

The voice of postcode 3000

主要新闻摘要 见 21 页

FREE

CBD NEWS

STREET PIANOS BRING MUSIC

- page 2 -



HOW DID THIS HAPPEN?

- page 4 -



NEW MARKET CHIEF

- page 8 -



BEV'S FOR BOB

- page 13 -



Town hall rocked to its foundations

By Shane Scanlan

Robert Doyle's troubles have rocked the town hall, with councillors uncertain about the future and whether the Lord Mayor will be back.

Some councillors are unwilling to talk on the record, aware of the reputational damage being inflicted by the ongoing saga sparked by sexual misconduct allegations against Cr Doyle. Others aren't returning calls at all.

The "corporate line" is to withhold comment until after Ian Freckelton has completed his investigation. But, privately, Cr Doyle's colleagues generally expect him to fight and scrap to hang on but, ultimately, succumb under the weight of what is still to come.

Cr Doyle's often-described "most loyal supporter", former deputy lord mayor Susan Riley, however, sees the writing on the wall.

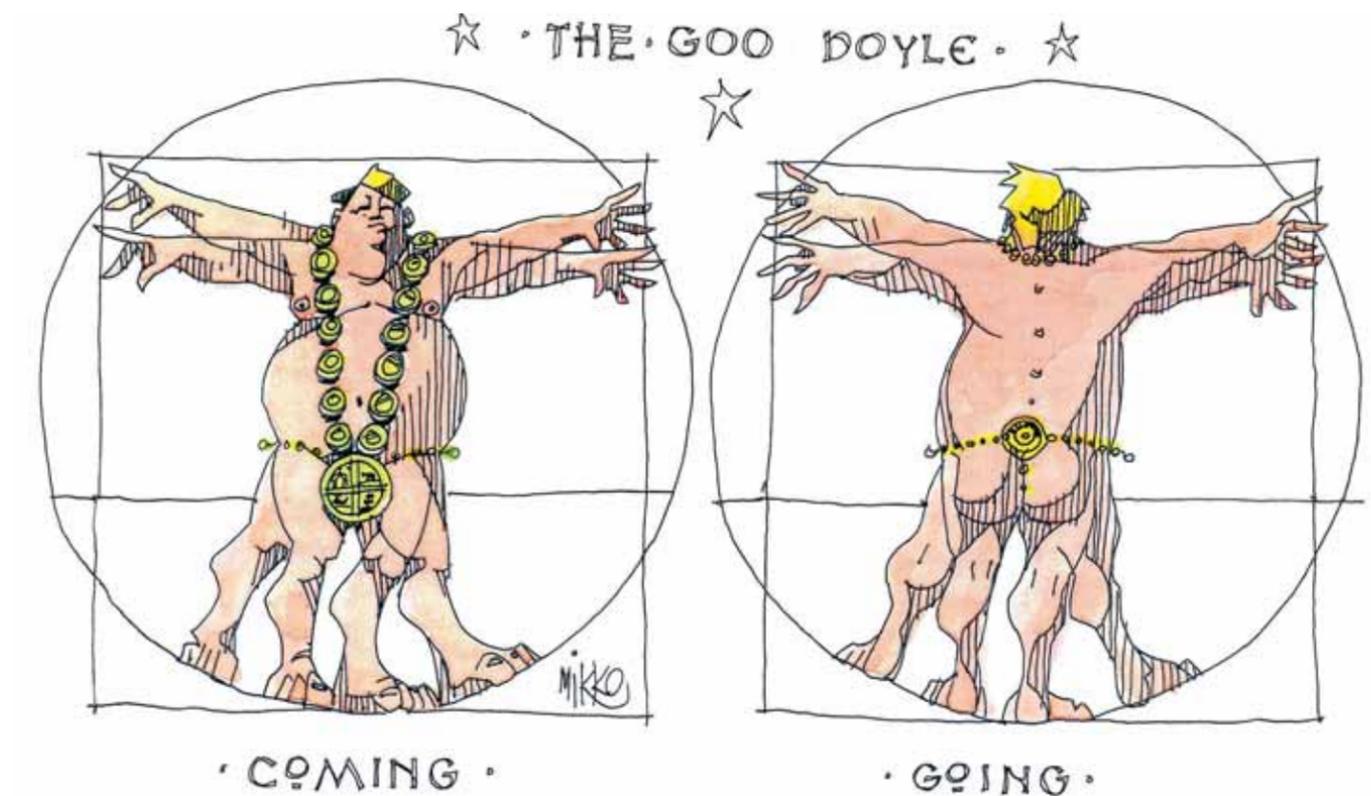
"It's difficult to see how he can return to his position with the respect of the council and the community," Cr Riley said. "In a way, he should resign - gracefully."

She said the Lord Mayor needed time to attend to his "health issues".

Newly-returning councillor Beverley Pinder-Mortimer was similarly focused on what would be in the Lord Mayor's best interests.

She said: "Acknowledging the Lord Mayor's immense contribution to this city and state over 25 years, perhaps he could consider closing the door on this chapter of his life so he can rest, recharge and become reinvigorated for his next public role."

Cr Jackie Watts said she was not pre-empting the outcome, but people were asking "what constitutes a fit and proper person to lead".



Councillors know little more than the general public - learning of developments in the saga via the daily press.

City of Melbourne CEO Ben Rimmer hasn't involved them and has conducted a private investigation into allegations against Cr Doyle via Queens Counsel Dr Ian Freckelton. Emerging allegations are prolonging Dr Freckelton's work and a separate State Government probe looks set to further continue the period of uncertainty.

The council corporation refuses to talk about the Freckelton inquiry and won't even reveal its terms of reference. But the secrecy is hurting everyone involved, with rumour and innuendo filling the void.

Asked how the public could have confidence in a secret inquiry, a council spokesperson said: "The investigation is being conducted

in accordance with natural justice principles".

Staff, too, are affected, with one senior manager confiding to *CBD News* that they were embarrassed to wear their City of Melbourne identity lanyard in public since the allegations emerged in December.

Mr Rimmer finds himself in a position of ultimate influence. The process Mr Rimmer chooses to follow could well determine Cr Doyle's future, should he decide to fight on.

Public release of the actual allegations and Dr Freckelton's findings might seal the Lord Mayor's demise. But continued secrecy could well inflict even more damage - particularly to the council itself.

Appropriately, Mr Rimmer has no capacity to dismiss an elected representative, but has

a range of state government referral options open to him.

Observers have been looking for signs of support for Cr Doyle from Spring St, where his fate could be determined.

