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## KEEPING KIDS SAFE ON THE ROADS

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## CHANGE IS AS GOOD AS A HOLIDAY

We are so into recycling in the City of Port Phillip that we recycle plastics, paper and now mayors. After four olympic years' absence as the titular head of this city, I have once again been entrusted with the mayoral mantle.

This happy event (for me anyway) and the looming ten year birthday of our amalgamated city has left me in a contemplative spirit. The two issues that have receded in profile over the past four years are planning and community housing. We used to joke that the big three issues were planning, planning and planning. We had acrimonious brawls with the Kennett government about heritage and the foreshore. Objections to developments attracted thousands of objectors with demonstrations erupting all over. Whilst individual sites still attract controversy, the issue has abated because development pressure has declined and our strategic planning rules make it clear where and what development is acceptable.

Our community housing program, the largest of any council in Australia, used to be the issue which divided candidates at election time. Now it is seen as a normal part of council activities. Similarly, the great political debates around drugs and street sex work have receded and these issues are now managed to quietly protect residential amenity as much as possible. One issue which has now become an obsession is the environment. It dominates almost every decision. We have won several national and international awards, such as the prestigious international Nations in Bloom, on the back of our efforts.

We are trying to get the basic services and infrastructure right. For example, our gardens were a problem but have recently been assessed as being the best maintained amongst a large group of councils. We're spending buckets on infrastructure and are half way through the Decade of the Drain (who would wonder why the gallery is empty at meeting times?).

The big issues are now more local in nature. How do we cope with childcare in Elwood? How do we deal with change in Port? How do we deal with small but much loved assets when they are unproductive? These local issues will drive our agenda now and into the future. The big brawls are, for the time being, behind us.

**Cr Dick Gross**  
Mayor

## REJUVENATING MELBOURNE'S FAVOURITE FORESHORE

The St Kilda foreshore is a favourite spot for many Port Phillip locals as well as many tourists from other parts of Melbourne, interstate and internationally. The area contains some of Melbourne's major landmarks, with the St Kilda Pier even regarded as one of Melbourne's top ten most romantic places to propose marriage!

The forthcoming closure of the much-loved Vineyard restaurant has gained a lot of exposure recently. Urgent repairs are being done to bring the building into line with contemporary standards. The \$250,000 upgrade includes wiring, repairs to the ceiling and floor and compliance with fire safety regulations.

The council is the Vineyard's landlord. The lease agreement with the recent restaurateurs ended 18 months ago and, because the building is on Crown land, the council is obliged to conduct a public tender process for a new five-year lease. Determined to retain the Vineyard as a restaurant, the council would welcome a proposal from the current operator, as well as other interested operators.

### Focus on the triangle

The state government is assessing the council's business plan required as part of obtaining new planning controls for the 'triangle site' that is home to the Palais Theatre, the Palace and a car park. The changes to the land use controls will give the council, the community and future developers greater certainty as to what can and can't happen on this prime piece of land.

The redevelopment of the West Beach pavilion is a good example of this. The private and public process the council has engaged in is the best opportunity to reclaim the heritage of this locally important building and return it to the public. The council is absolutely serious about creating a space that provides much-needed community and beach-related facilities – the tenders invited for this redevelopment will be evaluated against a detailed project brief, including an assessment of the level of community benefit that will be gained from any redevelopment.



### Let's grind!

It's been a slippery sort, but it's back on the agenda – a skate park for St Kilda. The council's internal team responsible for the successful construction and launch of the Port Melbourne skate park in Graham Street is forming a community working group to develop the concept for a skate park in St Kilda. Skateheads are especially welcome, as are local residents with knowledge and/or experience of skate park design. Please phone Ian Hicks on 9209 6615.

### Foreshore on film

People have always loved this area. They love it now, and they can love it more.

This is the main message of a short film that premiered on opening night of this year's St Kilda Film Festival. The 90-second film, commissioned by the council's St Kilda's Edge (SKE) Sub-committee, evokes how people have always enjoyed spending time in the St Kilda foreshore precinct. Port Phillip mayor and SKE Sub-committee member, Dick Gross, unashamedly declares that "St Kilda's always had soul and sand. The St Kilda's Edge rejuvenation means not only will you love it more, we'll make sure it's still around for you to love".

The film will be shown at a range of events to audiences with an interest in the St Kilda foreshore precinct, including the next St Kilda neighbourhood forum on Monday June 21.

[www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/stkildas\\_edge.html](http://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/stkildas_edge.html)



## A HUB OF YOUR OWN

Imagine a place where you can meet with your friends, learn a new skill, find out about council services, participate in activities, use the internet, attend resident meetings, that is close to public transport, local shopping and activity centres and you. These places are neighbourhood hubs and they are about making local government even more local. In this issue of *Diversity* we look at some of the hubs developing in your neighbourhood.

### ALMA ROAD TURNS ONE

The recently remodelled Alma Road Community House has just turned one and its time to celebrate. The new community house is warm and welcoming, with lots of room to mingle and socialise. Features include a dedicated computer room, a drop-in area, central kitchen and administration office as well as meeting rooms with up to 50 person capacity. A major aim of the redevelopment was to create an accessible environment where people with and without disabilities could interact together to share common interests and opportunities. The house is also home to the East St Kilda Maternal and Child Health service and many weekly playgroups and parenting groups. Why not drop in today and check it out!

To book a space or for information about courses contact Denise on 9209 6371 or visit [www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/community\\_class.html](http://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/community_class.html)



### LIARDET NEIGHBOURHOOD HUB REOPENS IN AUGUST

After major refurbishments, the Liardet Neighbourhood Hub is set to reopen in August 2004. A hive of activities, programs and services located together will mean that the community centre will be buzzing. Improvements will include a dedicated computer class room, more community meeting spaces, a refurbished kitchen, an information and referral service, increased space for the Port Melbourne Neighbourhood House programs, the addition of six one-person community housing flats and an upgrade of the community hall and drop-in lounge with a great wood fire heater.

### OPPORTUNITY FOR ELWOOD FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S HUB

The council's new direction to establish hubs in local neighbourhoods has guided a decision to take up an opportunity presented in Elwood.

