construction to deliver protected bike lanes, meaning riders and drivers can move around the city safely, providing a safer and better-connected riding network in North Melbourne.

The improved route will join the dots between the Abbotsford Street lanes and Capital City Trail, and provide a smoother journey for riders when Metro Tunnel's new Arden Station opens in 2025.

Queensberry Street

With Grattan Street now fully open to road users and pedestrians, we're proposing to reinstate Queensberry Street to one traffic lane in each direction and deliver safer, greener bike lanes.

We consulted with the community on the draft design plan in July and August 2024 – to stay up to date with this project, visit participate.melbourne.vic.gov.au/queensberry-street-riding-lanes



New bike lanes mean riders and drivers can move around the city safely

What's coming up?

Over the next year, we're prioritising bike lanes that join the dots between the inner suburbs and the city – keeping Melburnians connected.

With major transport works underway such as the Metro Tunnel Project and essential tram track upgrades, we've made our bike lane program flexible so that we're not adding any more delays to your trip.

Keep up-to-date at melbourne.vic.gov.au/new-bike-lanes



New bike lanes on Rathdowne Street

NEW WEBSITE MAKES IT EASIER TO CONNECT WITH COUNCIL

Connecting with the City of Melbourne just got easier with the launch of our new website.

Whether you live in, work in or visit the city, you can easily access the information you need about our facilities and services in a simpler, easier way.

Our new website - melbourne.vic.gov.au - is designed to improve access to the most popular information, including paying rates, applying for permits, booking hard waste collection or pet registration.

Features of the site include:

PAY, REPORT, REQUEST

Interact with us more efficiently online with forms, tools and information for the most common council services in one place.

TRANSLATION

The site can be simply translated into 16 languages at the click of a button, to better meet the needs of our community.

INTUITIVE NAVIGATION

Our contemporary, user-friendly design prioritises accessibility, making it easier to explore the site.

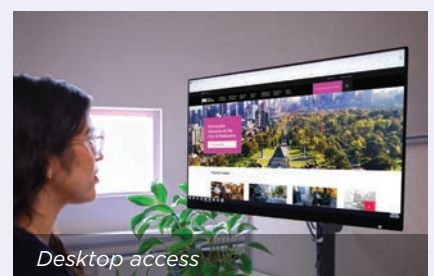
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Read the latest news from the City of Melbourne. Keep up-to-date with city-shaping projects, epic events and ways to connect with your community.

IMPROVED SEARCH

Our fast and accurate search function allows you to filter by keyword from any page on the site.

The new website is a central part of our digital transformation. The new design provides a consistent and accessible browsing experience for everyone, whether you're on a desktop computer or a mobile device.



Desktop access

For any queries about our new website or if you can't find what you're looking for, contact our **Customer Service team on 9658 9658** or submit your query to us online at melbourne.vic.gov.au

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Do you want to support connection within your community and motivate others to participate but not sure how? Why not apply to be a neighbourhood volunteer and learn how to support change in your area.

City of Melbourne's Neighbourhood Volunteer Program is now open for applications from passionate people with a connection to our neighbourhoods.

The pilot learning program will run over eight months, with 24 volunteers chosen for their connection to the CBD, Docklands, Carlton or Southbank in this first phase.

During the bespoke training program, volunteers will take part in professional development opportunities, gain hands-on experience in leading and

delivering community projects, learn about community engagement, and take guided tours of council buildings and facilities. This learning period will be followed by 12 months of casual volunteering work.

With weekly sessions, you will learn about council processes and receive funding to run your own community project. You'll also get the

opportunity to learn from experienced City of Melbourne staff and write a blog post for our Neighbourhood Portals.

This is a great opportunity to boost your connection with the community and make friends who have shared interests.

The program is open to people who have a connection to CBD, Docklands, Carlton or Southbank and are passionate and curious about the community. Priority will be given to people who are under the age of 30, people with a disability, people from multicultural backgrounds, or from the LGBTQIA+ community.



Participants will be expected to commit between two to six hours of their time each week during the program. Expressions of interest close at 5pm on Monday 16 September.

Find out more and apply at participate.melbourne.vic.gov.au/neighbourhoods/volunteer-program

Discover your Neighbourhood Portal



Access community grants, find local news and events in Carlton, Parkville and East Melbourne, and learn about community-building programs at participate.melbourne.vic.gov.au/neighbourhoods



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The recycling hub bringing Carlton one step closer to a circular economy



With so much waste unable to be disposed of sustainably in standard bins, the Carlton Neighbourhood Learning Centre's (CNLC) revamped Recycling Hub has become a community pillar.

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CNLC executive officer Tony Milne told *Inner City News* that the hub was a community-driven initiative turning waste into resources and empowering residents to make a tangible difference to the environment.