The speed with which Health Minister Jill Hennessy announced a state investigation (and the breath of the inquiry) suggests that the state may well be prepared to throw Cr Doyle under a bus.

Others aren't so sure, citing Cr Doyle's good personal relationship with Premier Andrews and Labor's fears of a potential Greens lord mayor.

See also:

How did it happen? - Page 4

Why Doyle should resign - Page 5

CBRE CITY SALES | **A DECADE OF PARTNERSHIP**

SERVICING THE MELBOURNE CBD COMMERCIAL PROPERTY MARKET 24 HOURS A DAY, 7 DAYS A WEEK

CALL US TODAY 1300 666 888

CBREMELBOURNE.COM.AU

Street pianos bring music

Suite 108, 198 Harbour Esplanade
PO Box 23008 Docklands 8012
Tel: 8689 7980 Fax: 9602 2929
www.cbdnews.com.au

Advertising
Tel: 8689 7980 Fax: 9602 2929
advertising@cbdnews.com.au

Reader contributions are welcome.
Please send articles and images to
news@cbdnews.com.au

The deadline for the March 2018 edition
is Thursday, February 15.

Follow us on Twitter
[@CBD_News_3000](https://twitter.com/CBD_News_3000)

Like us on Facebook
[cbdnewsmelbourne](https://www.facebook.com/cbdnewsmelbourne)

CBD News is published by Shane
Scanlan (shane@cbdnews.com.au).

Editor: Sunny Liu-
sunny@mediacomms.com.au

20,000 copies are printed and
distributed exclusively within
Melbourne's CBD each month. *CBD
News* works for advertisers because
people like to know what is happening
in their neighbourhood.

*Views expressed by contributors are not
those of the publishers.*

Artistically decorated pianos have popped up at various locations in the CBD as part of the Play Me, I'm Yours street piano project.

Running from January 19 to February 4, the interactive installation features pianos donated and decorated by community artists and groups at locations such as Flinders Street Station, the County Court, Chinatown and Queen Victoria Market.

The initiative encourages people to pull up a stool and play the pianos to activate the urban space.

Indian architecture student Zari Subhlok and Chinese artist Xiaolan Li painted the street piano in front of the County Court on William St with a few other international students.

This piano features a combination of Asian and Australian art patterns and words from international students about their "Melbourne experience".

The two artists, both new to Melbourne, reflect their own cultural heritage through the artwork.

"Our piano represents international students who are also part of Melbourne's community," Ms Li said.

Ms Subhlok said she was excited to see passer-bys play the piano and hear music waft through the CBD's law precinct.

"County Court is such a serious place and



Xiaolan Li and Zari Subhlok painted the County Court street piano to represent the international student community.

it's great to hear some music that can help relieve people's stress," she said.

Play Me, I'm Yours has been touring around the world since 2008, with more than 1850 pianos installed across 55 cities.

The project is the brainchild of British artist Luke Jerram whose original idea was to facilitate more conversation and music in the community.

"Melbourne is such a creative and dynamic

city and people can use the piano to express themselves. Some people go on 'piano trials' to play all the pianos they can!" Mr Jerram said.

"This project is very much a showcase of the local culture by providing a blank canvas for creativity."

The project first came to Melbourne in 2014 and this year has more diverse locations across the CBD, Arts Precinct, and suburbs such as Cranbourne and Williamstown.

Exceptional Garden Terrace Residence



Sam Nathan
Managing Director



405/178 Wellington Parade, East Melbourne

Enjoying the benefit of a corner position with views to the MCG and Yarra Park, this three bedroom plus study apartment represents a scarce pre-completion opportunity within the Parade building of the fully sold Classic East Melbourne development.

- Beautifully configured three bedroom plus study accommodation (3 car spaces + storage).
- Expansive light filled open plan kitchen/dining/living areas.
- Master suite and living areas with aspect over Yarra Park and the MCG.
- Large second and third bedrooms, study, separate laundry and powder room.
- Exceptional circa 147sqm of private balcony and landscaped terraces.
- Direct access to additional resident's garden, plus resident's dining room and lounge.
- An oasis within a boutique building due for completion circa mid-2018.

Sam Nathan
0407 552 922
sam.nathan@npm.com.au

Brett Jarvis
0418 317 158
brett.jarvis@npm.com.au

Go slow on QVM permits

Heritage Victoria (HV) has been an extra 60 days to consider an application from the City of Melbourne to restore and modify Queen Victoria Market (QVM) sheds.

The council last year applied for the heritage permit to allow work to start on a major redevelopment of the market.

Heritage Victoria invited submissions until October 25, at which point it had 60 days to make a decision. But HV has successfully sought a further 60-day extension due to the complexity of the application.

A spokesperson for the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning told *CBD News*: "Heritage Victoria has 60 days to assess an application, the 'permit clock' stops for public advertising and further information requests."

"The Heritage Council has allowed a further 60 days for Heritage Victoria to assess the application regarding the Queen Victoria Market redevelopment due to the complexity of the application."

The council's development partner PDG has an application before the department for a residential tower on the council-owned Munro site.

A department spokesperson told *CBD News* the application was not publicly available.

"Unfortunately the plans are not currently publicly available as we are in the process of seeking more information," the spokesperson said.

CBD News planning columnist Laurence Dragomir has more detail about the application in this month's column on page 20.

He writes: "In the revised design, PDG's design team have conceived a kidney-shaped tower of approximately 40-storeys which conforms to the recently imposed 125 metre height limit."

"Under initial plans a smaller adjacent building to the main tower consisted of an affordable housing contingent, which should include approximately 56 spaces."

"A taller, more discernible building has now been included across the revised design to the west of the main residential building."



Victorian Governor Linda Dessau speaks at the service.

One year on

A state memorial service was held at the Royal Exhibition Building on January 23 to pay tribute to the lives lost at the Bourke St Tragedy.

On January 20, 2017, six people were killed and dozens were injured after a car ploughed into Bourke St crowds.

The victims' families, medical workers who first responded to the incident and members of the public attended the service to mark the tragedy's one-year anniversary.

"For the family who lost their loved ones, we understand it's not fair, it's hard to fathom and they are irreplaceable ... We can gather with you so you know you have people here for you and they have not been forgotten," Victorian Governor Linda Dessau said.

Premier Daniel Andrews told the service: "No words will ever be enough. Nothing can ever undo the damage. But I hope that there is some small measure of comfort in knowing you are not alone."

A one minute's silence was observed at the conclusion of the service.

Memorial plaques were placed in Parliament Gardens Reserve on January 20 to honour the victims and support those affected by the tragedy.