The decision by the Presbyterian Church not to renew the lease has meant that the Scott Street Children's Centre needs a new location to maintain childcare and preschool places in Elwood. We know demand for both childcare and preschool places is higher than what is available locally.

The council is currently completing a feasibility study to determine whether any



Have you checked out the Port Melbourne Library lately? It's fab! The library in its Bay street location since November 2003 has more books, computers, space and light. Just a few of the features you will notice when you walk through the door.

publicly owned sites in Elwood would be suitable for the development of a purpose built facility to provide at a minimum long daycare and preschool services to families in Elwood. The study will also consider what other services and programs that support families might be co-located in such a facility.

A report will be presented to the council in July, which will enable them to determine its position on this project.





## OPEN BUDGET AWAITS YOUR COMMENT

The City of Port Phillip's proposed budget for 2004/2005 is now available and you are invited to have your say on any aspect of the proposed income and expenditure.

We welcome community comment before the council makes a final decision in July. Please call our ASSIST Centre or visit our website to get details of ways you can participate.

In 2002 the council adopted a five-year financial plan that forecast revenue increases of 5.5 per cent per year. Because there has been a 3.7 per cent growth in the rate base due to new and renovated properties in Port Phillip, individual rate assessments will rise by an average of 1.8 per cent, which is less than inflation, while delivering capital works and other services.

Included in the budget are recently announced increases in childcare fees, plus changes to home care and meals-on-wheels charges. Council childcare centres will increase full-time fees by around \$25 per week to meet the higher wages recently awarded to childcare workers. Meals and home care fees will also rise by 70 cents per day but will remain much lower than in neighbouring councils.

There are also significant changes that many ratepayers will welcome. About \$1 million extra will go into street trees enabling the council to double the number of trees planted in public areas – a massive acceleration in the council's 'green city' plan.

The libraries will get 20 per cent more books in the next year – this is the biggest injection of new books since the libraries were opened. Graffiti is also being tagged with more support for the successful removal plan.

Port Phillip is one of only 18 Victorian councils that operate without a deficit, giving the ratepayers and residents secure, sustainable services.

**David Spokes**  
Chief Executive Officer

## BEST FOOTPATHS FORWARD

City of Port Phillip residents are enjoying smarter, safer footpaths with the recent completion of major footpath works.

The works involved removing the existing footpath, resurfacing with fresh asphalt, installing tree boxes with root barriers around existing trees as required, and reinstating nature strips. Recently completed work includes sections of Canterbury Road, Moray and Cecil streets in South Melbourne, and Ashworth Street in Albert Park.

Also, the council has installed 'TripStop' strips into concrete footpaths along Williamstown Road, Port Melbourne, and Tennyson Street, Elwood. TripStop is a rubber joint inserted between concrete bays to minimise movement between the slabs, often caused by tree roots, with the aim of reducing pedestrian accidents caused by uneven slabs. These test sites are currently being monitored.

This financial year the council has spent \$600,000 under the capital works program to resurface approximately 20,000 square metres of footpath. It also spends \$500,000 a year to repair footpaths under the preventative program to eliminate trip hazards and unsafe surfaces.

Pedestrians needs are important to us, hence the upgrade and maintenance of footpaths is a top priority.



Footpath improvements make streets safer for all.

## ANY CONCERNS ABOUT YOUR ROAD: CALL US!

If your road has sprung a pothole or some wag has redirected the corner street sign, chances are Vanessa Moody or Cecilia Fung at the City of Port Phillip's depot will be able to help you out.

Vanessa and Cecilia are customer service officers for FRH Standard Roads, which is contracted to the council to maintain roads, drains, street signs, street furniture, kerbs and footpaths.

They handle up to 500 queries a week, mainly via the council's ASSIST service, and relay concerns on to maintenance staff.

"We get a lot of calls from people about what works are going on and how long they're going to take and how it affects them. Some people just want to talk about it, and that's part of what we're here for," says Vanessa.

Road and footpath safety is a priority for the council, so if you see anything that needs attention, call FRH Standard Roads on 9209 6621, 7.30am to 5pm, Monday to Friday.

Other council queries should be directed to ASSIST staff on 9209 6777.

## OPEN SPACES ARE GREAT PLACES

Parks, gardens, playgrounds, plazas... if open spaces play an important role in your life, make sure you have a say in their future.

The City of Port Phillip is reviewing its Open Space Strategy to provide new direction for the planning, management and design of its parks, gardens, reserves, foreshore, sports fields, playgrounds, streetscapes and plazas.

The community will be asked to comment on the ideas later in the year.

To find out more keep an eye on the council's website or call Parks and Open Spaces project manager Helen Bainbridge on 9209 6657.



## DOING IT FOR OURSELVES

So you've composted the vegie peelings, re-used the shower water and hauled out the recycling bin ... ever wondered if your local council is keeping up its end of the bargain?



The City of Port Phillip is indeed practising what it preaches. The council has six "environmental advocates" who apply subtle peer pressure to co-workers to take on environmental practices within the workplace.

This year's activities include organising a staff garage sale with the money raised going to charity, undertaking a waste audit of council offices and encouraging staff to re-use paper before recycling.

## LEARN MORE ABOUT YOUR LOCAL ENVIRONMENT

Interested in issues that affect your local environment? Then come along to an EnviroEvent!

This year, the City of Port Phillip introduced EnviroEvents: a series of walks, talks and seminars focusing on issues affecting your local environment. The forums were inspired by our Sustainable Living at Home (SLAH) participants, who wanted to continue learning how to care for and protect the environment, after attending the SLAH program.

All EnviroEvents are free and refreshments will be served. There will also be an environmentally friendly door prize! Check out the events for June and July.

### From Lagoon to Lifestyle Living: Sunday 20 June, 10am-12noon

Meet at the Federation Bench, foreshore path near Lagoon Pier (between Esplanades East and West) Port Melbourne (Mel 2JE8).

Walk along the shores of the former Sandridge Lagoon, now replaced by parks and residential estates. Local Janet Bolitho will trace the areas fascinating and many-layered history through cues in the landscape.