Residents are able to recycle seven regular waste items which include batteries, light globes and fluorescent tubes, mail package satchels, mobile phones and e-waste, printer cartridges, medication blister packs, and toothbrushes and toothpaste tubes.

For harder-to-recycle waste items, such as mismatched plastic containers, paint and gas bottles, the Recycling Hub has a rotating monthly schedule, with each month dedicated to a different form of waste.

"It's a place that local residents can drop off recycling that's normally difficult to recycle and we

dispose of it in our environmentally friendly manner to the appropriate authorities," Mr Milne said.

CNLC has also created a community Compost Hub which provides a convenient and inclusive way for residents and local businesses to prevent food scraps from going to landfill.

To date, around 700 residents are also registered to drop off their food scraps at the CNLC bins, either inside the back gate during weekdays or after hours in locked bins accessible at the corner of Princes and Station streets.

Through this initiative CNLC prevented more than 36,000 kg of waste from going to landfill in 2023 and the compost that it produces is sold back to the community for \$5 a bag, used in its garden, and in Carlton Primary School's newly established garden.

"Our Community Compost Hub exemplifies the power of collective action," Mr Milne said.

"By working together, we're not only reducing landfill waste but also creating rich compost that supports local gardens and generates funds for community programs, fostering a circular economy right here in Carlton."

Local resident, Jane, said that participating in the compost hub had been incredibly rewarding and that it's "amazing" to see the impact the community can have when they come together.

"Not only are we reducing waste, but we're also creating something

beneficial for our community," she said.

In 2023, through the help of a grant from Sustainability Victoria, CNLC expanded its compost project and employed a compost officer for one day a week.

The compost officer collected food waste from local cafes, restaurants, and pubs. However, recently due to the funding not being renewed this position no longer exists.

"It's a very valuable service and we'd like to continue to offer that and to expand it to more local restaurants and cafes as well," Mr Milne said, adding that CNLC couldn't rely on volunteers to do it because it was essential that the food waste was collected weekly, and that the risk of volunteers not being able to do it jeopardised the effectiveness of the program.

CNLC also includes sustainability education within its English language courses to ensure that all community members are up to speed with the best way to recycle their waste.

"We work with refugees and a lot of disadvantaged migrants, and that when they come to Australia, they might not necessarily understand what the different colours mean for different bins," Mr Milne said.

The programs aim to teach new residents about what can and can't be recycled and what goes into compost bins, as well as general sustainability education. ●

Council clears the way for demolition of light towers at Crawford Oval

The removal of all four lights will mark the first step of the City of Melbourne's Crawford Oval Sports Field Renewal project in Princes Park.

WORDS BY
SABRINA CAIRES



Councillors voted unanimously to grant a demolition permit at the August 13 Future Melbourne Committee meeting, greenlighting plans to prepare the oval for significant redevelopment.

A permit is required for the works because of the heritage overlay on Princes Park, but the towers themselves are not deemed to have any heritage significance.

According to a report prepared by Song-Bowden Planning on behalf of the council, proposed future works on the oval, which were not part of this permit application, will also include partially removing the existing turf, goal posts and four trees.

The demolitions will make way for the renewal project which aims to improve the overall condition of the oval through new lighting and vegetation.

There are also proposed plans to change the layout of the oval to incorporate two soccer fields compared to the current singular AFL/cricket field.

The report added that the oval was currently "below the desired conditional level" and that new LED lights would be installed to bring the oval's lighting up to council standards.

Lord Mayor Nicholas Reece welcomed the proposed works.

"I jog this park every week, it's a beautiful park, it's a busy park, it's a park that's full of Melburnians participating in sporting and recreational activities," Cr Reece said.

"This demolition permit and what will fol-



low will ensure that this will continue to be a high-quality space for people to participate in sporting activities."

"I'm also advised that any new lighting will be proposed to be delivered in accordance with the council's lighting strategy, which importantly means the lights will be programmable and dimmable when not used for sports."

Cr Reece said \$750,000 had been committed towards the project as part of the council's 2024/2025 budget, subject to the designs being endorsed. ●



Labor reveals its team for the City of Melbourne

The Labor Party has unveiled a five-person team and its theme for the upcoming City of Melbourne local government elections: "keeping local government local".

WORDS BY
SEAN CAR



True to this mantra, the Labor team for Melbourne announced its campaign at Bellair Street Reserve in Kensington on August 10.

Labor is again being led by Lord Mayoral candidate and East Melbourne resident Phil Reed, who registered less than 10 per cent of first-preference votes when he headed up the party's 2020 campaign.

