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Welcome

Welcome to this Spring edition of our magazine. With the passing of the footy season and the first premierships in 57 years for the Melbourne Football Club, we now head into the warmer months. Our gardens are looking a treat with rich foliage and colours.

Your committee and sub-committees have continued EMG work during the prolonged lockdown meeting via Zoom. Full marks to them for supporting our community, albeit with reduced social interaction.

Lisette Malatesta has decided to move on from her roles as Secretary and Communications Convenor. We thank her for her considerable efforts in these important roles in the group.

Our Treasurer Greg Watson has kindly offered to be Secretary until we find a replacement. If you or someone you know, might be interested in the Secretary role, please email me at pres@emg.org.au.

Heritage and Planning Convenor Greg Bisinella, Bill Gillies, the EMG planning team, and objectors forced the developers of Eblana at 142 Jolimont Rd to reduce the unsightly height of the proposed building. We achieved the outcome we wanted without an expensive prolonged case at VCAT.

In addition to our major win with VCAT rejecting the high-rise development at 204 Albert Street, the lane adjoining has been gazetted as a public highway. This removes the lane as part of a potential developer's acquisition.

Regrettably, despite our best efforts, the City of Melbourne approved a tower at the Epworth Freemasons. This was well above the recommended maximum height of the Design and Development Overlay for the site. We are again reminded that planning regulations need to be strengthened.

Amenities Convenor Jenny Owen and her team have alerted authorities to some inappropriate behaviour at temporary accommodation in East Melbourne for displaced people. We wish to ensure this positive initiative for health and safety is effective with the least impact on the community.

As mentioned in our winter magazine, we have nominated Angela Mercer as the EMG representative of the Yarra Park Advisory Committee, ensuring our voice is heard on issues affecting Yarra Park, including parking.

Angela is a member of our Parks and Gardens sub-committee, headed by Convenor Luke Martin.

We are still hopeful of restarting social events when we have some easing of restrictions from lockdown.

We all respond differently to lockdowns. Please be aware of the difficulties some of our community are experiencing during this trying time. A phone call or message can make someone's day.

On behalf of the EMG Committee and sub-committees, I wish you and your loved ones a Very Merry Christmas and a Healthy and Happy New Year.

Be well.

Ian Mitchell
President
East Melbourne Group Inc.



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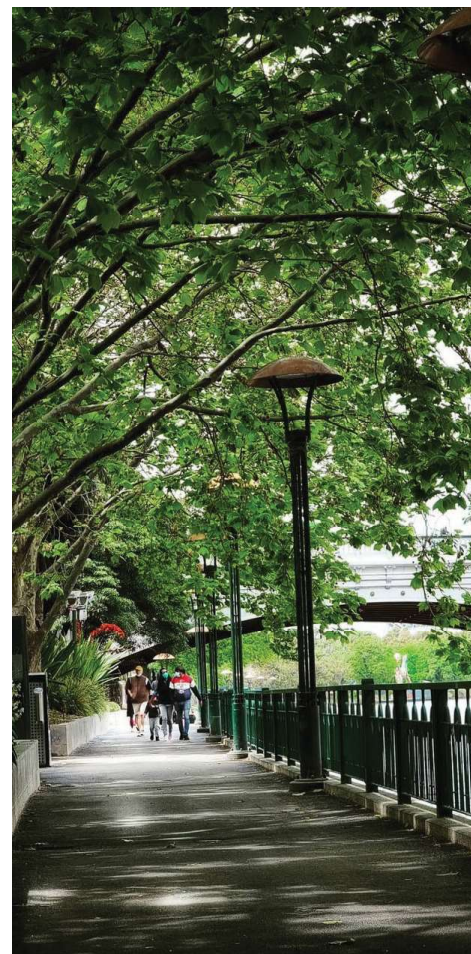
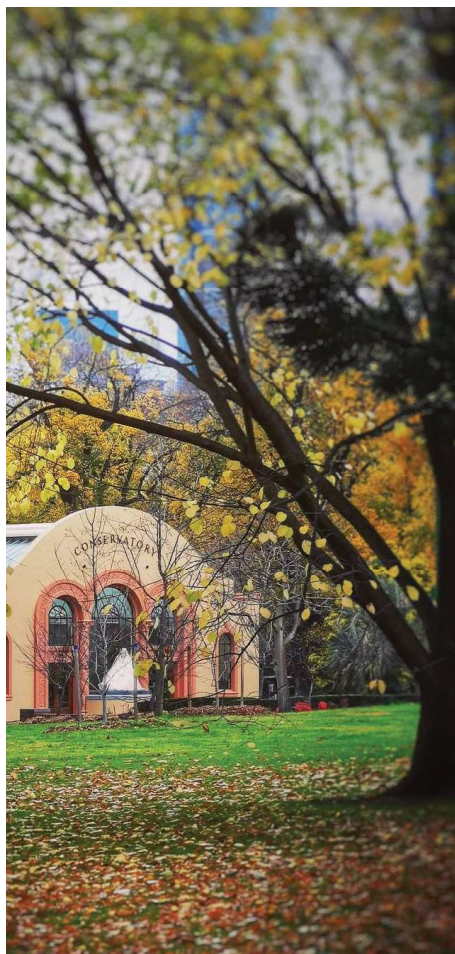
Nanette White - Springtime East Melbourne

East Melbourne Group

Join Us!

Get updates on East Melbourne community news to ensure parks and heritage areas and designs are protected and maintained. Attend some of the many community events organised by the East Melbourne Group, and get to know your neighbourhood!

Members may also become involved by volunteering in the following East Melbourne Group Committees.



Social

Contribute your organisational and creative skills to plan social events.

Parks & Gardens

This Committee is actively engaged in working to protect and enhance the world-class gardens and shared open spaces in East Melbourne.

Communications

Be involved with the collaboration of content for the East Melbourne Group Magazine, contribute to social media and community members updates.

Amenities

Join the team that works with residents and the Melbourne City Council on parking, traffic, aircraft, and other issues.

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Andy Russell

Heritage & Planning

Offer your opinions and passion to the heritage overlay of East Melbourne and Jolimont. Review planning applications, engage with subject matter experts, barristers, and heritage and planning experts to ensure that heritage design aspects are protected, and new developments are well planned.



Heritage & Planning

Eblana

They call it “the house that beer built.” Others have claimed its owner, Thomas Joshua Jackson of Flinders St. Young and Jacksons hotel fame, named Eblana after the Irish City of Dublin*.

What we are certain of is that the heritage value of the 1883 building at 142 Jolimont Rd will be retained and enhanced and the new building behind it will be 20 metres shorter than the first outrageous proposal presented by the developer in June 2020. It may not be seen as a result where “Irish eyes are smiling” however in the current planning environment in East Melbourne it could be described as a win. The boom style maisonette with its striking features will remain.

Some 2 years ago, the East Melbourne Group (EMG), East Melbourne Historical Society (EMHS) and Jolimont residents met at Bedgood & Co. café on Wellington Parade South to devise a strategy to defeat the plans to build a 42-metre-high CBD style skyscraper on the Eblana site in the low-rise Jolimont precinct. This proposal was seen as a tipping point for the suburb. If approved, it would set a precedent for Jolimont that would undoubtedly be replicated to the detriment of the residents and the heritage fabric of the area. Local residents Nicole Pelchen and Anne Simson along with EMHS Vice president Barbara Paterson, Committee member Sylvia Black and the EMG planning team set to work. We needed to engage legal representation and experts, rally the community, pressure the council, and gain some media attention. The Age presented a piece on facadism in Melbourne, the Herald Sun chimed in with the Young and Jacksons angle and the ABC’s Virginia Trioli went into the history of the building and suburb.

Still, we were up against a formidable applicant who effectively bypassed the Melbourne City Council’s process and lodged the matter for a VCAT hearing. It was not unexpected, however the one-day compulsory mediation failed to appease our concerns. The developer, with their legal team, played the old 3 card trick by presenting revised without prejudice plans for a 30-metre-high building as a show of “concession.” Still these plans

without lawyers. We still wanted further reduction in the building height, access to light for the adjoining residents and further heritage work undertaken on the 1883 building. With the imminent deadline to have our evidence submitted, we held firm, requesting additional reduction in the height of the roof top garden and removal of the pergola. The developer agreed and it was time to sign the consent

orders. We had an agreement that addressed most of our concerns and avoided the potential outcome of a VCAT decision that could have seen a higher building approved.

***It is wishful thinking and folk etymology of many Dubliners. There was a place called ‘Eblana’ in Ptolemy’s Geographia (written 150CE) located in Ireland, but most scholars now doubt that is where Dublin is now.**



East Melbourne residents outside Eblana; Greg Bisinella (centre) Nicole & Chris Pelchen, Sylvia Black, and Diana Bosak. The AGE, Photographer - Chris Hopkins

were double the discretionary maximum building height of 15 metres and failed to address objector concerns. With some trepidation, we decided to proceed to an 8-day hearing in September knowing we would be up against a very well financed applicant backed by a leading QC, planning law firm and well-paid experts.