### Compost and worm farms: Wednesday 21 July, 7pm-8.30pm

St Kilda Town Hall, Council Chambers.

Join Sustainable Gardening Australia to discover the science and art of successful composting and worm farming.

[www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/enviroevents\\_2004.html](http://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/enviroevents_2004.html)

# MAKE SURE YOU ARE ENROLLED TO VOTE – ROLL CLOSSES 1 SEPTEMBER 2004

If you have an opinion on life in Port Phillip, don't miss the opportunity to act on it! Council elections are set for Saturday 27 November 2004 with all residents and property owners of Port Phillip eligible to vote... but before you can vote you must be included on the council electoral roll.

## Vote to have your say

Australian citizens living in Port Phillip who are already enrolled on the State and Federal election roll are automatically enrolled for local council elections. That means, if you live in Port Phillip and have recently voted at a State or Federal election from your current address, you are already enrolled.

If you are not already on the State and Federal electoral roll at your present address, you can enrol by completing the enrolment form available from Australia Post Offices, Port Phillip town halls and libraries or the Australian Electoral Commission website [www.aec.gov.au/\\_content/what/enrolment/forms/vic.pdf](http://www.aec.gov.au/_content/what/enrolment/forms/vic.pdf)

## Some Australian citizens not living in Port Phillip are also eligible to vote

If you own or occupy property in Port Phillip and are the first or second named person on the council's rate records, you will also be automatically included on the council's voters' roll for your ward. If you are not the first or second named owner or occupier you may also apply to the council to be enrolled.

Corporations and businesses that owns or occupy property in a ward may also appoint someone as their representative on the council's voters' roll.

For information about how to apply, including council application forms, please contact ASSIST or visit [www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/enrol\\_change\\_address.html](http://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/enrol_change_address.html)

Non-Australian citizens who live in Port Phillip may also apply to vote at council elections by applying to the council to be enrolled.



## Get involved by becoming a councillor

Voting is one way to have your voice heard, but becoming a councillor is an exciting step for those interested in becoming more actively involved in debate. To stand as a candidate for the upcoming election you must be on the council's voters' roll.

[www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/council\\_election.html](http://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/council_election.html)

## PROPERTY VALUES SURGE FOR LOCALS

Property values in the City of Port Phillip continue to rise solidly with an increase of 19 per cent in the value of residential properties over the last two years, commercial property values have risen by 11.2 per cent and industrial properties by 4.6 per cent in the same period.

Hot spots include Ripponlea, Albert Park/Middle Park and Garden City, with South Melbourne's St Vincent Place boasting the highest values. "It's good news for home owners," says mayor Dick Gross "because it provides a large tax-free gain, but it does mean the rate burden is falling more on residential owners and away from commercial and industrial owners."

## PARTICIPATION AND CONSULTATION CALENDAR

This is a new section of *Diversity* to inform you of opportunities for community engagement and consultation in the coming months.

### 2004-2005 Budget and 2004-2008 Council Plan

The City of Port Phillip's draft budget 2004-2005 and Council Plan 2004-2008 will be released on 8 June 2004. Copies of the draft budget and plan will be available at ASSIST centres at Town Halls, Libraries and via the Port Phillip website. Community members can make submissions until Friday 25 June. Submissions will be heard by councillors on Monday 5 July and the final budget will be adopted on Monday 12 July.

### Road Management Plan

Community feedback will be invited on the draft Road Management Plan. This plan will set out the roads for which Port Phillip is responsible, as well as setting standards for service, maintenance and construction. From date the draft plan will be available on the Port Phillip website, at Port Phillip libraries or mailed by request.

### Beacon Cove / Port Melbourne Foreshore

A community forum will be held about Beacon Cove and the Port Melbourne Foreshore during June 2004. Details will be advertised.

### More information

For more details about any of these events or processes contact ASSIST on 9209 6777.

# Neighbourhood News

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## NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUMS 2004

Neighbourhood forums are opportunities to hear about key projects in your local area and to ask questions of the council, your neighbourhood councillors and council staff about an issue relating to the neighbourhood.

- St Kilda Neighbourhood forum is to be held at the St Kilda Town Hall on Monday 21 June, 7pm-9pm. Topics to be discussed will include St Kilda's Edge, Crime and Safety, Nightlife policy.
- The South Melbourne/St Kilda Road Neighbourhood forum is to be held on Monday 19 July, 7pm-9pm.

## Albert/Middle Park/West St Kilda



### CHESS ON BROADWAY

Feel like a game of chess? Come and enjoy a relaxing game of chess outside.

Thanks to neighbourhood minder, Beverley Smith, a permanent granite chess table has been installed in the Broadway Tree Reserve. The idea behind the new chess feature is to promote a game that people of all ages can enjoy outside.

If you don't have a chess set you can borrow one from the Albert Fruit Palace located opposite the park in Dundas Place. The fruit shop is open 24 hours and invites locals to borrow the chess set and make full use of this unique feature.

### NEW LITTER TRAPS KEEP LITTER AT BAY

In a bid to keep litter at bay the council has installed two more litter traps in the Harold and McGregor Street drains. The litter traps costing \$100,000 each play a key role in preventing litter from escaping into the bay and parts of the Albert Park Lake. Anything larger than two millimetres in width is caught by the trap. Cigarette butts, leaves, aluminium cans, polystyrene coffee cups and plastic food wrappers are just some of the notable items found in your average litter trap. The traps are emptied on a regular basis so you get to enjoy your beach and your bay litter free.

### MEET YOUR LOCAL COUNCILLOR

Your local councillor, Carolyn Hutchens will be available to speak with residents about local ward issues and answer any questions. Saturday 10 July, Middle Park Library, 10am to 12noon.

**ALBERT PARK/MIDDLE PARK/WEST ST KILDA  
NEIGHBOURHOOD  
CR CAROLYN HUTCHENS**

## Elwood / Ripponlea

### BANKING ON THE COMMUNITY

Are you a not-for-profit group, organisation or individual, which provides services to local residents? The Elwood Community Bank is offering, for the first time community grants through its "Banking on our Community" grants program. This year the bank is allocating \$10,000 to the grants scheme. For further information and applications call Barry Sholl on 9525 6577. Applications must be received by Friday 18 June 2004.