The Night Market

On Now Until

11 Apr 2018

Wednesdays 5pm - 10pm



#THENIGHTMARKET
THENIGHTMARKET.COM.AU



Doyle drama – how did it happen?

Opinion, by Shane Scanlan

Tessa Sullivan's resignation on December 15 was not a surprise. But her decision to take down Robert Doyle was a shock.

Ms Sullivan never appeared really comfortable as a councillor. Inexperience is one thing, but she seemed particularly sensitive and unsuited to the rough and tumble of politics.

Was she doing it to make the world a better place in some small way? Her public performance offered no real clue about why she was making the considerable sacrifice to take on the role.

She had a shaky start, charged with leading a universally-unpopular policy position to amend a local law to redefine rough sleeping. Her more senior colleagues were supportive and protective.

Just what she was expecting when she accepted Robert Doyle's invitation to join his 2016 election team, only she could say. And she has never spoken to *CBD News* – about anything! But I think it's fair to say that her expectations were poles apart from the Lord Mayor's.

Again, one can only guess so here's my best guess of how this all went so horribly wrong (with no assertion about the actual facts of the matter).

As a bright young woman, Ms Sullivan was an attractive recruit for Team Doyle (even if her inclusion in a winnable position on the ticket was at the expense of two former female councillors). And she had the requisite cash to contribute to the campaign.

But was she expected to make a meaningful contribution to policy formulation or merely make up the numbers?

Her contribution to debate within the council chamber would suggest that she wasn't being asked by "the team" to do much. Was this a source of frustration for someone who signed on to do more?

Did she get the support and guidance from "team leadership" to develop her into an effective councillor?



Tessa Sullivan at the press conference where Cr Doyle announced her candidacy.

Or did she get "Bad Robert" – not just in the sensational sexual misconduct allegations sense, but in the day-to-day, garden-variety bullying sense?

Robert Doyle takes an aggressive position with people who don't agree with him. It's how he's wired. Many a public questioner at public meetings has been shocked and humiliated by his caustic responses.

Perhaps Ms Sullivan started finding herself on the wrong end of some of this treatment?

And then there's Cr Doyle's reputation for drinking. To the uninitiated, it is difficult to tell whether or not he's had a "long lunch". This is testament to his unquestionable talent as an orator and debater.

But it appears that it also lets him down at times. These times, I suspect, include such moments of harassment/assault alleged by Ms Sullivan.

It's not an excuse but a possible explanation of how his world has come tumbling down.

The way things are progressing, Robert Doyle is staring over a cliff. His career, reputation, relationships, board positions, future earnings, pride, reason for being – pretty much everything – is either going or gone.

Is it wrong then, to hope that there is more to come to explain Ms Sullivan's reasons for starting the fire that looks like consuming him? What else is in the 35-page dossier of allegations which she is believed to have compiled and presented to council management?

Motivation is important here.

Is it personal and vengeful? Or was Ms Sullivan motivated as a gender war warrior – taking a stand for women everywhere against the oppressive patriarchy?

At what point are the likely consequences commensurate with her allegations? On the little we know via *The Age* about what Cr Doyle is alleged to have done and said to her? With the addition of what we are told about what happened to Cathy Oke (and do we assume that Cr Oke consented to be drawn into this inquiry)?

The councillors, the city – even the state – has been damaged by this drama. Will it be worth it when it finally plays out?

If it's part of a broader battle about gender equality then, no doubt, many would not consider such fallout as consequential. To even raise the prospect that the outcome may be disproportionate may invite criticism.

Ultimately, an inquiry that excludes public scrutiny (however well motivated) works against everyone involved – both the accused and the accusers. We are left guessing about too many important questions.

In times-not-so-long-passed, everything would still be "okay". But changing times, standards and values have overtaken events.

When Cr Doyle was a boy, the worst thing you could be called was a communist. In centuries past, reputations were ruined without the requirement for due process by the accusation of heresy or witchcraft.

To be struck down by the #metoo global phenomenon would have come totally out of the blue.

To be struck down by his own creation is epic mythology for the ages.

St Michael's North Melbourne "Where I'm Known"



OPEN DAY
Thursday 15th March 2018

- 9:15am-10:15am
- 12:15pm-1:15pm
- 6:15pm-7:15pm

Please call to make a booking.

www.smnthmelbourne.catholic.edu.au

Principal: Denise Hussey

Phone: 93299206



Why Robert Doyle should resign

By Stephen Mayne



The imminent end of Robert Doyle's record-breaking nine year run as Lord Mayor of Melbourne hadn't happened when this column was first written but, make no doubt about it, it is inevitable.

There are now 4 separate women – ex councillor Tessa Sullivan, current councillor Cathy Oke, the un-named partner of a Melbourne Health medical specialist and Dianne Mallas, a former constituent in Cr Doyle's state seat of Malvern - who have given detailed formal evidence against the Lord Mayor, plus had their stories made public.

There are more stories to be told, such that if Cr Doyle doesn't voluntarily resign, a majority of councillors will almost certainly step up and call for such a move at a council or committee meeting before the end of February, potentially even at the opening

committee meeting on February 6.

Councillors can't sack each other but if enough Team Doyle councillors choose to stand by their man, they run the risk of the whole council being sacked by the State Government. It is much easier for the government to sack a council than an individual councillor, so Cr Doyle should keep that in mind as he mulls whether to stay or go.

The cleanest outcome would be for Cr Doyle and his loyal deputy Arron Wood to both resign before the February 6 committee meeting so that fresh elections for the entire two person leadership ticket can be held. The remnants of Team Doyle – Crs Kevin Louey, Susan Riley, Nicholas Reece and Beverley Pinder-Mortimer – should then resolve to sit as independents for the rest of the term. Without Robert Doyle there should be no Team Doyle.

If trying to make a fresh start, it would be unreasonable for a new directly elected Lord Mayor to be saddled with 10 Doyle-era councillors, including Doyle's hand-picked deputy.

If Cr Wood hangs on as deputy and there is only a by-election to find a new Lord Mayor, he'll face an avalanche of questions about what he knew about the culture at Town Hall.

Cr Wood is not a career politician – he's a talented communicator and educator on

environmental issues who should return to his first love on a full-time basis.

There will be various women's groups asking questions at the February 6 committee meeting and the other loyal male Doyle supporter who will come under significant pressure is Kevin Louey, the quietly spoken chief Doyle fundraiser who has occupied the top position on the Team Doyle council ticket for the past two elections.