We needed to act quickly to prepare our case based on further revised plans to be presented to VCAT at the hearing. The bugle was sounded, and we rallied the community for donations to pay for our case. The East Melbourne residents again responded generously. We lined up our expert reports, coordinated our case with another objector and continued to lobby council to hold their objection to the development. Ten days prior to the hearing the developer contacted us directly and we arranged a meeting,

**Greg Bisinella
Subcommittee Convenor
Heritage and Planning - EMG**



Eblana, 142 Jolimont Rd, East Melbourne



east melbourne group

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An accomodating suburb

Lisette Malatesta

**Secretary & Communications Convenor
East Melbourne Group**

East Melbourne has an illustrious, and sometimes infamous, tradition of welcoming guests. From a time predating colonisation, visitors have been drawn to the site of corroboree, which became the doorstep to a metropolis.

The diligently planned location between town and rural settlements, made it a microcosm of the colony. This century it is better defined as the isthmus between city and suburbia, as fully renovated multi-million dollar mansions, neighbour \$220 pw bed-sits, just as prestigious colonial homes, (including the Bishop's) were doors away from rooming houses. The diversity this creates within a very small footprint remains a distinguishing feature of 3002.

Medicine and education defined East Melbourne's early development, attracting patients and students to the numerous private hospitals and boarding schools. When travel was slow and arduous, a trip to Melbourne would require you to stay to at least a few days to attend to your business, seek respite or training.

The Western Farmers' Gentlemen's club on Gipps st, St Ives Clinic on Vale St and Presbyterian Colleges, have all since been turned to residences, as the trend continues to make permanent homes on the institutional sites which once housed the transient.

Visitors to East Melbourne continue to visit for medical care, with Birches Apartments on Albert St again welcoming day patients and the Park Hyatt hotel hosting Epworth Freemasons' maternity ward.

Covid has seen a recent change in the way we access education. Home schooling in 2020 and 2021 increased the visibility of young people in the suburb, but also marked an exodus of others. Many residents departed their East Melbourne 'town houses' during months of lockdown, retreating to their country or coastal properties.

Until late 2017 DHHS was providing emergency accomodation in the in low-cost serviced flats on the corner of George and Powlett streets. Elegant apartments now stand on the site, and our budget motels house the homeless and vulnerable in the wake of Covid. The cyclical nature of side-by-side permanent and transient accomodation saw the homes of the Cliveden Mansion, Georgian Court, Magnolia Court continue to transition to hotels of varying stars. The current proposed expansion of Magnolia attracting reminiscent concerns. Modern times generate modern accomodation initiatives. Pre-covid, when sporting and entertainment venues attracted large crowds, over 30 East Melbourne properties were listed on Airbnb to welcome travellers.

The thing that will never change, is East Melbourne's allure to be a nest, or a perch.



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East Melbourne History

The close proximity of East Melbourne to the Melbourne CBD has long made it a desirable residential area, but over the years the demographics of the population of the suburb and the type of accommodation available have evolved through a number of phases.

The inner ring of Melbourne suburbs, including Flemington, Parkville, Carlton, Fitzroy, Collingwood, and Richmond developed with a varying mix of workers cottages, some grander homes, and industrial and commercial premises. These suburbs also saw much change through the 20th century with slum clearance policies being enacted by governments, various waves of migrants moving through the suburbs, industry moving to outer suburbs and, later in the century, gentrification of many parts of the inner ring. In this century large scale apartment construction has been a feature in many of these areas, and none more evident than just across Victoria Parade in Collingwood.

In the first half of last century there was a growth in the number of rooming houses and lodging houses in these suburbs. These catered to a range of different people, including single people moving to Melbourne seeking board and meals. The quality of these varied, and in 1919 regulations were brought in to stipulate health standards of these establishments.

Throughout this period East Melbourne had developed with a mix of some very grand mansions, and a stock of double storey and single-storey homes. As the century progressed there was some building of units and apartments, but not quite to the same level as in neighbouring suburbs.

East Melbourne did have a number of grand mansions converted into apartments, including some very upmarket ones. Cliveden (now the site of the Pullman Hotel) was one such establishment. Interestingly, among the early occupiers of the apartments at Cliveden Mansions were the Chief Justice of Victoria, Sir John Madden, and his wife who had moved to an apartment there from their 30-room mansion, Cloyne, in St Kilda. Cloyne itself was soon after turned into apartments under its new owners.

There were a number of these conversions of mansions in East Melbourne, including the Mosslenoch building in Clarendon Street next to Cliveden, which was run in conjunction with Cliveden Mansions; it was known as The Ritz Verona, on the current Mercy corner was another such set of apartments developed from a former grand mansion. They were high quality, well-appointed residences, sometimes serving as town bases for well-to-do country folk.

In other parts of the suburb many smaller houses found themselves in use as boarding houses, with varying degrees of salubrity. This reflected the wide demographic that was present in East Melbourne through much of the 20th century. As the century wore on, the grand apartment buildings lost their gloss, and became down-market rooming houses. An example of this was the Queen Bess Row building in Hotham Street which in the 1980s had become a 50-bed rooming house for low income tenants. At the same time the earlier incidence of smaller residences in the suburb being used as rooming houses had very much diminished as these places were often renovated and used by families.

**Tim Holland - President
East Melbourne Historical Society**

viii *Advertisements.* FEB. 15, 1892

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*Australian Medical Journal - Feb 15, 1892.
Queen Bess Row, Cnr Hotham & Simpson Streets, is currently
divided into three private residences, one of which recently
sought expressions of interest (applications closed 15/11/2021)*

EDITORIAL NOTE:

Re: EMHS 2021 Winter Edition article on Tom Wills

Our previous article in this magazine on Tom Wills caused some discussion in the light of a story on the ABC website about Tom Wills. Subsequent to the ABC article, Martin Flanagan in the Age wrote a critique of the article, questioning the validity of the conclusions drawn by the writer and the evidence on which the conclusions were drawn. Martin Flanagan's article shows the difficulties that often exist in making definitive judgments on historic events.

Erin & John

DOUBLE ACT



Audrey Major

**Writer and Storyteller
East Melbourne General Store**

John and Erin eventually moved to East Melbourne from Geelong when they bought Georgian Court in 1995. Erin had grown up in and around the hotel business. At one point, both of her parents owned 14 hotels across both Victoria and Tasmania. Erin and John had followed in their footsteps. After parting with quite a large hotel business they had been building for ten years in Geelong they set out for something new.

They fell in love with Georgian Court, it was totally different from anything they had ever seen. Erin described it as being more like a lodge than a hotel. Many of the rooms were without bathrooms, so they set out on the huge task of renovating it. "It really transformed into what you'd consider to be a bed and breakfast," Erin told me "the elderly people who needed accommodation close to their medical appointments couldn't really go out for dinner, and so you'd think – what's another couple of mouths to feed when you're feeding your own family?"

When entering John and Erin's warm and inviting East Melbourne residence, it is very clear to see this is a couple who love to host. I sat by their cosy fireplace one rainy afternoon, their handsome border collie at my feet, and listened with a huge smile on my face as they told me a little about all the exciting adventures they had been on.

John and Erin met each other in 1978 just before Erin intended to move overseas indefinitely. Suffice to say after meeting John it wasn't 'indefinitely.' She ventured out travelling with her girlfriends and they remained in touch, with great difficulty as one could imagine at that time. "I was working on the ships as an entertainer whilst she was in Russia," John told me. Erin adding "In those days you had to book a phone call to Europe, you would sit on the line and say 'Hello!' and then it would drop out and you'd have to go all the way to the end of the queue." Erin recalls with a chuckle.

When John and Erin were reunited they spent a few years working together on these boats going in and out of Sydney, with John performing in the Cabaret and Erin a seamstress for all the costumes.

(right)
1984, John performing the role of
The Student Prince for ABC television

John & Erin 'dancing in the streets'
2007 Georgian Court, George St
News Year Eve Street Party celebration.



During tennis season they would put on a happy hour out the front on a Friday or Saturday night before the guests would wander over to watch the match. On Christmas day Erin and John could sometimes welcome 35 new people to their Christmas family lunch.

John had never been on that side of hospitality before meeting Erin, although as an entertainer he took to it well. John had studied at the Conservatorium in Melbourne and privately in London; he has had an extensive career as a singer and actor on stage in numerous cabarets, operas and musicals. He has taken part in the stage productions of My Fair Lady, Fiddler on the Roof, Camelot, plus many more.