### ELWOOD BEACH HOUSE PLAYGROUND UPGRADE

Good news mums and dads, the Elwood Beach House playground upgrade is complete. The natural design includes new timber decking, a crawl slope for toddlers and a custom-made boat with a 'walk the plank'. There are also climbing nets and sand for soft fall areas.



### GIVE US YOUR FEEDBACK ON THE FORESHORE

Elwood swimmers, walkers and beach babes take note; the council is about to update its Elwood Foreshore Management Plan, and we want your feedback.

Sporting clubs and on-site users of the area have been surveyed, and the next step is to analyse the existing 10-year-old plan and draft a revised management plan to take the foreshore into next decade. This will involve the council consulting with the community to find out your thoughts and views.

Look out for an opportunity to have your say by keeping an eye on the council's website and noticeboards at foreshore clubs and buildings. Alternatively, you can contact the council's Parks and Open Spaces project manager Helen Bainbridge on 9209 6657.

### FACE LIFT FOR THE ELWOOD TRADERS ASSOCIATION

Ormond Road is looking great after its recent facelift locating the unsightly overhead cables and installation of new lights. Now the Elwood Traders Association (ETA) has a new face with vibrant written all over it. A new brand, logo and website were recently launched to promote the lively neighbourhood shopping precinct. And changes to parking times in the strip mean you can almost always find a spot to stop while you shop. Check out the new look at [www.elwoodtraders@yahoo.com.au](mailto:www.elwoodtraders@yahoo.com.au). For further information contact 9525 7222 or [elwoodtraders@yahoo.com.au](mailto:elwoodtraders@yahoo.com.au).

**ELWOOD/RIPPONLEA NEIGHBOURHOOD**  
**CR LIZ JOHNSTONE CR DICK GROSS**

## East St Kilda/Balaclava



### VANDALS BRANCH OUT

Evelyn Street trees have been the victims of harsh vandalism. The council planted the trees at the start of May and within two weeks, 10 of the 13 trees planted had been destroyed. The trees were Russian Pears costing \$462 per tree to purchase and maintain over two years. The council is currently investigating who may be responsible for the tree damage. For the time being, the trees will be left in the street until new trees are available to replace them.

### HERITAGE STUDY UNEARTH'S INTERESTING DISCOVERIES

Some interesting discoveries of history were unearthed at the East St Kilda Heritage workshop in April. The workshop gave residents the opportunity to share their historical knowledge of the area.

It was discovered that much of East St Kilda was developed during the 1920s and '30s and often involved the subdivision of a former homestead and demolition of the original mansion.

In the 1920s a homestead situated on Hammerdale Avenue was subdivided Hammerdale Avenue was then constructed to meet Young Street, and later again to meet Jervois Street, explaining the unusual curve in the junction of these two streets.

Another discovery at the meeting found that Holroyd Court occupies land that once formed part of Fernacres, the estate of prominent Melbourne barrister, Justice Holroyd. The estate, which once existed in this area in 1936, extended from the southwestern corner of Alma and Orrong Roads. The demolition of the mansion resulted in eight standard sized residential allotments, including the four wedge shaped block clustered around Holroyd Court.

For more information on the heritage study visit [www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/esk\\_heritage\\_study.html](http://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/esk_heritage_study.html) or contact Nicola Stephens in the Strategic Planning Unit on 9209 6777.

**EAST ST KILDA/BALACLAVA NEIGHBOURHOOD**  
**CR DARREN RAY CR DICK GROSS**

## Port Melbourne

### A MORE APPEALING PARADE

Port Melbourne's Howe Parade is getting a facelift. Trees, native grasses and bike lanes will help to upgrade the streetscape to improve its appeal.

Existing planting will be supplemented by additional Sydney Red Gums in the median and Desert Ash along the nature strip, while native grasses will be planted in various patterns in the median and nature strips. Bike lanes on either side of Howe Parade will connect with existing lanes in Williamstown Road and Beacon Road.

But the work is more than a beautification project. Installed at the back of the kerb will be 'bio-retention cells' – planted features where stormwater runoff is allowed to pond temporarily. It then passes through a sandy loam filter and into the existing underground drainage system, reducing phosphorus, nitrogen and suspended solids.

The work is expected to cost about \$500,000, with some funding for the bio-retention cells coming from the Victorian Stormwater Action Plan.

Works are expected to be completed by the end of August.

### FOCUS ON PORT MELBOURNE FORESHORE

In March 2004 the Beacon Cove Precinct Committee was formed. The initial aim of the committee was to approach issues resolving the future of Princes Pier. The committee however identified a number of other issues that needed to be addressed in the area.

The committee meets regularly to discuss issues that affect the Port Melbourne area, including the design of the promenade, options regarding the adaptation of Princes Pier and civic spaces between the piers and Bay Street.

The committee is made up of four community representatives, representatives from the Department of Sustainability and Environment, the Department of Infrastructure, the City of Port Phillip and Parks Victoria and an urban design academic.

For further information contact Bruce Phillips or Phillip Loone on 9209 6229.



**PORT MELBOURNE NEIGHBOURHOOD**  
**CR JULIAN HILL**

## South Melbourne



### INNOVATIVE SOLUTION TO PIGEON PROBLEM

South Melbourne residents could be forgiven for thinking birds of prey were seeking an inner-city lifestyle with sightings of hawks hovering over St Vincent Gardens.

But the City of Port Phillip is behind the hawkish move, installing the imitation birds to scare off pigeons that have been marauding the gardens' flower beds.

The hawks were installed after the entire winter planting for the gardens was lost over a weekend in April. Losing \$3000 worth of plants in one fell swoop spurred the council into action.

Council contractors strung two full-size imitation hawks on invisible fishing wire over the garden beds last month, where they appear to float in the breeze. It's hoped that pigeons' instinctive fear of hawks will keep them away from garden beds.

And the plan appears to be working. A lure of bird seed and lettuce remained untouched after the hawks were installed. The council hopes to replace the lost plants once contractors are certain the devices are working.