The results were enough to elect first-term Cr Davydd Griffiths, who is again running in the number one spot on Labor's councillor ticket and is largely expected to be returned for another term.

Labor will head to the election with a new candidate for Deputy Lord Mayor – Virginia Willis – a Kensington resident with a background in workplace relations, safety and employment rights, who currently lectures

at RMIT.

The remainder of the team, taking the number two and three positions on the councillor ticket are Somali Women's Development Association operational manager Zainab Sheik, and Parkville resident and sustainability leader Michael Aleisi.

Mr Reed said City of Melbourne elections tended to turn into a battle of personalities instead of policies, and the focus needed to be reset on the needs of local residents and local ratepayers.

"The City of Melbourne has become one of the fastest growing municipalities in the nation, with population expected to double and reach more than 308,000 by 2041, and jobs forecast to increase by 41 per cent and reach more than 659,200," Mr Reed said.

"That sort of growth requires a focus on the services and facilities we usually associate with municipalities of Melbourne's urban fringe – childcare, parks, playgrounds, maternal and childhood health."

"Labor understands the role local government plays in the delivery of these services, and we know that a unified and cohesive team is essential to creating a stable and effective administration that can deliver the commitments we make."

Mr Reed said Labor's full policy agenda would be released in early September. ●

Inner-city locals tell council: housing, green spaces and public transport are key

Housing affordability, homelessness services, a need for more green and open spaces, and better roads and transport options have topped a City of Melbourne survey as the community's top priorities.

WORDS BY
DAVID ALLEN



Housing affordability, homelessness services, a need for more green and open spaces, and better roads and transport options have topped a City of Melbourne survey as the community's top priorities.

The pulse check led by Participate Melbourne was conducted between February 21 and March 31 using in-person events and online portals, returning nearly 4500 responses.

Carlton locals told the council that homelessness services, housing affordability, public safety, support for businesses, jobs and the local economy, cleanliness of public spaces and cultural events were a priority.

East Melbourne residents cited public safety, housing affordability and homelessness services as major issues, and called for more local events to build community spirit.

Parkvillians were concerned about road congestion, better connected public transport, the impact of climate change and the sustainability of local services, the importance of local parks, improving public safety and the need for more community events.

One East Melbourne respondent said, "Creative and cultural events to connect our community are so important as they bring the entire neighbourhood together."

When broken down by neighbourhood, the survey found affordable housing ranked as a major issue of concern across eight of the 10 areas surveyed.

The need for more community events was a priority across five.

Carlton and Docklands both cited support for local business as a top priority, while Parkville was the only suburb to list climate action and sustainability as a top issue.

In addressing the results at the August 13 Future Melbourne Committee (FMC) meeting, Cr Dr Olivia Ball said, "I hope we are doing something sector leading in this work of constantly checking in with the public", adding that the survey had achieved "the biggest result in the history of Participate Melbourne."

The survey prompted at least 290 responses per neighbourhood, with higher density urban areas the most likely to participate.

Some 61 per cent of respondents were women, 33 per cent were born overseas, 25 per cent were aged under 30, and 16 per cent identified as LGBTQIA+, while nearly 12 per cent were local business owners.

The Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation was consulted as part of the survey process.

Areas surveyed included Carlton, the CBD, Docklands, East Melbourne, Fishermans Bend, Kensington, North Melbourne, Parkville, Southbank, South Yarra and West Melbourne.

The City of Melbourne plans to conduct regular neighbourhood pulse checks as part of its Neighbourhood Planning Framework to inform future council budgets and the next four-year Council Plan.

Locals can sign up to receive updates when local council surveys are launched. ●

For more information:
participate.melbourne.vic.gov.au



STATE MP



Greening Melbourne General Cemetery

Thousands of people pass by or through Melbourne General Cemetery every day. It's bigger than the Botanic Gardens, and right in the heart of our city.

As well as being an important historical site, and a place to remember loved ones, lots of people use this space to walk their dogs or get some fresh air and enjoy the open space.

But it could do with some improvements. Across Australia and around the world, many cemeteries are maintained as peaceful havens and even tourist destinations. They can be beautiful picnic and walking spots, sanctuaries for local wildlife, and a peaceful green space to remember the past and loved ones.

This is the vision that the Greens and I have for Melbourne General Cemetery.

Over the past few years, I've been working with Greens MP for Brunswick, Tim Read, Melbourne and Yarra Greens councillors, and the local community to get the government to commit to breathe new life into the cemetery.

I recently visited the cemetery and saw the work that residents have been doing to make the cemetery greener, including planting native grasses and creating Blue Wren habitat.

It was incredible to see these improvements, but so much more work is needed. We need a big-picture plan for the cemetery – a plan that thinks about it as both a place to commemorate those who have come before us, and a peaceful, green space to visit. And we need a commitment from the state government to make it happen.