“On New Years Eve it was always difficult to get staff to work” Erin told me “So we would offer everyone to come join us out the front of Georgian Court. Everyone would bring a plate, and a bottle, and then a friend’s son, Edward, would pipe us over with the bagpipes to the MCG. One time I looked behind us and there was almost 100 people gathered, some still in their pyjamas. And that was what birthed the idea of doing a New Years Eve in George St.”

(above)
Georgian Court street-parties
George St, New Year's Eve 2007 & 2008
Images : East Melbourne News Magazine

The George St New Year's event was the perfect melting pot of John and Erin's talents. There was music, dancing, food and drink. “A sixteen piece big band, John would sing and our daughter Alex too, it really filled a void for some people in the community that wouldn't usually have anything to do on those nights.” They would close off the ends of the streets, security on either side, and the dance floor would be the middle of the road. “It was our daughter, Alexandra, that had said: ‘well, they dance in the street in Rio!’” Erin recounted. “It was like Paris in summertime.” John recalls gleefully.

They sold Georgian Court in 2010 but never left East Melbourne.

John tells me that until Covid dealt a heavy-hand, he and his company of singers and dances travelled twice annually to present shows in regional Performing Arts Centres throughout the country. He looks forward to these events resuming, but in the meantime he is planning some local charity concerts. He invites input from East Melbourne community, and hopes to start in January 2022.

Erin & John both agree that this suburb is their home well and truly now, particularly after sharing so many events and memories like these with their neighbours. Their hospitality and warmth will remain in this cosy suburb and aren't we all lucky to experience it.

For input or participation in future events please email admin@emg.org.au to reach the East Melbourne Group Social Committee.



Pullman Melbourne on the Park

Tony Byron

**Commercial Director
Pullman Melbourne on the Park**

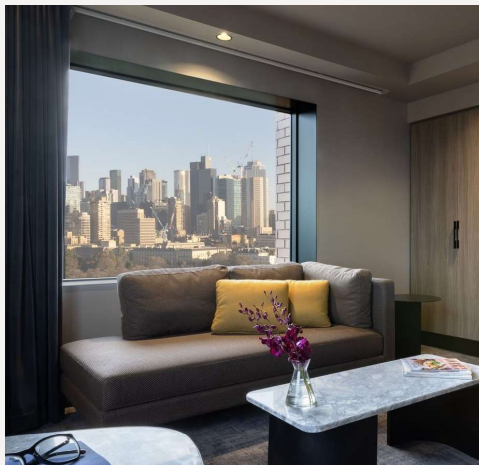
The Pullman on the Park's \$40 million renovation comes at a critical time for the city of Melbourne.

With the impact of COVID-19 dramatically affecting tourism, major sporting and cultural events, the recently completed Pullman refurbishment is set to help revitalise the local economy, generate new visitors, and offer new and improved amenity and lifestyle facilities for East Melbourne residents.

While renowned for hosting VIPs, sports stars, entertainers and world travellers, the 419-room flagship Pullman on the Park, has for years also been something of a local institution in East Melbourne, and a part of what makes the suburb so vibrant.

Located in Melbourne's evolving "dress circle", boasting easy access to our world famous sports, cultural and entertainment precincts, it is also easy to forget the Pullman on the Park is also deeply enmeshed in East Melbourne's past, present and future.

The site has always been a prime piece of parkside real estate, being the location of Melbourne's largest house, Cliveden, built in 1870, by the then largest landholder in Australia, William Clarke.



The following 100 years saw a the building's slow and steady decline, until its derelict and dilapidated shell was demolished in 1968. The building was a victim of its own grandeur, as the pre-industrialised age of servants and carriages, did not adapt to the postwar accommodation needs of Melbourne.

Fast forward a century, a lot has changed, but the essence has remained the same. East Melbourne remains among Melbourne's most desirable locations, and the ongoing adaptation of this site ensures the world-class hotel continues to be a beneficial part of everyday life for the community.



The hotel itself employs over 120 staff, which generates significant trade for our many local businesses, as hotel staff come from all over Melbourne, and take advantage of our local shops, cafes, restaurants and services.

A hotel the size of the Pullman on the Park also has a significant impact on a local economy, and General Manager Erkin Aytekin maintains that strong local community engagement was an important part of the Pullman philosophy.

"Catering for a premium hotel's thousands of guests and the extensive number of events we host generates valuable economic opportunities for local suppliers. Whether that is the unique food and beverage on offer, local florists or 24 hour emergency plumbers, the economic relationship we have with the communities in which we operate is vital," said Mr Aytekin.

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He adds that "the Pullman Melbourne on the Park has always been a preferred destination for local visitors coming to see Melbourne's major sporting and entertainment events but there is also significant growth in regional and interstate demand". "This is great for the local economy, because in many ways this area is in competition with other parts of Greater Melbourne for the local tourist dollar," said Mr Aytekin.

The comprehensive upgrade to the Pullman on the Park has been designed by leading architects DKO and features stunning views from every room, taking in Melbourne's famous gardens, the MCG, the Sports and Entertainment Precinct and the Melbourne CBD.

The exquisitely appointed rooms include crafted windows with metal shrouds to act like frames transforming the world-famous views into works of art. Each room has a window chaise to relax and enjoy the view. Privacy glass in the bathrooms switches back and forth between a clear window panel and a non-transparent opaque panel, allowing guests to enjoy the stunning views even from the bathroom.

The Cliveden Bar & Dining, popular with locals, is also re-open for all day dining.

Mr Aytekin said the "Pullman Melbourne on the Park's iconic location, within walking distance of the MCG, the Sports and Entertainment Precinct, the CBD, as well as bohemian Fitzroy and Richmond, makes it the perfect hotel for local, regional and interstate travellers".



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Meet your neighbours

Lisette Malatesta
Owner operator
East Melbourne General Store

A common observation voiced by visitors to East Melbourne is how friendly and approachable everyone is.

East Melbourne maintains a delicately balanced mix of small scale apartments, freestanding homes and parklands. This visionary configuration is preserved by the efforts of the East Melbourne Group's Heritage and Planning team. We also enjoy an inner city lifestyle which is not dominated by car culture, high property fences and alienating residential towers; allowing our residents to wander our picturesque boulevards, stopping to chat with friends and neighbours.

Organisations such as the East Melbourne Group, East Melbourne Neighbour Network, church communities and tennis club, offer wonderful engagement opportunities, and the hospitality and retail venues, that freely welcome all, further the community's cohesion and dialogue.

The corner Milkbar is increasingly a rare site in Melbourne's suburban landscape. Social commentator, Eamon Donnelly cites stores such as The East Melbourne General Store as "The lifeblood of a community", in his 2018 publication 'The Milk Bars Book, Milkshakes, Memories and Mixed Lollies: celebrating Australia's Colourful Corner Shops'. He reminds us that

"These sweet and colourful family run institutions helped shape our suburban landscape, supported our neighbourhoods and contributed to our diverse culture"



Local residents visiting the East Melbourne General Store.

All of East Melbourne's shopkeepers and venue operators work to promote the points of connection for local residents. Prior to Covid, the East Melbourne General Store welcomed Patrizia Kelly's weekly Italian conversation group, Lisa Schonfelder's French sessions, coordinated a Community Art Exhibition and is now also a collection point for local charity, the Humble Mission. Gus at the Tippler & Co has kept us connected through out lockdown with online initiatives and George St cafe remains steadfast as the key conduit for local friendships.

In this magazine edition, Alissa Duke discusses our book groups and the library and childcare centres highlight their community roles in our unique neighbourhood. We look forward to post-covid presentations by the East Melbourne Historical Society and the fabulous EMG social events.

The 'East Melbourne Connect' and 'East Melbourne Group's' Facebook pages and community notice-boards at the library, Holy Trinity Church and the East Melbourne General Store, provide platforms to keep us connected and informed.

There are many touch points to assist everyone in meeting their neighbours.



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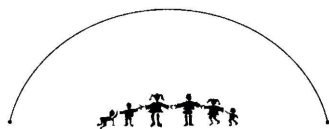
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Community childhood



East Melbourne Child Care Co-operative.

Jessica Matthews

**Educational Leader
East Melbourne Child Care
Co-operative**

East Melbourne Child Care Co-operative (EMCC) are longstanding members of the East Melbourne community. As a community co-operative, EMCC is a not for profit and run by a management committee made up of their service parents. When your child attends one of their centres, you can be confident that decisions are made by those who care the most about best outcomes for children...their parents.

East Melbourne's parents can access two sites ; Yarra Park which is located in Berry Street and Powlett Reserve in Simpson Street. Each centre offers long day care for 0-5 years, including funded Kindergarten.

Powlett Reserve recently underwent regulatory rating and assessment and received 'Exceeding' in all seven quality areas, something only achieved by a handful of services in Victoria. They are eagerly awaiting Yarra Park's turn at assessment and rating.

In addition to the everyday amazing play based pedagogy they undertake, EMCC also has a responsible charter to educate the children on environmental and reconciliation issues.