### NEED A LIFT?

Installation of a new lift at the South Melbourne Market will be underway by July. The glass lift will be installed opposite the internal stairs and provide a more centrally located vertical access to the roof top car park. The lift will be accessible from the lower and upper decks of the roof top car park via a new weather protected lift lobby. The new lift is scheduled to be fully operational by September 2004.

### NEW ENTRANCE FOR THE GARDENS

Works have recently commenced on the reconstruction of St Vincent Gardens west end entrance. The new entrances will resemble the original entrances as seen in historical photographs from the turn of the 19th century. The reconstruction of the timber and stone entry structures are due for completion in July.

**SOUTH MELBOURNE NEIGHBOURHOOD**  
**CR PETER LOGAN**

## St Kilda

### OCTAVIA STREET TO GREEN UP

The council plants more than 500 trees annually throughout the city, between the months of June and September. Plans are now afoot to green up St Kilda streets. Updating the streetscape in Octavia Street is next on the list. The first stage is to develop a list of appropriate species for the street based on the species, affect on amenity, drought tolerance and suitability for growth in an urban environment

### TALBOT RESERVE: MOVES INTO FINAL STAGE

The final stage of the upgrade of Talbot Reserve is underway. The old playground at the rear of the reserve has been removed and a new custom made playground is been installed at the front of the reserve near the National Theatre.

The new playground includes natural timber decking for slides and seating, a basketball court, spring rockers, grass mounds and an innovative 5.6m high play net structure – the first to be installed in the Port Phillip. Works expected to be completed by the end of June 2004.

### RENFREY GARDENS' PLAYGROUND

Upgrade works for Renfrey Gardens' playground are near completion.

The playground now has a gravel access path to a new set of swings as well as new spinning equipment for older children, a cubby house for younger children, relocated seating and an extension of the soft fall area.

### ACLAND NEIGHBOURHOOD STREETScape PLAN

The first two stages of work under the Acland Neighbourhood Streetscape Plan was finished in May. The plan was developed to improve Acland Street's aesthetic appeal and create uniformity within the street. The striking new streetscape includes the reconstruction of traffic treatments using high-quality bluestone materials, indigenous plantings and bluestone 'seat blocks'. Rubberised pavements were installed to protect the existing mature avenue of Plane trees.



**ST KILDA NEIGHBOURHOOD**  
**CR DICK GROSS CR DAVID BRAND**

## St Kilda Road



### WORKING TOGETHER TO IMPROVE SERVICE

In a bid to provide more effective services to residents of St Kilda Road, the cities of Port Phillip and Melbourne have established a working group to develop a joint action plan aimed at providing more support for key planning, social and economic development issues.

The joint action plan will address a number of issues including parking, access and transport, streetscape design and maintenance, signage and street numbers, communication and access to council support services, and urban design.

### A MINDER OF YOUR OWN

St Kilda Road will get its own minder this month. The council recognises the need for stronger community support for this area. The neighbourhood minder aims to connect residents to council services and improve communication between residents and the council.

Neighbourhood minders play a vital role in connecting residents within their area to the council and its services.

Neighbourhood minders work in partnership with residents and the council to:

- Provide up to date information on current council services
- Ensure the safety and comfort of residents
- Act as an information exchange between the council and residents
- Ensure the cleanliness of the area including litter being collected
- Observe the state of the precinct and report problems to the council
- Posters removed, and to encourage appropriate use of street litter bins
- Monitor kerbside trading and address violations.

**ST KILDA ROAD NEIGHBOURHOOD**  
**CR PETER LOGAN**



## A NEW VOICE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

A new initiative that is building bridges between kids and the community is helping to give young people a sense of their place in the world. The Community School Yard project grew out of a forum held in late 2003. Expected to canvass around 100 community members, the forum was attended by almost 200 people.

The project takes inspiration from a similar system in the United States with the project steering team, Leo Kelly and Kevin Daly, aiming to create links between schools and business, police, health and other services.

“The goal,” says Kevin Daly, “is to create an ongoing relationship – so that when schools think about curriculum they plan ways to involve the community, and when business and community groups think about schools they plan ways to become involved!”

[www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/community\\_school\\_yard.html](http://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/community_school_yard.html)



## PLAY IN OUR BACKYARDS!

Picture a giant backyard designed just for kids ... that's what you'll find at Skinners South Melbourne and St Kilda Adventure Playgrounds. With swing ropes, flying foxes, trampolines and cubbies galore, the playgrounds are every kid's backyard fantasy. And with coffee facilities and cosy spots for parents to relax and chat, the grown-ups are sure to approve!

Created by the community and fully staffed, the playgrounds are constantly evolving playspaces with a focus on play and the arts – kids can get involved in ceramic classes, take a piano lesson or just feed the chickens!

The playgrounds are open every weekday afternoon and all day Saturdays, Sundays and almost every public holiday. They're also available as venues for action-packed parties.

To find out more, contact Skinners South Melbourne Adventure Playground on 9209 6352 or St Kilda Playground on 9209 6349 or visit us at Skinners between 209 and 211 Dorcas Street, South Melbourne, and St Kilda Adventure Playground off Neptune Street, St Kilda.

[www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/adventure\\_playgrounds.html](http://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/adventure_playgrounds.html)



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## MEETING THE SCHOOL HOLIDAY CHALLENGE

Keeping kids busy throughout the holidays can be a challenge, but programs at Middle Park Primary School, St Kilda Primary School and Elwood Primary are ready to help.

Busy fingers can get involved in craft activities including bead making, plaster casting, mosaic art and marbling. Junior chefs will love the cooking days and there are plenty of excursions to choose from including visits to parks, aquatic centres and the Arts Centre. If that sounds too energetic, take relaxing time out with movies at the St Kilda Town Hall.

For more adventurous kids, a five day horse riding camp at Daylesford, or lakeside adventure at Lady Northcote Recreation Camp near Bacchus Marsh, is an exciting alternative.

Programs run for the two weeks of the holidays from Monday 28 June. Camp spaces are limited to 40 children per camp with priority given to Port Phillip residents, children whose parents work in the City of Port Phillip or children who attend local schools.