This is a precious piece of inner-city land, with views of the CBD and the Dandenong Ranges. We need to take care of it and make it the very best it can be. The Greens and I will keep pushing for that.

If you'd like to know more, please get in touch at office@ellensandell.com. ●

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PUBLIC HOUSING RESIDENTS' NETWORK

Victorian Government continues the sell off of public land to private developers

Public land where public housing could be built is still being sold off to private developers.

The latest was vacant land at 18a Miller St, Preston bought by the state in 2008 by the Brumby Labor government for \$2,585,000. The existing large dwelling was then demolished.

You would think that public land held for 16 years could have been used for good purposes. The government has claimed, though, that the site was never included in the current Big Housing Build (BHB) program. *The Sunday Age* (August 11) reported that internal Home Victoria documentation they have

seen advised construction was actually deferred under this program. One-hundred-and-forty so-called affordable and social, not public, housing dwellings were to be built.

Darebin council area has one of the highest homelessness rates in Victoria, so it is fair to ask that it should have had priority for the construction of housing that is actually affordable – not the government's 90 per cent of local market rent.

Instead, a private developer will get the land and will probably build more than 140 dwellings and make a profit with the laughable requirement that only 10 per cent of the new dwellings be 90 per cent of local market rents. Other projects with these conditions have had a requirement for such housing to be provided for only three years after construction.

Defining "affordable" housing
The Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute (AHURI)

advises that housing built by charitable organisations at 74.9 per cent local market rents. This percentage is a condition for grants available under the federal government's current programs. The 74.9 per cent rate also means that no GST is charged for all construction costs for dwellings built for charities.



The announcement on 18a Miller St, Preston advised the government is seeking federal funds for other sites. Just how this could be successful with a 90 per cent of market rents for so-called affordable housing as policy is very unclear.

Public housing is supported by expert economists

A recent survey of economists saw nearly 75 per cent nominate public housing as the best way to deal with housing unaffordability.

The group includes former heads of government agencies, a former Reserve Bank board member, and former Treasury, International Monetary Fund and Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development officials.



What will happen next?

Public housing will be demolished but with no clarity on the funding of redevelopments.

Households in the three towers at Flemington and North Mel-

bourne will be forced to leave and live in locations scattered across Melbourne or other regions in the state.

They will relocate to vacant public and community housing and leased private dwellings.

There is now prospect of a reduction in housing interest rates. This will boost private demand for existing housing. Building new dwellings will not happen quickly given builder insolvencies, lack of skilled workers and much higher materials costs.

There is an urgent need for a publicly owned home builder than can build at no profit on public and other land. ●

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Pros and (mod) cons

So pronounced the *Sun-News Pictorial* of October 16, 1939 ...

"In aid of the Red Cross and War Comforts Funds Melbourne City Council has transformed the Treasury Gardens into a Garden City with an extensive lighting scheme."

"It will be open on Monday at 1pm for one month, with daily sessions from 10am to 10pm. Attractions will include the largest carpet of living flowers ever made in Australia, displays of spear throwing, bush tracking and Aboriginal lore, and nightly concerts in the band stand."

Germany had invaded Poland on September 1, just six weeks earlier; Great Britain and France declared war against Germany the next day.

But earlier, while storm clouds were already gathering, the promoters of the festival had held with the view that "however grave the world situation, an interlude of social gaiety is abundantly justified as a means of escape, and of relief by contrast" (*The Age*, August 8, 1939).

People came in their thousands and the event would seem to have been an outstanding success, but as always there were those who found fault.

For a month the public was denied free access to one of the city's treasures. There was damage to the lawns by the trampling of countless feet, and the erection of marquees and other structures.

After the event the Gardens were left littered with debris and rubbish. In retrospect all this was nothing compared to the upheaval caused by the digging of air-raid trenches in the Gardens, and elsewhere, just

over two years later. The festival was not repeated.

However, one relic of this moment of festivity remains. It is the public conveniences situated near the corner of Lansdowne St and Treasury Place. It is surely the prettiest toilet block in Melbourne.

The city architect, Eric Nation Beilby, called for tenders on August 21, 1939, and the building was up and running by opening day on October 21.

Beilby, who had joined the council in 1910, was for many years the assistant city architect and in 1936 was given the top job.

He retired in 1951 and talked then of the tens of thousands of hours that he, and others in the department, had spent on plans that had never reached fruition. At least this little building stands as testament to his skills.