The view of former Team Doyle councillor Tessa Sullivan will be pivotal. If she details a lack of support or protection during her time on council and calls for additional resignations from her old council faction, it will be hard to resist.

Much will turn on the contents of Ms Sullivan's 35 page dossier and what the investigator Ian Freckelton QC says in his report, assuming it is made public by City of Melbourne CEO Ben Rimmer.

The Lord Mayor is being given a copy of the draft Freckelton report 72 hours before CEO Rimmer will receive his copy. This is for fact checking and right of reply purposes, but it will also represent a resignation window.

A similar process occurred with the Sullivan dossier which was delivered to the Lord Mayor a week before he appeared before Freckelton on January 5. Interestingly, Ben Rimmer did not show his Lord Mayor a copy of the dossier before commissioning Freckelton or securing the Lord Mayor's

December 17 concession via Twitter to stand down for a month.

Once he has a copy of the Freckelton report, the Lord Mayor will have options, including to threaten litigation if the report is released. However, the public interest is so overwhelming that, at the very least, City of Melbourne will have to release a summary of its key findings, which will include my evidence that I saw the Lord Mayor grope Cr Oke under the table at a council dinner on December 8, 2014.

The State Government will undoubtedly get a full copy of the report and it is ultimate kingmaker in this situation.

Whilst the Lord Mayor has a strong personal relationship with Premier Daniel Andrews, it is ominous that the Health Minister Jill Hennessy has commissioned a separate QC to investigate complaints made about his 10-year stint as chair of Melbourne Health. This investigation by Charles Scerri QC will remain on foot well into February, by which time the Lord Mayor should have realised his goose is cooked and already resigned from all public positions.

It's far better to resign than be sacked and that is what will happen at Melbourne Health if he tries to fight on. And once that domino falls, Town Hall would inevitably be next, particularly given the powers held by the State Government.

Stephen Mayne is a former councillor.



Scott knows the city and everyone in it

Scott McElroy is passionate about Melbourne's architecture and its history. He knows the city better than the back of his hand. Every building. Every story.

And more importantly, the right people. Scott's unique gift is his ability to connect with everyone he meets.

It's a far-reaching network that helps him find buyers for every type of property. Scott has sold or managed properties in many of the city's most iconic buildings.

He handles some of the most exclusive properties in Melbourne, including new projects that improve Melbourne's constantly evolving skyline.

If you're thinking of selling your property, speak to Scott about introducing you to the right buyer.

Scott McElroy
0411 889 972

Melbourne Office
Level 1/180 Queen Street, Melbourne, 9600 2192
hockingstuart.com.au/melbourne

hockingstuart

Vale George Ware Dixon

Long-time CBD resident, veteran, actor and teacher George Dixon passed away peacefully in December, aged 93.

George is remembered as an admired and respected actor and teacher, brother, husband and uncle to eight nieces and nephews.

He appeared in *Beyond Reason* (1970), *A Thousand Skies* (1985) and *Clay* (1965).

George lived with his widow Lola Russell at one of the CBD's oldest residences on the corner of LaTrobe and King streets.

Lola, whose grandmother Valetta Azzopardi bought the property in 1899, has been living at the historic house and shop Russell's Old Corner Shop all her life.

The couple's home has been in disrepair and in June the City of Melbourne ordered them to restore the property and put up bracing on the northern wall, which removed a westbound lane on LaTrobe St (see our traffic story on page 10).

At the time George addressed the council's Future Melbourne Committee asking for help.

"We've kept the little place there - the shop and the dwelling - and plan to do so for as long as we live," he told the council in July.

A development company offered to fund the restoration and television personality Shayna Blaze started a crowd-funding campaign to raise funds and offered to renovate the interior.

George's memorial service was held at St James' Old Cathedral in West Melbourne on December 21.



Vale Muriel Craddock

Muriel Craddock, a well-respected character in the CBD's small business community, passed away in December at the age of 105.

In 1965, after an impulsive purchase of hundreds of second-hand books from an auction, Muriel started the Essendon Treasure Chest with her husband Leslie and daughter Kay selling second-hand books, old furniture, bric-a-brac and self-made handicrafts.

Muriel and Kay later turned the "treasure chest" into the Kay Craddock Antiquarian Bookstore and relocated to Bourke St in the 1990s and then to its current location at the Assembly Hall Building at 156 Collins St.

The local gem sells antique and modern books from the 14th to 21st centuries and has been ranked one of the world's most beautiful bookshops.

Muriel received gold in the Lord Mayor's Commendations program in 2006 for her contribution to the CBD's small business scene.

Last year Kay was also recognised with a Lord Mayor's Commendation for 50 years of being an important part of Melbourne's fabric.

Muriel remained a business partner in

the bookshop well into her late nineties and retired due to advanced macular degeneration.

She passed away peacefully on December 6, 2017 and was remembered as "a beloved wife, dearly loved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, a good friend to those who knew her, and an intrepid business woman".



Bergerac

NOW AT 555 LONSDALE ST

After 32 years in King St, Melbourne's favourite French restaurant has moved.

Say "bonjour" to Jean-Francois and staff at their new location.




555 Lonsdale St, Melbourne, 3000
 Ring 9642 3646 for bookings
www.bergeracrestaurant.com.au



Owners Corporation Management Services



W

Established in 1968 Whittles is the largest Australian owned strata management company and widely recognised for its experienced staff and the provision of professional strata management services nationally. With specialist expertise in prestigious high-rise buildings, marinas, commercial and residential, Whittles is proud to be part of Melbourne CBD.

whittles.com.au

For superior owners corporation management services, **contact the Docklands dedicated team**

Whittles, Level 1, 838 Collins Street, Docklands VIC 3008
 T 03 8632 3300 E info.docklands@whittles.com.au

More share bikes coming

By Sunny Liu

The clutter of dockless share bikes looks set to increase with more dockless bike share operators launching in Melbourne this year.

And, with state and local governments insisting the other is responsible, a regulatory response is looking increasingly unlikely.

The City of Melbourne has confirmed that, in addition to oBike, some dockless share bike companies have expressed their intention to tap into the Melbourne market.

Council would not disclose the names of the share bike companies, but it is understood that most of the companies are coming from Asia, such as Ofo, Mobike and Reddy Go.

Chinese company Ofo has recently launched with hundreds of bikes in Sydney and Adelaide and is likely to bring its services to Melbourne.

"Ofo will continue expanding its fleet to other Australian cities in 2018 when the time is right to do so," an Ofo spokesperson told *CBD News*.

Reddy Go has confirmed with *CBD News* it was planning for a Melbourne launch.