With the regular program at Albert Park Primary School on hold for renovations, booking early is important – pick up an enrolment form at your local school or from Port Phillip town halls and libraries.

[www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/school\\_hols\\_program.html](http://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/school_hols_program.html)



## GIVING WALKERS THE GREENLIGHT

Making our streets safer for pedestrians is not just about making drivers more aware. Armed with a \$15,000 grant from VicHealth, the council is planning to persuade VicRoads that pedestrians, not cars, should get the greenlight on roads.

From April to November, the council will scientifically assess whether crossing time at key crossings is appropriate. Feedback from pedestrians, especially children and seniors, is that lights at many crossings simply don't provide enough time to cross.

One particularly notorious example is St Kilda Road/Brighton Road where it takes two sets of lights to cross the ten lanes of traffic. Parents at St Kilda Primary School, one of six schools in the municipality encouraging walking through the walking school bus program, find the existing crossing particularly intimidating.

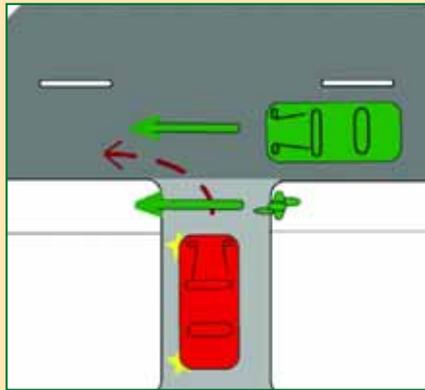
Initiatives to be considered under the 'Greenlight' program include longer crossing times, an 'auto green man' display that eliminates the need to push buttons, and an 'advance green' display which allows pedestrians to start crossing before turning vehicles are signalled.

## YOU'RE RIGHT TO WALK!

### The first in a series on pedestrians' rights and responsibilities

Streets dominated by cars can be unfriendly, unsafe environments so encouraging and protecting the rights of walkers is vital. We're all pedestrians at some time and with that in mind, the City of Port Phillip aims to make pedestrians its highest transport priority.

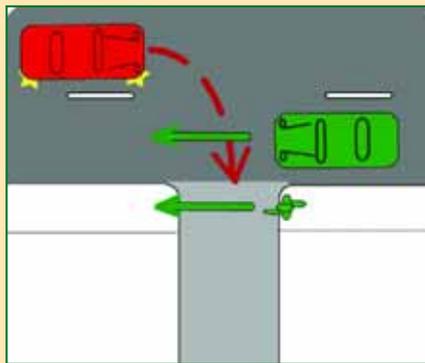
Refreshing drivers on the rights of pedestrians and the rules relating to them is the first step. For instance, it's not just politeness that requires drivers to give way to pedestrians at intersections – Rules 74 and 75 of the Victorian Road Rules clearly give pedestrians the right of way.



### Road Rule 74

A driver entering a road from a road related area (such as a driveway) must give way to any pedestrian on the road or on any road related area the driver must cross to enter the road.

That means, the driver in the red car must give way to both the pedestrian and the oncoming green car.



### Road Rule 75

This rule applies the same principle to drivers entering a road related area from a road. The driver entering the road related area must give way to any vehicle or pedestrian on that road related area.

In this example, the driver in the red car must give way to the pedestrian as well as the oncoming green car.

These are simple rules, that if followed, can help our roads to be safer and more liveable spaces. So, as a pedestrian remember this is your right... and as a driver, remember to give way.

## BLITZING BAD BEHAVIOUR FOR SAFER SCHOOL ACCESS

Concerned that road-users are putting saving time before the safety of students, the council is working with schools to enforce parking and pick-up zones around schools. Parents and carers are on notice that illegal parking and stopping around schools will not be tolerated, with schools working with our parking officers to ensure a heightened presence in school zones.

A recent blitz at St Kilda Primary School has seen a marked improvement in road behaviour around the school. The change has come about after the school worked with parking officers to publicise poor parking behaviour among the school community.

Offenders were warned, then booked, for flouting parking restrictions including parking in 'No-Standing' zones, parking on the wrong side of the road and double-parking.

After the initial blitz, the council now issues about one fine per week to motorists parked illegally around the Chapel Street crossing. It seems, however, that's enough to get the 'urban telegraph' buzzing and to make the precinct safer for students and parents!



## TASTE A FAMILY FRIENDLY CAFE

Any parent of young children will attest to the importance of a good cup of coffee – now it will be easier to find! A new award from the Early Years Project and the City of Port Phillip lets families nominate their favourite family friendly Port Phillip cafe.

A panel of experts will judge on the availability of indoor and outdoor space, menu suitability and the attitude of staff, as well as other important features such as reading material for parents, toys for kids and nappy change facilities!

The award is part of the Port Phillip Early Years Project, an initiative that focuses on developing the health and well-being of families with young children right across the municipality. Aiming to promote social connectedness and healthy eating, it's hoped that the award will help parents and carers make easier choices... and create new opportunities for cafe owners with the younger set!

Nominations close on Friday 2 July with every nominating cafe goer eligible to go into the draw for a family meal at the winning cafe. To nominate your family friendly cafe pick up a form from Port Phillip town halls and libraries, or contact Maureen Imeson on 0412 518 112 or

[mimeson@portphillip.vic.gov.au](mailto:mimeson@portphillip.vic.gov.au).

[www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/family\\_friendly\\_cafe.html](http://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/family_friendly_cafe.html)

## CELEBRATE IN TOWN HALL STYLE

Planning a big event? Whether it's a wedding, fundraiser or commercial event, the City of Port Phillip can make your next function a town hall occasion. The city has three town hall venues at St Kilda, South Melbourne and Port Melbourne. Venues can be scaled up or down and organisers can choose to bring their own caterers or work with our preferred suppliers.

If a town hall function is a little grander than you planned, we can also help with open-air venues. To prevent double booking, the council oversees events in the city's open spaces including the foreshore, popular Catani Gardens and St Kilda Botanical Gardens.

For more information or to book your next function visit [www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/town\\_hall.html](http://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/town_hall.html) call Peter Mitten or Jim Maclean on 9209 6501 or phone Jenny Robinson on 9209 6386 to book an open space event.