As part of its Statement of Significance for the Treasury Gardens the Victorian Heritage Database states that the building "is of architectural importance for its uncommon art deco design, decorative pattern brick and tile construction and extensive use of wrought iron detailing, including grills, gates, lamps, signs and brick planter, exhibiting outstanding craftsmanship." ●

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Parking, e-scooters and heritage

The East Melbourne Group (EMG) continues to advocate for and represent the East Melbourne community. This month we have been actively involved in discussions around parking, e-scooters and heritage.

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GREG BISINELLA – PRESIDENT

Parking review

The City of Melbourne is reviewing and updating parking across the city as part of its Parking and Kerbside Management Plan. It has just completed two workshops in East Melbourne. The EMG participated in the workshops. Issues highlighted included:

Strategies to better manage event day parking at the MCG. Discussion points included a complete review of the match day traffic management plan, introduction of special match day parking fees and greater enforcement.

Consideration of hours of parking metered parking.

You can still make an online submission via participate.melbourne.vic.gov.au/neighbourhood-parking-reviews

E-scooters

The EMG has continued to work with the City of Melbourne and providers of the commercial e scooters, Lime and Neuron, to

mitigate the ongoing concerns expressed by residents and businesses of East Melbourne.

Overwhelmingly the feedback has been that the current situation has been poorly managed and the level of compliance unacceptable. We have significant anecdotal evidence of riders on footpaths, not wearing helmets, double dinking and ignoring pedestrian safety.

We have supported proposals to implement stricter controls, however we also see the decision to cease the trial and reassess as a prudent one. Future consideration of this form of mobility needs to be undertaken with community consultation.

Heritage review

Prior to the last council elections, the EMG requested all candidates to commit to a review of heritage in East Melbourne. We are pleased to announce that the long overdue consultation on the East Melbourne Heritage Review is now open.

You can share your feedback by:

- Uploading to the wall of East Melbourne postcards.
- Pinning a memory or experience to the memory map.
- Participating in a community-led walk.
- Attending an information session.

Consultation closes 5pm, Friday, September 6. ●

For more information:
participate.melbourne.vic.gov.au



Pet's Corner

Meet Krougt, fresh from Iceland



Dominika, who is originally from Czech Republic, was proud to introduce her seven-year-old male Border Collie born in Iceland, Krougt, to *Inner City News* in Carlton Gardens last month.

WORDS BY
LÉA CARRÉ

"He definitely came at the right time in my life," Dominika said, as his name means "luck" in Icelandic.

Why this language? She was working in Iceland, and the dog's mum abandoned her seven puppies after she gave birth on a beach.

"Even before he opened his eyes, I was the first to take care of

him" and ever since, they've built a lasting connection.

Described by Dominika as "social, fun and easy-going", Krougt doesn't behave in a "crazy" manner like the reputation of his breed would have some believe.

It's fair to say this dog is one brave traveller. He flew to Australia just a month ago and stayed two weeks after he caught COVID. But Dominika said, "he is all well and settled now".

Welcome to Carlton, Krougt! ●



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They're racing in the City of Melbourne election

As the days and weeks roll by, those seeking to fill the Lord Mayor, Deputy Lord Mayor and the nine councillor positions on the Melbourne City Council increase exponentially along with their policies and promises.

WORDS BY
MARTIN BRENNAN –
VICE-PRESIDENT

There is no doubt we need to be careful what we wish for in deciding who will occupy Town Hall for the next four years.

We need a council that reflects strong local experience, an understanding of how the city works, and a council that represents the diversity of interests including those of residents. We need real responses to the challenges and opportunities that confront the city and not bland slogans and

throw away headlines.

The result of the forthcoming Melbourne City Council election will however reflect the gerrymandered electoral provisions of the *City of Melbourne Act 2001*, the product of consecutive State Government Premiers, from Jeff Kennett through to the present day. The electoral provisions favour celebrity and cashed-up councillors supported by donations from developers and then declared after the election.

For residents the absence of wards and attendance voting plus the two-to-one voting gerrymander in favour of non-resident property owners and corporations results in an unrepresentative and unresponsive council.

Opportunities to meet the candidates across the municipality will be provided by a number resident and business groups. We need to engage with candidates and gain a deeper understanding of their policies.

The Carlton Residents' Association (CRA) has recently conducted a survey of members and has developed an "Agenda for Carlton". The agenda summarises the pri-

orities the CRA will pursue during and after the election.

E-scooter traffic lights

The red light for the "green" and "orange" will see the Lime and Neuron e-scooters disappear from the streets, footpaths, laneways, parks and gardens of the City of Melbourne following the council decision to ban their use.

The e-scooter shared scheme operated by Neuron and Lime will hit a cul de sac within 30 days. The decision of the Melbourne City Council to vote for a ban was surprising to many and even some councillors were caught unaware of the ban proposition.