And Beijing-based Mobike pumped its bikes onto Sydney streets last year and is

understood to also be planning a Melbourne expansion in coming months.

The dockless feature of these share bikes means users can unlock bikes with a mobile app without having to park them at designated locations.

Just like the memorandum of understanding (MOU) signed with oBike last October to set operating standards, the City of Melbourne, Port Philip and Yarra will offer a MOU with these new companies.

Under the MOU, oBike has agreed to ensure that bikes are parked at appropriate locations and damaged and dangerously placed bikes be removed within 24-48 hours.

The City of Melbourne said the MOU had improved clutter around the city but would not eradicate the issue.

Robert Doyle has previously indicated that regulating dockless share bikes would be the state government's responsibility.

"We've signed the MOU and all I can say is that their compliance seem to be better in the City of Melbourne. Nevertheless, it's still not ideal," he said.

A City of Melbourne spokesperson said local government had limited power to regulate share bikes.

"While the MOU is a step in the right direction, the development of dockless bike sharing requires specific regulatory responses that are not currently available to local governments," the spokesperson said.

But the state government disputes this, maintaining the council are responsible for regulating share bikes.

"Managing share bikes is entirely the responsibility of local governments. Local governments have the power they need to regulate share bikes," a state government spokesperson said.

"The footpaths that the share bikes are obstructing are owned and managed by the local governments and the three local governments have already introduced their regulations to address the issue," the spokesperson said.

Minister for Roads Luke Donnellan said: "We'll continue to work with local councils to ensure they have the powers they need to manage the challenges posed by this emerging industry."

"We have always said that while we welcome innovation and efforts to get more people on bikes, any operators in this space must comply with local laws and meet community expectations."



Reddy Go is launching in Melbourne.

Authority has no cladding powers

Owners affected by non-compliant flammable cladding are going to have to take direct legal action against parties they believe responsible, following a Supreme Court decision.

On December 22, Justice Cavanough ruled that the Victorian Building Authority (VBA), did not have the power to order builder LU Simon to rectify works on six Melbourne towers.

Justice Cavanough found that building surveyors and the VBA could not make such demands after an occupancy certificate had been granted.

He said the law did not provide "power to require builders (and even former builders), alone, to rectify alleged defects of whatever kind, in buildings of whatever kind, years or decades after the buildings have been completed and certificates of final inspection or occupancy permits have been issued for them."

On December 1, the government released an interim report from its cladding taskforce. And, while the number of affected buildings soars, the taskforce is yet to examine where liability lies and, therefore, where the cost is to be borne.

Curious Minds

Curiosity. The defining trait of the world's brightest thinkers and innovators.

For children to succeed in this complex world, we must nurture their **curious minds**.

Haileybury is the **No. 1 Ranked** co-education primary school in Victoria. Our NAPLAN results are outstanding and our **Parallel Education** model is acclaimed.

Our strategy? Enhance **children's curiosity**. Surround them with the **very best teachers**. Keep classes small. And, ensure **academic results** are the nation's best.

Yes, an Australian education success story !



HAILEYBURY

KEYSBOROUGH BRIGHTON BERWICK CITY DARWIN BEIJING

Saturday, 17 February 2018. 10am - 1pm.
School Tours



Tough assignment for new market chief

By Shane Scanlan

With the Queen Victoria Market (QVM) redevelopment nearly ready for shovels in the ground, it's probably no surprise that its new CEO has an urban renewal background.

Stan Laicos (pictured right) takes up the reins at the end of January – and is the fourth CEO in nearly as many years (as well as two acting chief executives).

The controversial, highly political environment was too much for its most recent chief executive, Malcolm McCullough, who resigned last July and has become a QVM trader.

Conversely, 51-year-old Mr Laicos says the challenge was exactly what attracted him to the role.

"My character type is attracted to difficult circumstances and uncertainty," he said. "It's the way I'm wired."

But he bristles at the descriptor "bureaucrat", despite having worked in the public sector nearly all his career.

Unlike the stereotypical bureaucrat of the public imagination, Mr Laicos has an impressive track record of achievements for public benefit.

"I prefer to call myself a public sector developer," he said.

He was responsible for the emergence of Bendigo as a regional tourism force, having redeveloped the Bendigo Art Gallery and theatres. His CV also includes time at Federation Square, Docklands Authority and the Geelong waterfront redevelopment.

Mr Laicos has a rare combination of skills and qualifications. Essentially, he is a town planner with a masters degree in marketing and post-graduate qualifications in business management.



He is a marketer with big picture vision with a passion for urban renewal and economic development.

Significantly, he entirely "gets" City of Melbourne design director Rob Adams' vision to transform the market car park into the Fed Square of the north. In fact, Mr Adams was his first boss, when he briefly worked at the council as a cadet town planner in 1986.

He said he would not have been attracted to the CEO position had the market renewal

project not been poised at the physical construction stage.

"What is needed is a sensitive but assertive redevelopment," he said.

But it's not all about the heritage-sensitive building program. The marketer in Mr Laicos is equally challenged to position the market to Melbourne as the retail destination of choice.

He acknowledges his lack of core retailing experience, but says it is not necessary.

"The role of the CEO is to create the best environment where the managers and the staff can achieve their very best," he said. "I know how to manage people."

He has been a senior executive for the past 20 years but this is the first time he has been chief executive officer.

"I've been a very loyal number two in several organisations and I'm really looking forward to being CEO," he said.

Mr Laicos acknowledges the difference between "real" and "box-ticking" consultation and is looking forward to becoming immersed in the QVM's unique culture.

As a western suburbs son of Greek migrants, he believes he is well equipped to communicate equally well with market traders and state government ministers.

He's not naive enough to expect to be warmly welcomed by the opponents of the redevelopment. But he does not expect to be pre-judged as an individual.

"I've got too much faith in human nature to believe otherwise," he said. "It would be unfair if I wasn't treated the same way as they expect to be treated."

Friend of Queen Victoria Market convenor Mary-Lou Howey said she would reserve her judgement of Mr Laicos.

"It looks like he would be good and that he's a good communicator," she said. "That's great, but we're tired of 'good communicators' – people with silver tongues who can't be believed. We have lost faith."

She predicted that Mr Laicos would struggle to have genuine dialogue with redevelopment opponents while remaining answerable to the QVM board.

"He answers to a board who views traders in terms of 'them and us'. I don't know how he can straddle that. The culture at the market at the moment is punitive," she said.

However he is greeted, Mr Laicos is going to need every ounce of his considerable charm, good humour and optimism.