Sustainability is a major focus within EMCC and this focus is echoed in their philosophy which states that EMCC believes in . . .

” .. the natural environment,
its learning possibilities for children and
the increasing importance of
environmental education for children's
long term wellbeing and their
responsibility as citizens of the earth.”

EMCC has taken the TAKE2 pledge to help our planet. Their sustainability programs focus on how we can combat climate change and create a viable home for all living beings. Noting that each individual has the power to make change and create a ripple effect through generations. The sites work through an array of projects and commitments with the children on how they can come together to create a better future. Some of the EMCC commitments include being a RedCycle drop point, using biodegradable nappies, worm farming and composting systems, using Waste Ninja, participating in 'Plastic Free July', installing solar panels as well as our zero waste initiative.

EMCC have robust reconciliation programs which foster respect of Australia's First Nations people through the work they do with children. We are currently on our third Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) through Narragunnawali which is endorsed by Reconciliation Australia.

The centres' philosophy also notes the importance of

“Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and the rich learning opportunities these cultures offer children, families and educators. We respectfully acknowledge that we work and live on the land of the Wurundjeri people and endeavour to impart understanding and appreciation from non-Indigenous peoples while honouring and strengthening awareness of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and cultures.”

It is with great pride that their RAP and programs have been vetted by Aunty Gayle, elder at the Wurundjeri Land Tribe Council and they were fortunate to celebrate its launch alongside MP Adam Bandt and Uncle Bill Nicholson with a Welcome to Country and traditional smoking ceremony.

“It's a great joy to be a part of the unique East Melbourne community. We're eagerly looking forward to the easing of restrictions so that we can get out and about, exploring and enjoying it with the children once again!”



CoLab arts in the park Fitzroy Gardens

Vincenza Fazzalori
CoLab Arts artist

With lockdown 6 behind us we're so happy to return to the Fitzroy Gardens to continue 'activating and invigorating' the Pavilion through the arts for a few weeks further. Our initial Creative Spaces arts residency was prematurely cut short to barely three weeks (effectively causing us to be shut longer than we were open), but our enthusiasm has not dimmed. We are confident that our daily attendances will again be in the 100's, particularly over the weekends when families take advantage of another attraction in the popular garden. The opportunity for 'up front and personal interactions' with an artist or to participate in the popular no-charge and low-fee workshops has been well received.

We welcome two new CoLab members; painter and printmaker Chris Morton, and textile artist Kerri Ryan. They join artists Pauline Delaney, Roze Elizabeth, Nancy D Lane, Elsa Thorp Laurie Franklin and Vincenza Fazzalori in presenting a wide range of work available for visitors to simply enjoy, or purchase.

The November public program has been finalized with something on offer for everyone. If you'd like to have a go at visible mending, silk screen printing, urban sketching, monoprinting, or constructing from junk then head over to Trybooking. Bookings are now open www.trybooking.com/eventlist/colabartsinthepark

The artistic exchanges continue into December with a
CoLab Christmas Market
Sat 4th - Sun 5th December
10am - 3pm.

We have a number of local East Melburnian creatives as stallholders, so if you're in need of a last-minute Christmas gift think of us.

It is apparent from the locals who have become our regulars, popping in to look at work and chat with the artists, that you are justifiably proud and passionate about your community, the neighbourhood and everything 'East Melbourne'.

We look forward to picking up the conversation with you.



Norm Smith Sculpture
Legendary MFC Coach, Yarra Park

**Find us at
The Pavilion,
Fitzroy Gardens
until 16 December**

**Thursday – Monday
10.30 am – 4.00 pm**



Sashiko and Boro - traditional Japanese
decorative mending technique



Andy & Marita Russell
East Melbourne Resident MFC Fans

East Melbourne wins AFL Grand Final 2021

Iresha Herath & David Griffin

""The noise of the crowd was mad. It was like a bomb going off. The sound wave thumps into your chest. It's a deep guttural roar, and it's directed right at you.""

""During the game, I couldn't hear a thing. The beat was constant, it didn't let up. I was fatigued from running, but my voice was hoarse from yelling and trying to get players to understand what I was saying.""

""Melbourne players would have been excited in Perth for sure, but would it have been the same as the MCG? No way.""

The MCG and East Melbourne parklands were unusually quiet on September's last Saturday. But when the MCG's home team was playing in a Grand Final, they were quieter than they should ever be. Melbourne, the club that wrote Aussie Rules in 1859 East Melbourne, was winning its first Premiership in 57 years, far from home in Perth.

Covid has cost Victoria countless things, and some say football is just a game. Still, AFL is a religion for many, and Dees' supporters have waited patiently for their day. Sadly, for only the second time since the league's establishment, the MCG couldn't host the Grand Final.

So, who are Melbourne's followers, and whose tribe do they belong to? Unlike the grounds of local rivals Collingwood and Richmond, the MCG is for all Victorians, and the Demons have no favoured neighbourhood home.

East Melbourne could beg to differ. In September, houses were decorated in tribal colours, like 82-year-old Sue's home, draped in red and blue balloons by neighbours. The Melbourne clan is still here, 160 years after the inaugural game.

""I walked through the carpark in East Melbourne before the game. It was like a festival. Beers and champagne flowing, BBQs cranked up, everyone in a great mood. Fantastic celebration and nothing like I'd seen before.""



Sue Paynter, East Melbourne

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""Running onto the MCG the first time that day, I did fleetingly close my eyes and pretend I was playing. I laugh about it now..." David Griffin

Maybe because of the East Melbourne heritage, Demons' fans are sometimes called "posh kids". But 1850s East Melbourne wasn't the same as the pretty streets today. There were grand terraces and parklands. But there were also taverns, brothels, rooming houses, and a surgery where crims were treated on the quiet. Posh or not, it was the beginning of the Melbourne game, which eventually spread across Victoria and Australia.

The Demons' Captain announced in Perth that he was bringing the Premiership Cup home. These are challenging times, but it will be a cracking celebration when the MCG and Melbourne tribe welcome back their winning team. In East Melbourne, to be precise.



East Melbourne home of Lorraine & Bernie Holtschke

Springtime in East Melbourne

You be the judge. Who best captures springtime in our suburb?

Spring has sprung in East Melbourne and so many local residents took to the opportunity to snap their favourite blooms and wildlife for our East Melbourne Springtime Photography Competition.

The colourful and atmospheric photos on this and following pages are those that have been shortlisted for this year's spring snapathon, but check out the other great work submitted on the East Melbourne Group Facebook page's "Spring Album". So many images and so many talented photographers, including Nanette White, winner of this Spring Magazine edition cover photo entry.

Now, we need your help to select The People's Choice Award winner. To cast your vote, please email the corresponding photo number to **admin@emg.org**.

Winner will be announced in the next edition of 3002.