However, councillor offices had been inundated for some time with emails and letters opposing the continuation of the scheme and providing anecdotal evidence of misuse and exposing the positive claims by the companies.

In fact, each extension of the trial over the past two years seemed to dig the state government and the council into a deeper hole as they stumbled to deliver good public policy as the companies drained their social licence failing to implement controlling measures.

Lord Mayor Nick Reece led those supporting the e-scooter ban despite in recent weeks showing strong support for their role across the municipality. Former Deputy Lord Mayor Arron Wood, who is also a candidate for Lord Mayor, proposed a ban in the Hoddle Grid only, which seemed to force the hand of the council.

It certainly raised the ire of residents living in the neighbourhoods. Under such a limited ban our neighbourhoods would become the playground and parking lot for e-scooters.

Support for the ban came from Lord Mayor Reece and councillors Campbell, Louey, Griffiths, Le Liu and Chang. They focused on the disruption caused to other modes of mobility especially walking, the failure of the state government to construct a trial with a regulatory and compliance framework and the rate of accidents as reported by the Royal Melbourne Hospital. Those opposed to the ban included councillors Leppert, Ball, Hakim and Doidge.

The cul de sac may well be just a parking lot for e-scooters as their return following the election is a



possibility.

The CRA will be seeking a strong regulatory and compliance framework for the future use of the e-scooter shared scheme to ensure that they integrate and not disrupt mobility across the municipality. ●

PARKVILLE ASSOCIATION

Welcome spring to Parkville

September is my favourite month of the year.

When I first moved to Parkville from Sydney in 1978 I arrived on a cold August day, drove to Waverley to watch Carlton win in very wet conditions and wondered what I had done leaving the Harbour City!

Then September arrived, and I fell in love with Melbourne and beautiful Royal Park.

Living on The Avenue I had no idea there was a zoo in the area so imagine my surprise after a few drinks the night before being woken to the roaring of lions! Wandering across the street I discovered the natural beauty of Royal Park.

Gazetted in 1878, the park had been reduced in size from Charles La Trobe's original vision due to residential development mainly in South Parkville. Over the years Royal Park has been used for many things from government powder magazines to the military establishment of Camp Pell during the Second World War.

For all the many different uses Royal Park has remained a natural and dark park. On September 3, the draft master plan will be presented to the council at their Future Melbourne Committee meeting. Friends of Royal Park, the Royal Park Protection Group and the Parkville Association have requested to review the document prior to it being presented to the council. We are waiting a response to that request.

Clearly the most contentious issue will be whether the natural beauty remains dark at night! I have often referred to the need for the park to remain unlit as the amazing amount of wildlife in the park does not need disruption.

In a council election year, sadly we lose our champion of the park, Rohan Leppert. He has been the greatest supporter of Royal Park in so many ways and is a great believer in leaving the park as it is.

Hopefully new councillors elected in October will understand the need for Roy-

al Park to remain the "lungs" of the city, a natural park which the flora and fauna will continue to make the residents of Melbourne feel at home with nature. Royal Park in spring with native flowers and bushes showing their fresh colours is a sight to behold.

Melbourne springs are always an incredible experience and Parkville in particular with our tree-lined streets, well-kept gardens, beautiful parklands and the hustle of university students on the streets comes alive.

We now have been joined by Asher and the team from Trinity College working on the street gardens, they experience the family that is Parkville. As Asher says, everyone stops to say thanks and to chat. The students feel very welcome, and we, of course, are most appreciative of their work!

We also have the joy of special gardens in the university. It amazes me how many residents are unaware of the System Garden located off Tin Alley at the Royal Parade end. Established in 1856 it is one of the oldest teaching gardens in Australia and spring brings some superb specimens in bloom.

September always puts a spring in my steps and living in beautiful Parkville enhances that. We have an amazing family and friendships both old and new make our suburb so special.

Renewals for the Parkville Association went out in July and the response has never been better. If you have recently arrived in Parkville, get in touch, your committee would love to welcome you to Parkville this spring!

Finally, and, most importantly, my wife's birthday is in September! ●

Rob Moore

PRESIDENT
PARKVILLE ASSOCIATION



FEDERAL MP

If you rent, and you want change, you have to vote for it

Renting in the City of Melbourne is too expensive and too many politicians are doing nothing about it.

Over the past few years, rents have continued to increase, forcing people to move out, or even become homeless.

If we don't have affordable places to live, how do we expect to maintain the character of who we are, a vibrant, artistic, innovative and diverse place?

Currently, less than one per cent of rental properties in Melbourne's CBD are affordable. It has to change.

We have a housing crisis which is affecting people across Melbourne and the country.

According to the Housing Advocacy Group "Everybody's home" four out of five people are in rental stress, paying more than 30 per cent of their income in rent.