CHARTER.
KECK CRAMER

Melbourne's only specialist CBD retail & office Valuers. Fully independent, acting on behalf of both tenants and landlords.

- Rental Advice
- Rental Determinations
- Pre-Purchase Advice
- Mortgage Valuations
- Financial Reporting Valuations

charterkc.com.au



Chris Holroyd
T +61 (0) 3 8102 8805

Donald Tse
T +61 (0) 3 8102 8945

Outreach tackles CBD rough sleeping

By Sunny Liu

Homeless advocates believe new assertive homelessness outreach teams in the CBD and suburbs can prevent more rough sleepers from coming to the city.

In January the state government announced it would establish outreach teams to engage with rough sleepers and connect them with services and ongoing support in the CBD, Dandenong, Frankston, Maroondah, Warrnambool, Ballarat, Geelong, Bendigo and Swan Hill.

These areas have been identified as in great need of homeless support services.

Jenny Smith, CEO at homelessness peak body Council to Homeless Persons, said the new plan would reduce the number of rough sleepers coming to the CBD to seek services.

“The assertive outreach teams will target rough sleepers where they were living and will reduce the drift to the city,” she said.

A violent brawl between rough sleepers on Flinders St left two people critically injured in January.

Ms Smith said the CBD could be particularly dangerous for those sleeping rough on the streets.

“People are most vulnerable and most at risk when they sleep on the streets in the CBD as they live their life in public,” she said.

“So having the outreach workers can provide



early assistance to people at risk, when they are still home. Rough sleepers come to the CBD when they are further down the track and the outreach team gives them support before they get to that stage.”

Ms Smith also said the strategy could

complement the City of Melbourne’s rough sleeping protocol, which allows council workers to remove rough sleepers’ belongings when they exceed a reasonable minimum.

“Ramping up efforts to support rough

sleepers is far more productive than punishing rough sleepers by slapping them with fines and confiscating belongings,” she said.

“The initiative can make a difference by reducing the flow of rough sleepers in the CBD and helping the City of Melbourne’s existing homelessness strategy to be more integrated and comprehensive,” Ms Smith said.

The outreach teams comprise mental health professionals, housing workers and nurses who will work with rough sleepers and prevent them from returning to the streets or ending up in prison.

The \$19-million outreach team initiative is part of the \$45 million Victorian Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Action Plan, which also includes funding for supportive housing teams, therapeutic services and 106 new homes.

Ms Smith said housing was the key to addressing homelessness in the state.

“Homelessness is a social problem for us. The solution lies in providing housing and accommodation that can be sustained for at-risk and homeless people,” she said.

CELEBRATE YOUR SOARING LOVE THIS VALENTINE'S DAY!

Treat your special someone to a spectacular Melbourne skyline experience with one of our Valentine's Day packages to show your affection and share a perfect day together.

To find out more or to book go to melbournestar.com today!

MELBOURNESTAR
OBSERVATION WHEEL

Book today on melbournestar.com

Asian retailing is booming in the CBD

By Sunny Liu

Asian hospitality operators and retailers are signing significant leasing deals at prominent CBD locations with strong market demand from students.

CBRE's retail services team has signed leases with Asian retail and hospitality operators who are paying rents as high as \$400,000 each year around Chinatown, the northern end of Elizabeth St and A'Beckett St.

Industry experts say the continuous influx of Asian students into the CBD is driving retail activity in CBD's north.

"Five years ago the only attraction was the Queen Victoria Market, now business in this northern-end of the CBD is thriving off the strong student population and spending", Zelman Ainsworth, CBRE's retail associate director, said.

"Landlords are now in a position to attract the top tenants who can pay premium rents for spaces in this tightly-held pocket," he said.

As revealed in the latest census data, almost 40 per cent of CBD residents identify their ancestry as Chinese and 26 per cent were born in China.

CBRE's Ting Ting Gao said more Asian students living in the CBD had increased the demand for more amenities and retail offering from Chinese retailers.

"The CBRE Chinatown Service Centre has seen an exponential growth of enquiries from Chinese hospitality operators looking to expand their business within the Chinatown and RMIT precinct over the past six months," she said.



"As many as 20,000 residential dwellings are currently under construction and a further 19,000 dwellings have been approved to accommodate this growth."

One of the most popular retail destinations is Target Centre in Chinatown, which is also home to Monash College.

CBRE reports that Asian retailers such as Li Ji Ma Hot Pot and Royal Tea are paying premium rental for an arcade tenancy at Target Centre to cater for international students.

Catherine Gomes, Associate Professor in Asian studies at RMIT, said the CBD was experiencing a "cultural shift" where Asian cuisine was gaining popularity among both newcomers and Australians.

"The Australian society is quite accepting of new food coming in and dishes like Asian stir-fry have become everyday food. It's part of the cultural shift and food is part of it," she said.

"The phenomenon of Asian shops popping around the CBD is a sign of migration."

"Businesses cater to the culinary needs of international students," Assoc Prof Gomes said.



No end in sight for La Trobe St traffic woes

Six months on, motorists are no closer to having full use of La Trobe St where one lane remains blocked while adequate bracing is sought for the historic Russells Old Corner Shop.

In June, the City of Melbourne effected temporary wooden bracing to the northern wall of the building due to safety fears.

It issued an emergency building order against the building's ageing owner, Lola Russell, demanding immediate remedial work and forcing Lola and her husband George Dixon from occupying the building.

Intervention by concerned friends and a direct appeal to councillors on July 4 resulted in a softening of the conditions and the elderly couple remained in the building.

But George fell ill towards the end of the year and was hospitalised. Sadly, he died on December 12 (see our tribute on page 6). Lola has not returned to the house.

The City of Melbourne is unable to say when the temporary bracing will be replaced by a proper gantry structure which would allow westbound traffic to be restored to two lanes.

A council spokesperson said: "The City of Melbourne advised the property representative of the Russells Old Corner

Shop that we would pay for emergency building works required to keep the building safe. The owners and representative considered the offer and were grateful but we understand a property developer offered to assist with a complete refurbishment of the building and the owners decided to accept this offer."

"It is our preference that both the road and footpath are made accessible. For this to occur, a gantry structure will need to be designed and installed, allowing pedestrians to use the footpath underneath the gantry and clear the road of all propping that is currently obstructing traffic."

"We understand that engineers have been engaged by the representative to progress the matter of the gantry and restoration of the building. The City of Melbourne has communicated to the representative that the road and footpath need to be made accessible as soon as possible and we will continue to pursue the matter with the representative until this occurs."