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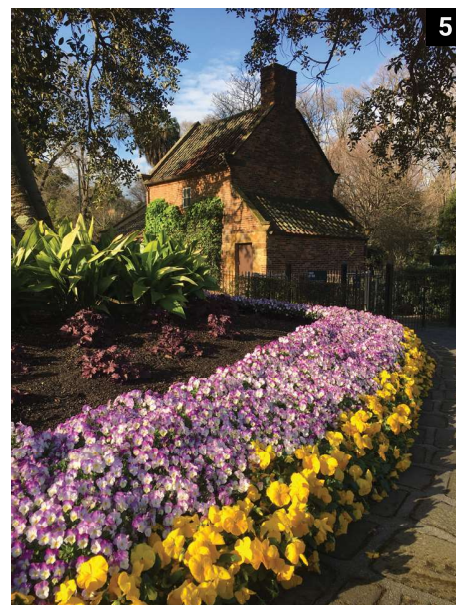
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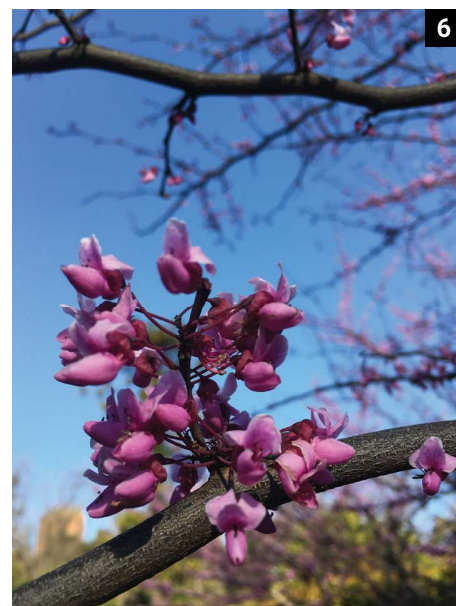
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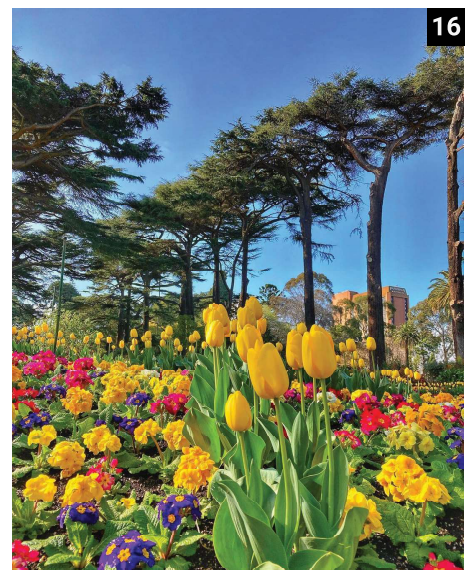
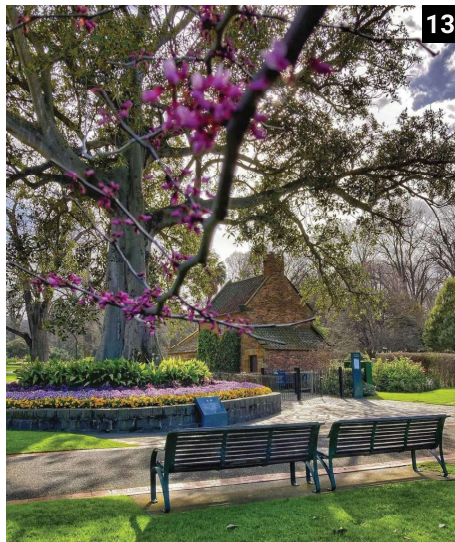
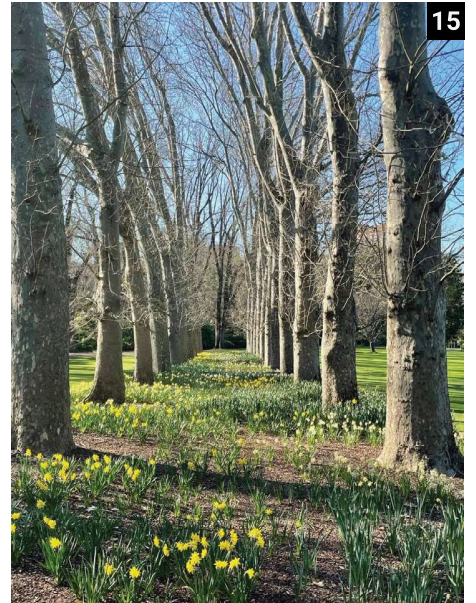
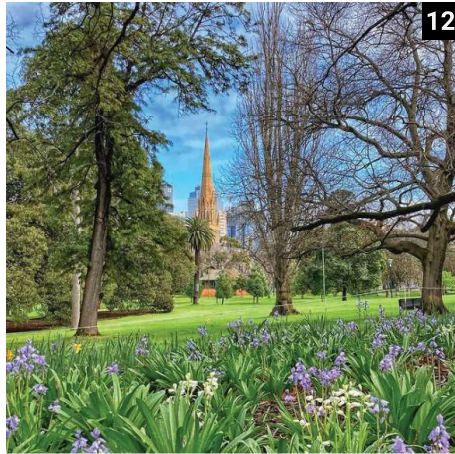
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Neighbour Network

Susan Henderson

East Melbourne Neighbour Network

Spring has certainly brought us all hope. As I write we are in the first stage of re-opening, leading soon to face-to-face meetings and classes. The Powlett Community Room will soon be busy again with locals exercising, playing instruments. Meditating, and learning new activities. Despite the continuous lockdowns EM Neighbour Network has still maintained efforts to help keep our great sense of community.

Young Families

With more and more small children in our midst, it is lovely to see the efforts to share the joy with the community during special events. The Halloween decorations around East Melbourne are a delight to see. Thank You.



Health & Wellbeing Activities

We are running the following classes for Term 3 back in Powlett Reserve. Check out the Timetable outside the Community Room and in the library for resumption of on-site classes.

Monday: Qigong and Chair Yoga
Tuesday: Evening Yoga
Wednesday: Afternoon Ukulele
Thursday: 3 Pilates groups
Friday: 2 General exercises groups

Kids Holiday Hunt

During the school holidays EMNN & EMG backed a group of young teens to organise a highly successful Kids Holiday Hunt. By staggering the starting times and having the participants follow the trail in groups of 2 or 3 we were able to keep to the Covid-19 rules but still have fun.

Over 50 children aged 3 to 12 years-old took the challenge and followed the instruction sheet to count, name, and find items around the trail in the Fitzroy Gardens. Lollies and drink were given as the children finished the hunt and prizes were handed out. Who knew there were so many young children in East Melbourne?



A huge shout out to the young organisers, Gabrielle Sofra, Fiona Gillies, and Georgiana Streeton Cook. Thank you also to the local businesses who sponsored the event: Kere Kere Café, East Melbourne General Store, Shop for Shops, Roccella Restaurant, and Tribeca IGA.

There were many suggestions (from Kids and parents) that this should become a regular event – and why not?

EMNN was established to support and connect residents in the community. If you would like to join, just email us for more information.

Swap & Share Stand

With so many shops, libraries, and other services closed we decided to set up a place for the community to drop off goods or take something that others had shared on the stand. Our motto is

"Take what you can use, share what you can spare."

It has become a place to feel part of the community by sharing, helping, taking home surplus given by others, and meeting for a chat. Diane's masks were a great hit, they disappeared very quickly.



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Community Health

Discarded needles and syringes in public places

Dr Sue Barker

Local GP Dr Sue Barker recently encountered a discarded syringe in one of our bluestone lanes and thought to alert us to the caution required in the handling of sharps. Community acquired needlestick injuries (CA-NSI) are a cause of significant community anxiety, however there are no published reports of an incidental CA-NSI leading to transmission of a blood borne virus such as hepatitis B, hepatitis C, or HIV. The visual evidence of injecting drug use highlights the prevalence of the citywide illicit drug problem, to which East Melbourne is not immune.

The issue of discarded needles in our lanes and parks is often a topic we would rather deny than face directly. However, this is increasingly an issue around our suburb, and there are simple solutions.

There are only two rules regarding discarded needles;

- 1 Avoid injury to yourself**
- 2 Protect others**

The City of Melbourne has a service which collects inappropriately discarded needles, which operates daily from Monday to Friday. They have an urgent call number as well. The service can be contacted by phone on 9658 9658, or online. The location of the discarded needle can be identified on a map on their website. They request a photograph of the needle in its location, but this is not essential.

My recent experience was that two hours after reporting a location, the team member arrived and removed the needle.

If you are concerned that a discarded needle is a danger to others, the first rule applies, 'Do not put yourself at risk.' You can pick up the needle with tongs or wearing heavy duty gloves. If wearing gloves, pick up the plastic end of the needle.

<https://www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/community/health-support-services/health-services/pages/syringe-disposal.aspx>



Place the needle in a plastic container, ideally with a screw-top lid. Product containers with a wide neck are easier for safe disposal than narrow necked containers. Place the container on the ground rather than holding it, to reduce the chance of inadvertently injuring yourself. The screw-top lid is preferred to a snap-on lid because the screw-top lid is less likely to accidentally dislodge, with the risk then of injury. The team from City of Melbourne will dispose of your collected needle.

Plastic containers are preferred over glass containers because of the risk if the container is dropped. A needle will remain inside a plastic container but may escape a dropped and broken glass container. We can consider risk when we know the variables: plastic versus glass, screw-top versus snap-top. We always have the support of the team from City of Melbourne, but don't forget to avoid personal injury whilst you work to protect others.



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**Pymans
Pharmacy**

News from the Library

Tom Box

**Children and Youth
Services Library
Technician**

**East Melbourne Library &
Community Centre**

We are thrilled to announce that
East Melbourne Library is once
again open to the public!

The East Melbourne library is also
our community centre, and
restrictions to its operation has had
a deep impact on the many who
rely on the space for much more
than books. The welcoming and
lofty space is a refuge for local
residents and visitors beyond our
suburb, to sit and relax, socialise,
be entertained, informed and
engaged.
Entry to the library has changed
and you now must check-in and
provide proof of your double
COVID-19 vaccination before
entering any City of Melbourne
libraries.

You can do this by presenting any
of the following ;

- Vaccination certificate via the
Service Victoria app when you
check-in via QR code
- Vaccination certificate via the
Medicare app
- Hard copy version of your
vaccination certificate, along with
photo identification
- Immunisation history statement

Once inside you will find our
shelves full of brand new items
ready to be browsed, borrowed and
enjoyed. Perfect timing to grab a
few things to read or watch this
summer.