For too long, renters have been ignored by politicians. The entire housing market has been rigged in favour of wealthy property investors with multiple property who want to use it as a way of making a profit, and it's seen house prices become out of reach for a whole generation of people.

Renters need to start to vote as a block, in their interests. A third of the country rents. If renters changed how they voted, we could bring down the costs of rents and housing.

The Melbourne City Council Greens, including Lord Mayor candidate Roxane Ingleton, have a plan to make 30 per cent of new developments in urban renewal areas in the City of Melbourne public and genuinely affordable housing, so that young people, essential workers, and people of all income levels can afford to live in our city.

The Greens are the only party who have been calling for a rent freeze. Labor refused to back it.

We also need to better regulate short stay accommodation like Airbnb.

Renters are hurting, they are often trapped at the mercy of their landlord, unable to do anything about rising rents.

They can be kicked out with little to no notice and can often struggle to get the necessary improvements to their residences.

Renters are at their wits' end.

But something is happening – renters are collectivising right now like never before. This month, hundreds of renters claimed the streets in Fitzroy to rally against Labor's abysmal record on renting and housing.

If we're going to take on Labor and the Liberals' special treatment for wealthy property developers and wealthy investors, we're going to need to work together.

We can't keep voting for the same two parties and expecting different things to happen.

If you're a renter, and you want change, you have to vote for it. ●

Adam Bandt

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Quiz



- 1. Which local politician held a meeting with public housing residents at the Church of All Nations Carlton in June?
2. Who did Lord Mayor Nick Reece announce as his running mate for deputy Lord Mayor in Carlton last month?
3. Author J. D. Salinger is best-known for which 1951 novel?
4. Brassy ringlets are a species group of which insect?
5. Which metallic chemical element is represented by the symbol W?
6. Gwen Stefani (pictured) was the lead singer of which ska band?
7. Which prominent Carlton street did the City of Melbourne recently release riding lane plans for consultation?
8. What is the biggest electorate in Australia by area?
9. For which club did David Beckham play his final soccer match before retiring in 2013?
10. What Carlton landmark were Melbourne University landscape architect students recently tasked with reimagining?
11. Where can locals now access free meals from thanks to a partnership between FareShare and the City of Melbourne?
12. Which heritage building in East Melbourne is currently appealing for donations for restoration works?

QUIZ SOLUTIONS

- 1. Ellen Sandell 2. Roshana Campbell 3. The Catcher in the Rye 4. Butterfly 5. Tungssten 6. No Doubt 7. Queensberry 8. Durack WA 9. Paris Saint-Germain 10. Melbourne General Cemetery 11. Kathleen Syme Library and Community Centre 12. Bishopscourt

5x5

No. 304

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

Grid for 5x5 puzzle with missing letters: N, A, S, X, A, S, R, E, R, E, S, E, E

SOLUTIONS

NEARS, EXEAT, SERVE, TRIER, STELE

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Sudoku

No. 039

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

Easy Sudoku grid with some numbers filled in.

HARD

Hard Sudoku grid with some numbers filled in.

SOLUTIONS

EASY

Solution for Easy Sudoku grid.

HARD

Solution for Hard Sudoku grid.

Wordfind

Theme: Airports

The leftover letters will spell out a secret message.

Wordfind grid containing airport-related words.

- AIRCRAFT LAYOVER
AIRLINE LUGGAGE
ALTITUDE PASSENGERS
CARGO RUNWAY
CARRY-ON SECURITY
FLIGHT TAXI
HANGAR TERMINAL
LANDING WAITING

Secret message: Ready for take-off

Crossword

No. 039

ACROSS

- 1 Follow (7)
5 Tiny fish (7)
9 Social exclusion (9)
10 Doesn't pass (5)
11 Gradually (6)
12 Categorise (8)
14 Put in (6)
15 Devoted followers (4)
19 Gem (4)
20 Patch of water (6)
24 Leaping (8)
25 Self-absorption (6)
27 Prohibited (5)
28 Made clear (9)
29 Ingredient (7)
30 Ratify (7)

DOWN

- 1 Partner (6)
2 Natural fibre used in clothing (6)
3 Allowing (8)
4 Platform (4)
5 Likeness (10)
6 Deny (6)
7 Hostile (8)
8 Author of short pieces (8)
13 Defendant (10)
16 Small warship (8)
17 Worth a lot of money (8)
18 Lazy person (8)
21 Blow (6)
22 Victor (6)
23 Soil (6)
26 Vaulted recess (4)

Crossword grid with numbered starting points.

SOLUTION

Solution crossword grid.

Codeword

No. 039

Codeword grid with letters and numbers.