SOUNDPROOF YOUR EXISTING WINDOWS & DOORS

IF YOUR EXPERIENCING CONSTRUCTION, TRAFFIC & CITY NOISE WE HAVE THE SOLUTION FOR YOU.



No need to replace your windows or doors.

We will install our Secondary Glazed window to your existing Windows and Doors.

Half the price of replacement Double Glazing.

Up to 70% Noise Reduction can be achieved.

Reduce heat loss by 50%

Over 22 years in Business.

Free No Obligation On Site Quotations.



Stop Noise
ADD ON DOUBLE GLAZING

Watch Our before & After Video Demonstration www.stopnoise.com.au

Call us anytime on **1800 880 844**

Office & Showroom – 15 Industry Blvd, Carrum Downs.

Revolving door for spin doctors

By Shane Scanlan

The City of Melbourne is struggling to get enough "spin" on its media messaging, having churned 17 media advisers since mid-2015.

Statistically, in recent times, it has turned over its entire team of seven every year.

At the same time, a self-congratulatory report claims that in 2015/16 the City of Melbourne achieved a 92 per cent positive or neutral outcome from the 8533 stories in which it was mentioned.

The recently-published report by Media Measures Pty Ltd says only 8 per cent of stories were "unfavourable" to the council.

But is this just more "spin"? And why can't it keep well-paid spin doctors within the fold?

The Media Measures report is a curious document as it claims the "key issues" of that year were: Moomba (775 stories); sustainability (354 stories); cycling and bicycle plan (209 stories); Queen Victoria Market renewal (81 stories); and Lacrosse Tower and apartment cladding (79 stories).

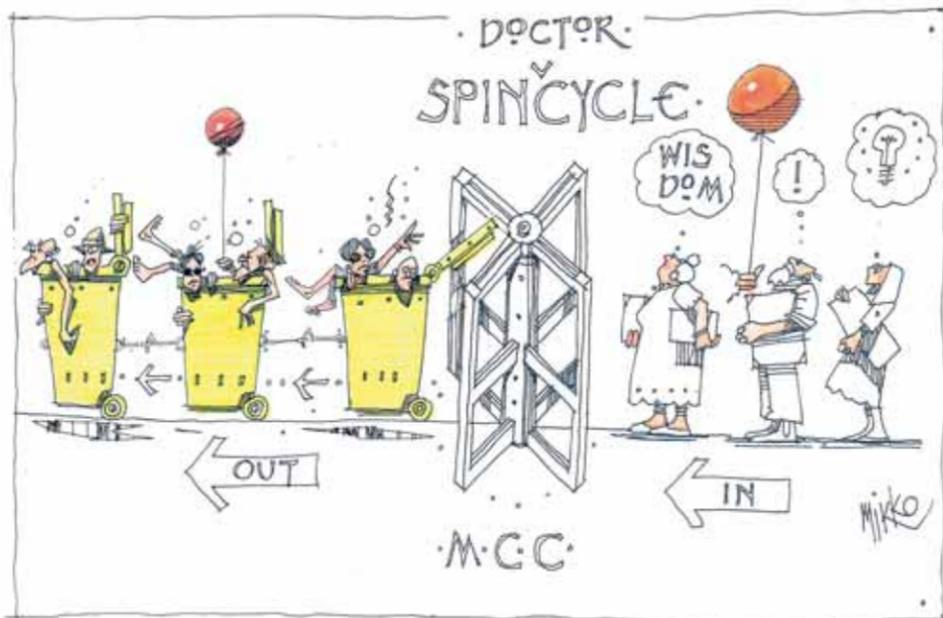
Homelessness and begging was the subject of 421 stories but didn't rank as a key issue. Neither did planning, with 650 stories.

Another measure used by the report's authors was whether stories about the council were "proactive" or "reactive". It is no surprise that issues achieving a perfect 100 per cent score for their proactiveness were: Melbourne Music Week; ArtPlay; Docklands Library; Retail and hospitality; Melbourne Knowledge Week; Melbourne Day; City Library exhibitions; and Melbourne Awards.

It's actually surprising that North Melbourne Arts House only achieved a 98.6 per cent score for proactiveness.

The measurement methodology presumably reflects the values, goals and aspirations of the council. But is it appropriate for a level of government to adopt such a corporate approach?

Another section outlines on how evident the city's stated goals were in the reporting.



"The City of Melbourne's vision statement – that the City of Melbourne will strive to achieve the community's vision of a bold inspirational and sustainable city – was apparent in 5470 stories or 64 per cent of all media," the report says.

Leaving the role since June 2015 were: Elizabeth Muling; Sam Bishop; Irene Vlahos; Shelley Blake; Jem Wilson; Katherine Millar; James Talia; Carlos Ibarra; Daniel Breen; Jason Berek-Lewis; Dharni Giri; Larisa Tait; Philip Blackman; Kate Loughnan; Kathy Alys; David King; and Matt Smithson.

Of the current team (Claudine Ledwidge-O'Reilly; Debbie Guest; Patrick Phillips; Brodie Bott; Brian Wilson; Mandy Frostick; and Bec Brewin), only Claudine Ledwidge-O'Reilly has been there more than a year.

The council says the number is not 17, but 12. It also says it's people are so good, they are being headhunted.

Spokesperson Brodie Bott said: "Twelve permanent full-time City of Melbourne media adviser roles were vacated between June 2015 and December 2017. Of those, three employees had up to three years' service, one employee had up to five years' service and another had 10 years' service with the City of Melbourne."

"There are two main factors that have contributed to the recruitment and retention of media advisers in recent years:

- An increase in large infrastructure projects and initiatives in Melbourne has driven unprecedented demand for skilled media communications professionals across the sector; and
- City of Melbourne's media advisers are highly sought after and are known across the industry for excelling at what they do. In recent years, former City of Melbourne media advisers have been recruited to a variety of challenging and high profile roles with major government, media and corporate organisations."

Former councillor and respected journalist Stephen Mayne observed: "The revolving door of media advisers reflects a number of factors including excessive use of contractors rather than permanent employees and the high pressure nature of the work which tends to attract younger more transitory employees seeking to further their careers."

"There has also been inattention at senior levels by the likes of Martin Cutter who should have provided a better career path for the high performers and helped retain popular and effective operators such as Lynne Haultain and Sam Bishop."

"There was perhaps also a little bit too much pressure coming from the Lord Mayor's chief of staff Amelia Bitsis whose boss is admittedly overly media focused but a highly effective communicator with very high standards and expectations," Mr Mayne said.