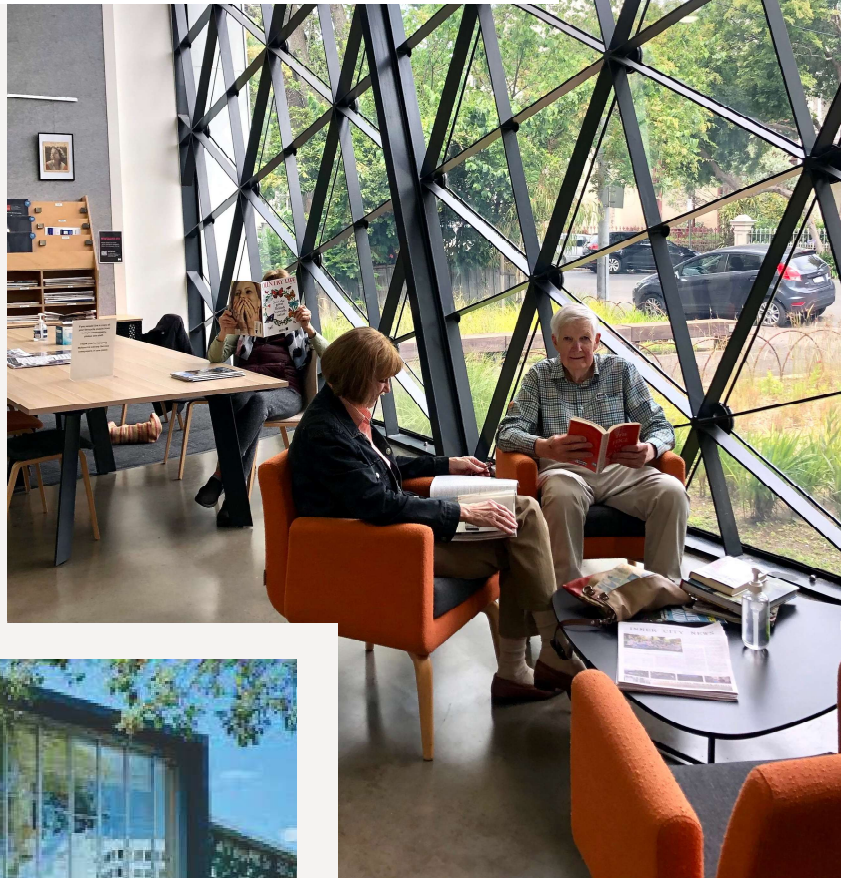


Public computer usage has resumed as
well as our printing, photocopying and
scanning facilities.

With rules and restrictions being
updated and lifting at a rapid rate, a
good way to keep in the loop with our
updated hours and programs is to visit
the City of Melbourne Libraries website
or follow us on Facebook or Instagram.

We can't wait to see you all in the library.
Our friendly staff are here to help find
that book title that's on the tip of your
tongue or just to say hello.

See you soon.



LinkedIn Learning for Libraries

Over lockdown many library
members have benefitted from
taking advantage of the online
learning opportunities available.
"LinkedIn Learning for Libraries"
gives you access to a wide-ranging
suite of video tutorials covering
everything from Excel, web design
and animation to resume writing, job
hunting and interview tips.
All of the courses are available via a
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Learning app and you can login with
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password.

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Home to book readers



Alissa Duke
Librarian

Watercolour pencil artist and urbane sketcher

East Melbourne is a suburb full of readers! There is a community of people who share the joy of reading, knowledge and words. They enjoy discovering books and sharing them.

Book Groups

East Melbourne has at least seven book groups where locals meet (often over coffee) to discuss and share thoughts on books. The book groups provide an opportunity for connecting with people and local places.

They can be informal or formal. There are some where one title is read by everyone and others where any book is read. There are old and new groups, and many are full—that's how popular they are. However one started just before the last lockdown and the Fourth Thursday Book Café at Holy Trinity Church welcomes all.

Fourth Thursday Book Café

A book group where people talk books and many other things. The people who attend are from across the community. It is a social event, for a get together and they always have a delicious afternoon tea. They have had guest author and organ piano entertainment. Meet fourth Thursday each month at 2pm.

If you plan to start a book group you can borrow books from the Library – they also can help with reservations and sometimes hold multiple copies of popular books. And there are rooms to book.

Book - Borrow - Bring

There are a number of places to browse, borrow and bring books to swap. Some are well known, while others aren't as obvious. They are all places where you can browse and serendipitously discover new titles and authors. All are accessible when the building/organisation is open.

East Melbourne Library

Books, magazines, newspapers (as well as music, movies) on the shelves or access online from home. Browse and read in the library spaces or borrow. All with your library card. Joining City of Melbourne Libraries is free and open to all residents of Victoria

East Melbourne General Store

Two bookcases - Fiction, to bring and swap. Coffee table and local history books to browse while lounging out front.

Holy Trinity Street Library

Two large bookcases. Borrow browse in restful foyer space. Mainly fiction. A shelf of non fiction. They would like more children's book donations.

Kere Kere Green Café

Set within the Fitzroy Gardens Visitor Centre, their bookshelves are against the back wall. Used by regulars and locals, they have Fiction and some children's books. (Which are often read at the café by visitors)

The Grey Smith

One book case. Fiction to borrow and bring, coffee table books to browse through while enjoying a meal.

Perhaps your apartment block has a book swap area or you might like to enquire about starting one?

Most recently a swap stall was set up by the Neighbour Network outside the childcare centre in Powlett Reserve. It was set up when all other physical access to books and browsing was closed to us. This article was written during lockdown and talking about pre-COVID conditions. However, all plan to continue after restrictions ease. Opening and access will be according to government guidelines in place at the time you visit.

Urban forests bloom across the city

Grey spaces are being transformed to green with leafy laneways, curated courtyards and rooftop urban farms, thanks to the City of Melbourne's Urban Forest Fund projects.

Chelsea Arnold City Of Melbourne

At Tribeca Apartments in East Melbourne, building manager Garrad Flint said there's been 'nothing but great feedback from our residents' about the new greening project.

The City of Melbourne contributed \$100,000 towards the project which has seen lush mature trees, including lemon myrtle and small-leaved fig, now line a narrow paved laneway, and the plaza area adorned with curving garden beds planted with a range of subtropical plants. Succulents and ground covers thrive.

"It's a publicly accessible plaza with cafes, restaurants and a supermarket, as well as a crossing point between Victoria Parade's greenery and Albert Street's parks," Garrad said. "We also get a lot of foot traffic from people visiting the nearby hospitals or staying in the local short-stay apartments."



The Urban Forest Fund provides matched financial support to new private greening projects in the city, not just for residents, but in many cases for all Melburnians keen for a stroll in publicly-accessible green spaces.



With lockdown restrictions lifted, social life is encouraged by the garden beds nestling next to the dining areas. "Before lockdown the plaza cafes, restaurants and bars were open to a nice but dated area. Now customers, visitors and residents get to walk out into and enjoy a lush green area. It's a real upgrade to their living area."

The cool green oasis adds to the character of the area, with a historical red brick and bluestone brewery lending atmosphere to this pleasant precinct. Take the time to explore this and other successful greening projects blossoming right across the city.

The Urban Forest Fund supports a wide range of projects, including gardens, tree planting, biodiversity projects, green roofs and vertical greening in the city.

Grant applications are assessed by a panel of greening experts and community members who prioritise projects that will provide the most benefit to the community and environment.

For more information on current projects or to apply for funds, visit www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/community/greening-the-city/urban-forest-fund

Public transport needs an upgrade!

Ellen Sandell

Greens State MP For Melbourne

During the pandemic, a lot of us haven't regularly been using public transport. Perhaps we haven't needed to travel very much, or we've taken to using our bikes, walking or using the car more often to stay away from crowds. We know this won't last forever, though. As our vaccination rates increase, COVID cases decrease, and we start to get our lives back to normal, more and more people will begin using public transport again. In fact, extra public transport services will be more important than ever to entice people out of their cars (and off our congested streets) and make sure there's enough space on public transport to ensure it's safe.

It's worth Governments thinking now about what this looks like, and one thing I want to draw attention to is our bus network, which is often overlooked when it comes to public transport.

For example, the 402 bus is one of the most important routes for getting east-west across our inner city. It starts at St. Vincent's Hospital, heads through Carlton, North Melbourne, Kensington and terminates at Footscray station. Along the way it passes most of our major hospitals, universities, and restaurant and entertainment areas like Lygon Street.

As we all know, we don't have many trams that run east-west in the inner city, so this bus provides a really important connection. For me, it's my local bus, allowing me to travel from my home in Kensington to the cinema, to appointments at the Royal Women's Hospital, and even to get to Parliament.



However, the bus currently doesn't extend into East Melbourne. It stops just short, at St. Vincent's Hospital. I recently undertook a survey to understand how residents would like to see this bus service improved. Many East Melbourne residents told me they would use the bus if it extended further into East Melbourne.

The other issue is that the bus stops running at 9.20pm in the evening, even on busy Friday and Saturday nights!