SOLUTIONS

Solution for Codeword puzzle.

Grid for Codeword puzzle with numbers.

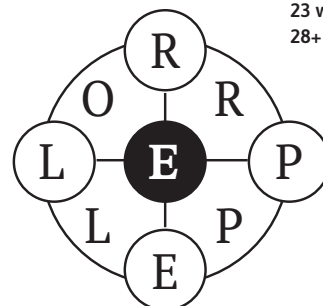
9-Letter

No. 039

Today's Focus:

- 18 words: Good
23 words: Very good
28+ 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

Reference:

Collins Concise English Dictionary

elope, eloper, leep, leper, lerp, loper, lopper, lore, peel, orle, peep, peer, people, popo, pole, pope, pore, pre, prole, propel, PROPELLER, proper, reep, repel, repo, role, roller, rope

WHAT'S ON September



Spring is here! Enjoy all that the inner city has to offer this September.



THE LYGON STREET MARKET
A new monthly market that promises to showcase the very best in locally made art, design, and tasty treats. The market makes its debut this September and returns on the first Sunday of each month.
Piazza Italia (Argyle Square), Carlton
SUNDAY 1 SEPTEMBER, 10AM – 3PM



PROTEST MELBOURNE
Since as early as the 1840s, Melburnians have taken to the streets to express their views. This exhibition explores past and present protest in Melbourne.
Old Treasury Building
UNTIL 31 DECEMBER



TECH & TEA
Free tech workshops for older people with morning tea provided. This session focuses on online shopping and e-safety. Bookings essential: 9658 9190.
East Melbourne Library
THURSDAY 19 SEPTEMBER, 10AM – 12PM



GREGORY R SMITH: VISUAL ESSENCE
A solo exhibition of over 120 Tonal Realist oil paintings executed during the previous 12 month period, featuring still life, florals and landscapes.
vasgallery.org.au
UNTIL 9 SEPTEMBER



MAMMA BALL PARKVILLE
Mamma Ball is a free basketball skills and fitness program for those who identify as a woman or non-binary. Each weekly session is tailored to suit those who attend, no matter their skill-level or experience.
State Sport Centres, Parkville
12 & 19 SEPTEMBER, 9.30AM – 10.30AM



COUNTRY AND CULTURE: PROJECTION ARTWORKS FROM THE TORCH
Visit MPavilion after dark to enjoy projections featuring the works of First Nations artists from The Torch, exploring themes of Country, culture and connectedness.
MPavilion Parkville, Grattan St
5 – 7 SEPTEMBER, 6PM – 9PM



AFFORDABLE ART FAIR
Explore thousands of never-before-seen artworks from over 55 of the nation's best boutique galleries, showcasing a mix of emerging to established artists.
Royal Exhibition Building
29 AUGUST – 1 SEPTEMBER



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 Library
UNTIL 16 NOVEMBER



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, UNTIL 20 DECEMBER, 8AM – 12PM



SCREENWRITERS CLUB
Watch the latest films at Cinema Nova on the first Monday night of each month, then head to Story Studios Australia to enjoy some refreshments and share in some discussion and analysis.
Cinema Nova / Story Studios Australia
2 SEPTEMBER – 3 FEBRUARY



SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM
Story Studios Australia runs school holiday programs for kids aged 7 to 14 that are uniquely designed to immerse young writers into worlds, themes, genres, characters and more. Book online.
Story Studios Australia, 170 Elgin St
23 SEPTEMBER – 04 OCTOBER

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Stand for Council

Become a candidate in the Melbourne City Council elections



In October 2024, we will hold two elections – one to elect the Lord Mayor and Deputy Lord Mayor – and the other to elect the nine councillors.

We encourage people from all backgrounds and experiences, who reflect the rich diversity of the City of Melbourne community, to nominate as a candidate. You have from 9am on Monday 9 September until noon on Tuesday 17 September to submit your nomination to become a candidate in the Melbourne City Council elections.

More information about candidate nominations can be found at elections.melbourne.vic.gov.au/standing-as-a-candidate

Election timeline and important dates:

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| 9 September | Nominations open at 9am |
| 17 September | Nominations close at 12 noon |
| 19 September | Team name (for Lord Mayor and Deputy Lord Mayor teams) and group registrations (for Councillors), close at 12 noon, ballot draw at 3pm |
| 23 September | Statements, questionnaires, group voting tickets and indication of preferences close at 12 noon |
| 7 October | Ballot pack mailout begins |
| 25 October | Voting closes at 6pm |
| 1 November | All postal votes must be received by 12 noon |
| 15 November | All election results declared |



Scan the QR code for more information, visit elections.melbourne.vic.gov.au or call 1300 735 427.



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