## RECOGNISING BUSINESS EXCELLENCE IN 2004

Following the success of last year's inaugural awards, the City of Port Phillip is again proud to present the Port Phillip Business Excellence Awards. Presented in partnership with Citipower, the awards are open to all businesses in the Port Phillip municipality.

The awards represent an exceptional opportunity for local business operators to build profile and extend their network... as well as share in over \$10,000 in cash and other prizes! Eight awards mean there's something for everyone regardless of the size or type of business. Business operators can choose from the following categories:

1. National Australia Bank Micro-business award (5 or less employees)
2. BMK Partners Small to Medium Enterprise Business award (6+ employees)
3. Beachcomber Café Hospitality Sector award

4. Port Phillip Business Association Export Sector award
5. Easystay Retail Sector award
6. National Protective Services Property & Business Services award
7. Victorian Government Business Innovation award
8. Weath Creator Young Entrepreneur award

Since taking out last year's overall business excellence prize, strategic management consultancy, Zamro, headed by Carmelo Zampaglione has recorded achievements including a finals place in the Telstra Small Business Awards and becoming Ericsson's first accredited service partner in Australia.

Once again, this year's awards will be announced at an entertaining gala awards night at the Carlton Crest on Thursday 7 October. Business people can nominate themselves or someone they know, and



entries take just a few hours to prepare. Nominations close on Friday 23 July. To learn more or to receive a nomination form, visit [www.portbizawards.com](http://www.portbizawards.com) or call the information line on 9328 1959.

[www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/business\\_awards.html](http://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/business_awards.html)

“STRIP TALK”  
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## GETTING "BEST VALUE" FOR ROAD USERS

In the pursuit of continuous improvement across all facilities and services, the council's Best Value process regularly reviews council operations. Integrated Transport's review covered the Sustainable Transport unit and the Parking Enforcement team. The role of these units is to maintain and improve the transport and parking amenities of the municipality.

The Sustainable Transport unit's role is to 'encourage the community to exchange some of their private vehicle trips to walking, cycling or public transport'.

Particular emphasis is on increasing travellers' awareness of health, road safety and environmental benefits, as well as their awareness of travel time and financial savings. Broadly, these benefits will be achieved by providing priority, improving facilities and connections, increasing safety and increasing the profile of sustainable transport modes as an alternative to private vehicles.

The Parking Enforcement team's role includes managing fair and accessible parking and enforcing the Victorian Road Rules for parking.

The review process recorded a number of improvements in the use of Port Phillip roads. By improving public transport choices and safeguarding walking, cycling and public transport services and facilities, the council has been able to reduce the trend towards increased car use.

Service improvements included around five per cent shaved from the unit's average service response time, and an average reduction of close to 25 per cent in time taken to resolve abandoned and derelict vehicle cases. Tangible cost savings were also made with a five per cent reduction in budget expenditure.

Road users will appreciate the unit's focus on traffic flow. The introduction of new clearway tow-away zones and heightened enforcement of existing penalties has seen traffic flowing more easily on many major roads.

Home carer Stephen Cress with clients Mary and Harry Danziger.



## TURNING HOME CARE INTO A CAREER

A new breed of carers is having an impact on the lives of some of Port Phillip's most vulnerable residents. Younger carers, including a significant number of men, are bringing new enthusiasm to the care of elderly and disabled people in their own homes.

The change has come about through innovative recruitment and employment practices. The council now provides accreditation and a career path, with carers employed through the Salvation Army's Employment Plus.

A change to more flexible working hours and workload commitments has also helped – creating opportunities for students and working parents. It's a positive change for all... offering clients a new level of service and carers a new and flexible career.

## SOUTH MELBOURNE CENTRAL DRAFT STRUCTURE PLAN UPDATE

The South Melbourne Central Draft Structure Plan sets out an integrated vision for the future development of the South Melbourne Central precinct. Aiming to achieve environmental, social and economic objectives, the plan has been at the centre of two phases of community consultation.

During March through to May 2004, ten thousand postcards were sent to local residents, businesses and property owners to generate feedback on the Draft Structure Plan.

The council is now reviewing the draft plan in response to the feedback and issues raised. The process to formally implement the structure plan will then commence. This will include an amendment to the Port Phillip Planning Scheme, which will involve another phases of public consultation.

For more information or to be added to a mailing list for up to date information, contact the Strategic Planning Unit on 9209 6229 or visit [www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/smc.html](http://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/smc.html)



South Melbourne Central  
between the city and the lake





## in brief



### PARKS WEBPAGE REVAMPED

The council's Parks and Open Spaces website has been updated, offering comprehensive information on parks and reserves and updates on capital works. Visit [www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/parks.html](http://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/parks.html) to see what's happening in your area.



### TASTY NEW GRANTS

New council grants are set to add a special flavour to social occasions for seniors and the disabled in Port Phillip. Community Meals Subsidy Grants are available to eligible community groups to help cover the cost of food within a social setting. Designed to help encourage social connectedness for the elderly, the grant is the perfect way for community or cultural groups to add an affordable meal to their activities – or to subsidise their existing get-togethers.

The grants pay a subsidy of \$3.00 per meal to a maximum of 150 meals per month. Pick up an application form from Port Phillip town halls and libraries, or contact Sam Hewett on 9209 6409.

[www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/funding.html](http://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/funding.html)



### IMMUNISATION SESSION RESCHEDULED

The immunisation session scheduled for Tuesday 22 June at St Kilda Town Hall from 4pm to 6.30pm has been rescheduled.

The new date for this session is:

**Wednesday 23 June**

St Kilda Town Hall, cnr Brighton Road and Carlisle Street

4pm-6.30 pm



### SPLASH OUT ON LEISURE

If you're keen to splash out, but getting to the pool has become a chore, the council's Water Leisure program can help. The water activities program provides older residents and people with disabilities. Port Phillip residents with access to water relaxation in the warm water pool at the Melbourne Hydrotherapy Centre in Inkerman Street.