I'd love for more East Melbourne residents to take this survey so I can better advocate to the State Government for improved services. Please tell me what you think about our bus, and what you would like to see improved.

ellensandell.com/402bbus

My Victorian Greens colleagues and I have also recently introduced a Bill into Parliament that would require the state government to develop a transport plan for the whole of Victoria, rather than the piece-meal transport planning we see at the moment.

ELLEN SANDELL

STATE MP FOR MELBOURNE

Hi, I'm Ellen, your local State MP.
I'm here to help. Don't hesitate to get in touch.

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Parks and Gardens

How are our green spaces defined for you ?

Luke Martin

SubCommittee Convenor

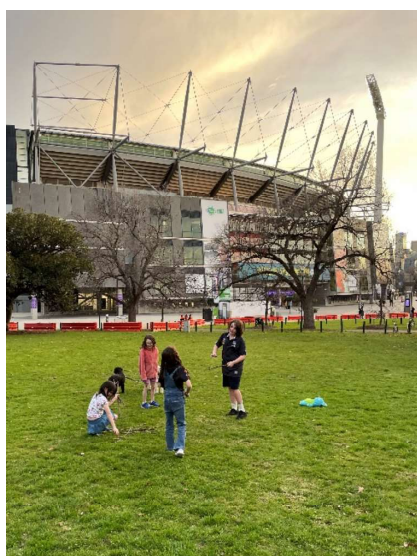
Parks and Gardens - East Melbourne Group

If we just look at one of our parks, Yarra Park, It has been estimated that during lockdown the use of Yarra Park went up 21 times over weekends and 10 times on weekdays.

In the few weeks after the end of lockdown it is estimated the usage remains double what it was in pre-pandemic times.

We are indeed lucky that our parks and gardens met the varied needs of our residents during the lockdown. As we reflect on the past year or so and how fortunate we are to have these places It is vital our parks, gardens continue to improve and evolve.

Whilst the use of these opens spaces may reduce now we are freer, it is important to ensure the needs and aspirations of our community regarding these places are met into the future. .



“Well thank goodness that’s over” is a commonly heard remark when people reflect upon the past 24 months of punctuated lockdowns. Here in East Melbourne another frequently heard phrase has been “aren’t we lucky to have these parks and gardens?” and during these past months we have been using them like never before.

Whilst the provision excellent spaces for active and passive recreation for residents and visitors is vital and often at the forefront of our minds, when we think about using parks and gardens, we should also acknowledge that these places contribute positively to the environment and play practical and appropriate roles in combating climate change.

In light of the increased use of our various open spaces and the acknowledgment of how lucky we are to have these spaces, the Parks & Gardens Subcommittee of the East Melbourne Group and others are turning their minds to the future and important questions like:

What areas of the parks and gardens need to improve to handle the increased usage?

What facilities do we need for the future?

How do we best maintain the balance between providing places for both passive and active recreation?

Do we have enough exercise and sporting facilities and if not what do we need?



The EMG Parks & Gardens Subcommittee would like to hear feedback from East Melbourne residents about your experiences and how you would like to see our parks and gardens evolve. If you have any feedback or ideas for our parks and gardens please contact the Convenor of the Parks & Gardens Subcommittee: Luke Martin on 0439 334 993 or parks@emg.org.au



The easiest and most efficient way to notify local council, utilities or other authorities of issues that need addressing in our community.

The Amenities Committee are very aware and concerned about the number of local resident complaints regarding drug use, drug dealing and anti-social behaviour by the guests in the temporary accommodation for displaced people in the Albert Street area. The DHHS housing initiative was initiated at the height of the pandemic crisis to utilise East Melbourne short-term stay properties. We are continuing to work closely with a number of groups including the Victoria Police, DHHS and Melbourne City Council together with the hotels to ensure resident safety and adequate care and support for the accommodation residents.

We will keep East Melbourne Group Members updated via our monthly member newsletters.

Amenities

Reporting local issues is now a Snap.

Jenny Owen

**SubCommittee Convenor
Amenities - East Melbourne Group**

East Melbourne amenity issues are successfully being actioned with the SNAP SEND SOLVE app – particularly with graffiti removal and public garden maintenance. The reporting service is easy to use, just download the app, snap a picture when you're out walking and send it off and it will be passed on to the appropriate institution for their attention and action.



Eat, Drink, Dine Local

Gus McAllister

Managing Owner, The Tippler Co.

After such a long road, I'm sure we're all very much looking forward to connecting with our wonderful East Melbourne community again. Eating, drinking, and enjoying our beloved cafes and restaurants.

SOUTHERN PRECINCT

This local strip is home to our essential Pymans Pharmacy, Bayside Drycleaners & Australia Post Office plus this selection of international cuisines and venue experiences which will keep you well fed and watered within the neighbourhood.



The Tippler & Co.

Located at 58 Wellington Parade, Gus, Alex, and the team are beyond excited to be back and see you all again. The leafy courtyard is the perfect place to enjoy some of the new cocktails. And, maybe even a cheeky bowl of their thrice-cooked fries. Follow @tipplerandco to keep up to date with The Tippler on Instagram!



Geppetto Trattoria

Come and say hello to Adrian, Louisa, Enricho, Maria, and Karina at Geppetto Trattoria. They're absolutely loving the atmosphere of a full house again! Pop in for some delicious rustic Italian food. And let me tell you, the homemade ravioli and specials board is where it's at!



Pokapoka Japanese

On the ground floor of 74 Wellington Parade, Kai and owner Mei of Pokapoka Japanese send their best wishes to the neighbourhood to stay safe and sound! They first opened their doors in 2019. And, they're available on UberEATS! Some fan favourites include the Salmon Poke Bowl, Chicken Katsu Curry, and one of Mei's personal favourites, the Tempura Bento Box.

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Queen Caterina

At Queen Caterina, they believe eating is happiness! Located at 78 Wellington Parade, their pizzas are made with only the freshest ingredients, passion, and love! Maybe you're in the mood for their delicious Garlic Focaccia Bianca, or a traditional Capriciossa.

We hope readers have returned to support their local vendoes, as they get back to 'business as usual' in this post-Covid era. This edition we explore our 'Southern Precinct' of East Melbourne, spanning Wellington Pde from Calrendon to Hoddle St.



Laurent Bakery

Come into Laurent Bakery at 148 Wellington Parade and meet Laura and Samantha! Let's savour the freedom, and enjoy the taste of a French artisan bakery, without the international travel. Pop in for some fresh bread, pastries, and don't forget the cakes!



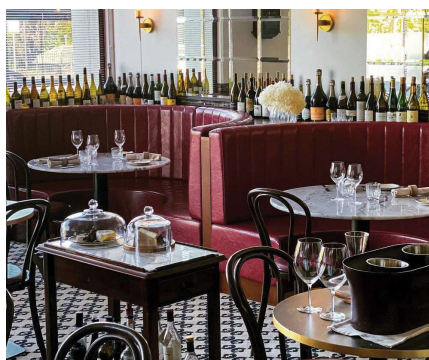
Mad Patties

Located at 80 Wellington Parade, they have meat, vegetarian, and vegan options. There's something for everyone at Mad Patties! And, they do delivery. Who doesn't love delivery? Come in and try their bestselling burger, The Mad Moo!



Hemingway's Wine Room

At 150 Wellington Parade, is a hidden gem, Hemingway's Wine Room. Glen and Ash are most looking forward to seeing people. Come in for some oysters, and a spot of champagne! Connect with Hemingway's via their Instagram @Hemingwayswineroom_



Two Fat Indians

Two Fat Indians, located at 166 Wellington Parade, is an "unfussy" Indian restaurant serving both traditional and contemporary Indian dishes in our very own backyard! Come in and try their homemade kofta, or tandoori chicken. They even have their very own food truck!

Il Duca

Lino, Domenic, Manuealla, and Laura of Il Duca are ready to be back drinking and socialising! If you weren't aware, Il Duca is a family oriented restaurant located at 132 Wellington Parade. Serving up traditional Italian cuisine. The team hopes to see you in for Christmas lunch, or maybe even some singing.



The Cliveden

Reopening November 15th after extensive renovations, The Cliveden is the place to be, "a sparkling social club". Situated in the iconic Pullman On the Park, The Cliveden is the perfect spot for a post-work catch up. The menu is a blend of traditional European preparations and native Australian ingredients.

The Grey Smith

The Grey Smith is located at 126 Wellington Parade. Owners Keir and Matti are excited to be back! Pop in and try the Cheesy Steak Sandwich, Barramundi and Chips. Or just a nice hot coffee featuring East Bean Alliance. Did you know that The Grey Smith gets its name from the Grey Smith Stand, which was part of the MCG from 1906-1966?

My Sushi

Maybe you're craving a spot of sushi? My Sushi is the place to be. Featuring fresh sushi hand rolls, fresh Tasmanian salmon sashimi, rice dishes, noodle soups, and more. They even have vegan, and gluten free options available!

Property price update

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The Australian Bureau of Statistics reports that Australian property prices have surged to all time highs throughout 2021. Some capital cities have enjoyed price increases of more than 8% in a single quarter. See below stats from the June quarter:

Canberra (+8.2%)
largest quarterly rise ever.

Sydney (+8.1%)
largest quarterly rise since June quarter 2015.

Hobart (+6.3%)
largest quarterly rise since December quarter 2003

Melbourne (+6.1%)
largest quarterly rise since December quarter 2009

Brisbane (+5.7%)
largest quarterly rise since June quarter 2007

Adelaide (+5.3%)
largest quarterly rise since December quarter 2007

I've said it before and I'll say it again - all statistics are to be taken with a grain of salt (especially ones coming from pesky real estate agents) though my main theme today may be controversial it is also true -

we have not seen an increase in East Melbourne.



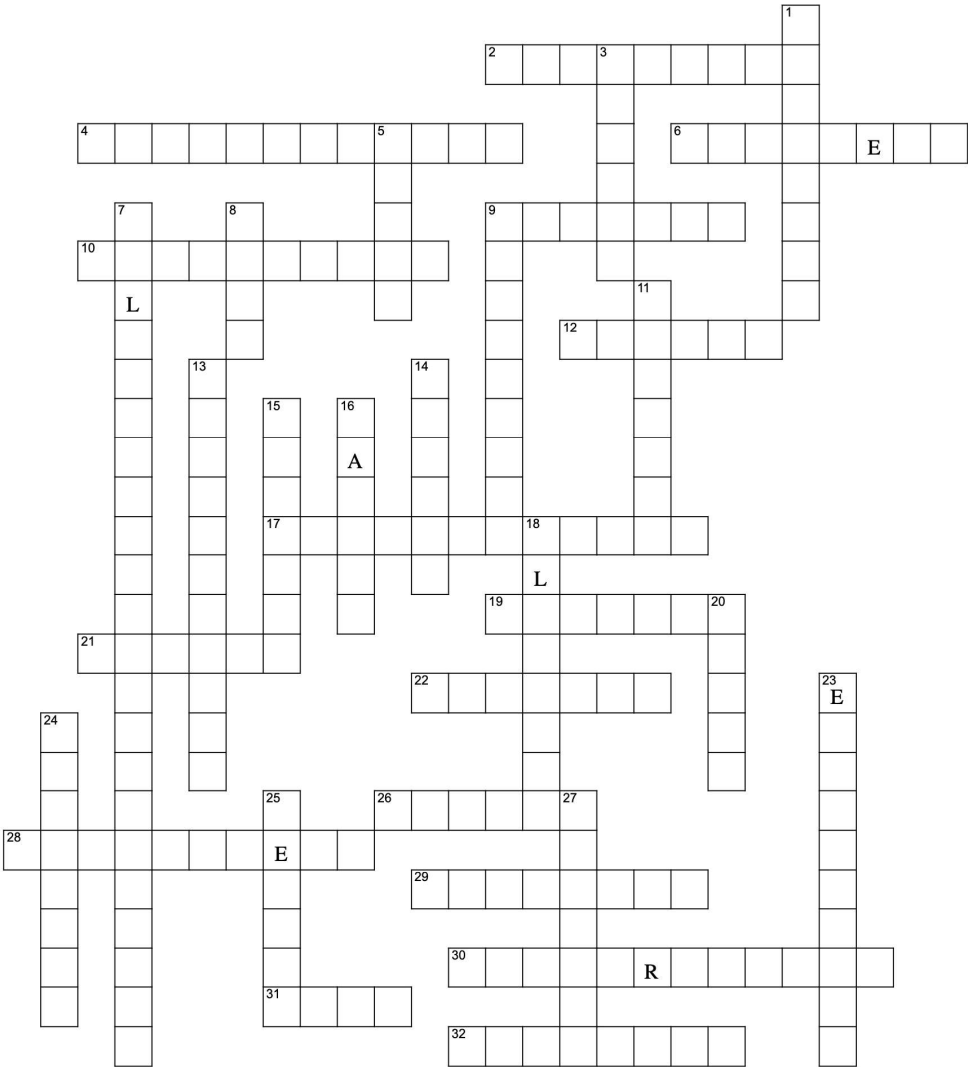
Yes - we've seen a huge amount of buyers.
Yes - property is selling faster than ever, but prices haven't surged like other areas of Melbourne and Australia.

As you're no doubt aware (at least we hope you're aware) we are the East Melbourne agents, but we do sell a lot of property outside of 3002 also, and only this week I've had the good fortune of listing a lovely home down in Brighton. When conducting pricing research I discovered the neighbouring property sold only a couple of years ago for a touch over one million dollars. The properties are quite similar, but now, comparable sales suggest this one will fetch close to \$1.7 million.

Why have we not seen this type of growth here in East Melbourne? First, East Melbourne is starting from a particularly high baseline - property prices per square metre are the most expensive in the city. Additionally, and most relevantly, in the last two years, all the pull factors that encourage buyers to spend big in East Melbourne have been thwarted; the MCG (no sport), proximity to the city (no office to go to, no restaurants, no theatres), downsizing (who wants less space when they are locked in their homes). This two year period is where outer suburbs have seen their big gains.

I'm finishing this article on Friday the 22nd of October - forever known as FREEDOM DAY - so what will this mean for prices in our beloved 3002. Well, our whole team is very excited for the price growth that will come with greater freedoms, as excited as I am for someone to serve me dinner and drinks this evening at an actual restaurant!

East Melbourne Crossword



ACROSS

- 2. Paddy's temple
- 4. Australia's oldest house
- 6. Surname of EMG President
- 9. A lovely square
- 10. Which parade to catch the 75 ?
- 12. Bin day
- 17. Home for a church man
- 19. Where George likes to read
- 21. Who walks her dogs in the Fitzroy Gardens ? (surplus N !)
- 22. Where to get gelati
- 26. East Melbourne Chemist
- 28. Cricketer's hat
- 29. Train station
- 30. House not to throw stones
- 31. Tree of the ancients
- 32. What is the river God ?

DOWN

- 1. Who gave the fairies' their tree ?
- 3. Grid designer
- 5. What village in the park ?
- 7. The "G"
- 8. A man has his pelican, a woman has her ?
- 9. Golden trumpets that love themselves
- 11. Where they uncovered Mirka Mora
- 13. Divine trifacta
- 14. What's the slide ?
- 15. Development at old Victoria Brewery
- 16. The last cab you'll ever ride in
- 18. House lost to a hotel
- 20. dogs park / car park / ??? park
- 23. Development at old Dallas Brooks Hall
- 24. Garden of money and budgets
- 25. What to play at Powlett Reserve
- 27. Donkey of a street

ANSWERS
1 Olaf, 2 Cathedral, 3
Huddle, 4 Cook's Cottage, 5
Tudor, 6 Mitchell, 7 Melbourne
Cricketer Ground, 8 fish, 9
daffodils, 10 Wellington,
11 Tippler, 12 Friday, 13 Holy
Trinity, 14 dragon, 15 Tribeca, 16
Hansom, 17 Bishops court, 18
Cliveden, 19 Library, 20 Yarra, 21
Dianna, 22 Rocella, 23
Eastbourne, 24 Treasury, 25
tennis, 26 Pymans, 27 Simpson,
28 Baggy Green, 29 Jolimont, 30
Conservatory, 31 Scar, 32
fountain

East Melbourne sketched from above

In a rendition called Suburb Series, architects Lauren O'Donnell & Adam Dwyer from **ODD Studio**, draw Melbourne suburbs, viewed from above.

Each drawing is a static image, deep in information about planning, history, geography, construction, solar and time. Pieced together from a blend of archived maps and aerial photographs, the drawings embed a personal emotion, felt with the rich belonging to a connection of place.

As the city's urban settlement is evolving, East Melbourne provides a memory of which shadows are cast from the year 2021.

Art prints of this map or smaller blocks can be purchased from

East Melbourne General Store

or online at <https://odd-studio.net/>



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SOUTHERN PRECINCT



Wellington Pde food and beverage precinct

Wellington Pde retailers

- Bayside Dry Cleaners
- Pymans Pharmacy
- Australia Post Office



- East Melbourne Cellars, Cnr Powlett & Hotham St
- East Melbourne General Store, 53 Hotham St
- George Street Cafe, Cnr Simpson & Hotham St
- East Melbourne Library, 122 George St
- Kere Kere, Fitzroy Gardens

- 1 St Patrick's Cathedral
- 2 Parliament House
- 3 Treasury Gardens
- 4 Fitzroy Gardens
- 5 Jolimont Reserve
- 6 Melbourne Cricket Ground
- 7 Yarra Park
- 8 Powlett Reserve
- 9 Darling Square





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