Qualified instructors and program assistants from the council's Eroke social support and recreation programs are on hand to help, and full transport is provided with swimmers picked up and returned to their homes. Sessions operate once a fortnight on Tuesdays. For more information contact Nelum Buddhadasa or Anne Taylor on 9209 6738.



### SISTER-CITY VISIT BUILD BONDS

Diversity was the keynote of a recent visit to Port Phillip's sister city Obu. For 12 days in April, official and community delegates including Mayor Cr Dick Gross, Cr Liz Johnstone and the CEO, David Spokes, spent time in and around the Japanese city.

An important forum for exchanging ideas and building community involvement, the visit marks the tenth anniversary of the sister city relationship between Obu and Port Phillip.

After an official welcome from outgoing Mayor Fukushima, the delegation visited a wide range of cultural, business and community sites. The council delegates attended local schools, visited the future site of World Expo 2005 and met with local officials and business leaders, community delegates experienced the best of everyday life with their host families.

[www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/int\\_relations.html](http://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/int_relations.html)



### NEXT BETTER BUSINESS BREAKFAST

Do you own a business within Port Phillip? Business Breakfasts are a great opportunity to hear about the latest in small business and network with other traders and business operators.

Thursday 8 July, 7am-9am

Lake Room at The Point, Aquatic Drive, Albert Park Lake

Cost: \$44 includes presentation and a full cooked breakfast.

Visit [www.portphillip.eventix.com.au](http://www.portphillip.eventix.com.au) to make a booking or call 9328 1958.



### MAKING THE JUNCTION MORE FRIENDLY

The first of several projects aimed at promoting walk ability in the St Kilda Junction area are now underway, with more improvements to follow in coming months.

Resident surveys and council audits of the area have identified a number of opportunities to improve pedestrian access in the precinct. Actions already taken include monitoring traffic speeds in Wellington Street and identifying footpaths in need of repairs. Repairs have now been scheduled for Wellington Street, Crimea Street and Charnwood Road.



### HOLIDAY FUN FOR KIDS WITH DISABILITIES

Do you have a child with a disability and looking for a break during the July school holidays? Then Enhancing Vacation Care might be of interest to you.

Enhancing Vacation Care is a service, which works with local school holiday program providers, to enable them to be more inclusive of young people who have mild to moderate disabilities. It gives kids with disabilities the chance to participate in school holiday programs and have fun.

For further information please contact Mandy Ireland on 9209 6159.

# WHAT'S ON

For more information about the following events or recent additions, visit [www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/calendar\\_event.html](http://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/calendar_event.html) where the Port Phillip listing of what's on is updated regularly.

## JUNE

**Tuesday 15**, Australian National Academy of Music presents a Young Virtuoso Series Concert. Free.

South Melbourne Town Hall, Bank Street, South Melbourne, 7pm.

**Tuesday 15**, Council Meeting - Statutory Planning Committee, St Kilda Town Hall, Council Chamber, 6pm - 10.30pm

**Tuesday 15**, Writing workshop, photography and travel writing with Peter Davis, 7pm-9pm, St Kilda Library Community Room. Bookings essential. \$15/\$10.

**Sunday 20**, World Refugee Day.

**Monday 21**, Walk and Talk – guided neighbourhood walk, 6pm-8pm, St Kilda Foreshore. Free.



**Monday 21**, St Kilda Neighbourhood Forum

**Wednesday 23**, Business Excellence Awards – Information Session, 6.30pm-8pm, St Kilda Town Hall, Council Chambers.

**Saturday 26**, Veg Out St Kilda Farmers Market, 8am-12.30pm, Peanut Farm Reserve, Chaucer Street, St Kilda.

## JULY

**Sunday 4-11**, NAIDOC Week 2004

**Monday 5**, Council Meeting – Strategy and Policy Review Committee, 6pm-10.30pm, St Kilda Town Hall, Council Chambers.

**Thursday 8**, Better Business Breakfast, The Point, Aquatic Drive, Albert Park, 7am-9am.

**Monday 12**, Council Meeting – Statutory Planning Committee, 6pm-10.30pm, St Kilda Town Hall, Council Chambers.

**Monday 19**, South Melbourne/St Kilda Road Neighbourhood Forum

**Wednesday 21**, Walk & Talk – guided neighbourhood walks, 10am-12noon, St Kilda Junction.

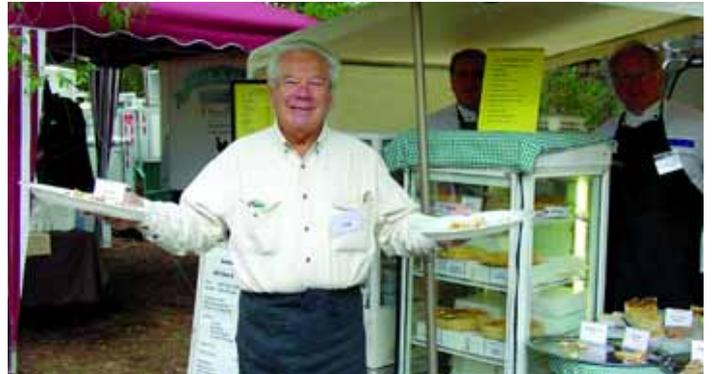
**Wednesday 21**, EnviroEvent: Compost and wormfarms, 7pm-8.30pm, St Kilda Town Hall, Council Chambers.

**Thursday 22**, Career Pathways Expo - Inner Eastern Local Learning, with "Loz" Mooney from Loz, Michelle and Des on Mix 101.1, 7pm-9pm.

**Sunday 25**, National Tree Day, planting in Elwood with a free BBQ, 10am-1pm.

**Monday 26**, Ordinary Meeting of Council, 6pm-10.30pm, St Kilda Town Hall, Council Chambers.

**Saturday 31**, Veg Out St Kilda Farmers Market, 8am-12.30pm, Peanut Farm Reserve, Chaucer Street, St Kilda.



## INFORMATION, REQUESTS, QUESTIONS AND FEEDBACK? CONTACT ASSIST!

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**South Melbourne Town Hall** - 222 Bank Street, South Melbourne

**Port Melbourne Town Hall** - 333 Bay Street, Port Melbourne

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