Melbourne is the most secretive council

The City of Melbourne continues to be the most secretive metropolitan council, with more than a quarter of its decisions being made behind closed doors.

The state government on December 1 released its annual survey of local government performance, and Melbourne is getting worse when it comes to including the public.

In 2015-16, the City of Melbourne determined 26.65 per cent of its decisions in secret but last financial year slipped back to 28.85 per cent.

As an excuse, the council says it made fewer decisions overall, which resulted in a higher proportion of secrecy.

"The total number of resolutions made in confidential session actually decreased to 90, compared to 105 in 2015-16," it said.

The state average for decisions made in secret is 9.49 per cent and has been falling steadily in recent years.

Two Victorian councils held all their decision making in public in 2016-17 – the City of Greater Dandenong and Mt Alexander Shire.

The Shire of East Gippsland had the worst record, with 41.5 per cent – but explained that contractual matters made up 34 of its 39 secret decisions. It said that, unlike most councils, it doesn't have the power to delegate decisions to officers.

In the metropolitan area, the next worst offender (after Melbourne) is Frankston (17.4 per cent). Among provincial councils, the worst are Mildura (20.5 per cent) and LaTrobe (17.3 per cent).

digiworld.com.au
9663 6699

Site audit
Back-up
Help Desk
Maintenance
Cloud
Email Admin
Security
Upgrades
Mobility

The easy way to Manage your IT

Get Digiworld to look after it.
Our **Manage IT** service will ensure your technology is performing to its full potential.

digiworld
your world of computing

CBD investment is sound: agents

Local real estate agents have countered claims by investment advisor Terry Ryder who is warning apartment investors away from the CBD.

Mr Ryder's annual *No Go Zones* report claims the "single biggest danger" for investors this year was "buying apartments in some of our major cities".

In Melbourne's case, he highlights the CBD, Docklands and Southbank as areas to avoid, claiming that 2.8 per cent of CBD apartments were vacant in November 2017.

"A good strategy for property investors is to simply avoid high-rise unit markets altogether," he says.

Hocking Stuart principal Scott McElroy said: "These sort of articles are annoying to say the least as you well know there are more than just one type of apartments in the huge market that makes up the city and surrounds. There are people enjoying capital gain and also losses, but this is not only confined to the city."

NPM principal Sam Nathan agreed, saying the local apartment market should not be viewed as a single entity.

"With a maturing apartment market comes the emergence of different segments within the central city region. These segments can be defined by location or as we are increasingly observing, on a building specific basis, with individual neighbourhoods in the central city or individual buildings catering to different

purchaser requirements/objectives, be they owner occupiers or investors, and behaving accordingly, often differently to the broader market," Mr Nathan said.

"Local investors have the opportunity to study the market holistically and secure a stronger understanding of the drivers and ambience of the neighbourhood location of individual buildings, the drivers behind that precinct, the position and behaviour of individual buildings and the influences likely to impact on them going forward."

"The central city is a broad market, catering for a broad range of objectives. Increasingly however, buildings catering to established resident needs are taking their place in the fundamental housing market as the structural shift continues towards higher density, more centralised living patterns. Investors able to identify these buildings and make a well considered and researched decision around which opportunities are likely to reflect the changing context of the housing market are likely to be better placed."

Mr Nathan said CBD towers had a vacancy rate as low as 1 per cent. He cautioned that vacancies would be greater at the end of the academic year and statistics should not include new buildings that had just come onto the market.



Visitor centre to go?

The City of Melbourne has not committed to establishing a replacement Melbourne Visitor Centre after the centre's demolition at Federation Square.

The centre is set to be demolished later this year to make way for the new Town Hall station's Federation Square entrance.

When asked directly whether the council was committed to delivering a new visitor centre, City of Melbourne spokesperson Brodie Bott said the council was "currently reviewing its visitor services strategy and will provide more information about any potential changes in due course".

Destination Melbourne's CEO Laura Cavallo said the need for a physical visitor centre might have diminished in the digital age.

"Visitor serving is definitely changing, as the needs to visitors change. As we move into a future of digital automation,

finding the balance between interpersonal human connections and new technology is becoming something which destinations must consider," Ms Cavallo said.

"I'm confident the City of Melbourne will develop a strong solution for our visitors, meeting their needs," she said.

The Melbourne Visitor Centre has been an iconic part of Federation Square that provides visitor information, guides, brochures and maps, accommodation and tour booking services and souvenirs for tourists.

A direct underground connection to Flinders Street Station will be built as part of the Metro Rail project.

STREET LIFE



11 pm, Bourke St

Photo by Barry C. Douglas @ BarryTakesPhotos.com

Let's go Lego

CBD's Lego fans may have cause for rejoice and the chance to let out their inner child as Legobar is likely to have a CBD address.

Legobar, rolling out in major cities all over the world, consists of over one million blocks, with elaborate Lego sculptures and blocks to play with all presided over by local DJ sets.

Melbourne's Legobar will open its doors in autumn and, while the venue has not yet been announced, *CBD News* has heard that the CBD looks promising.

Tickets will be sold on a first come first serve basis with limited tickets – to register interest visit www.legobar.com

Learn to be sustainable

Sustainability Living Festival is again kicking off with some events in the CBD in February.

Town Hall Veggie Patch

Reduce your "food miles", or the amount of transport required to get your vegetables, by growing your own at backyards, balconies and even rooftops.

Demonstrations of how edible plants are grown in small spaces will be held at the veggie patch in front of the Town Hall from February 1 to 16.

We all know that veggies taste better when you grow them yourself!

Cooking with food waste workshop

The cooking demonstration by Jessica Alice, the "Nigella Lawson" of leftovers, will show you two simple recipes of cooking with food waste at Queen Victoria Market.

Market stallholders will provide ingredients that they would throw away if not sold that day.

The demonstration will have you rethink what you can do with leftover food.

The first session is held from 1-2pm on February 1 and a second demonstration will be from 1-2pm on February 8.

DIY organic makeup workshop

Learn four instant recipes to create your own organic, and environment-friendly make-up remover, facial serum and scrubs.

Two sessions will be held at Laneway Learning's classroom tucked away at 22-24 Bennetts Lane.

Two sessions are available from 6.15pm on February 5.

Tickets range from \$10-20.

Zero Waste household first steps

Learn how to lead a more sustainable lifestyle and take your first step towards a "zero-waste household" by hearing about other people's experiences.

Held at Embiggen Books from 6.30-7.45pm on February 6.

Tickets are \$16 each.

More information about Sustainability Living Festival can be found at slf.org.au



Father Bob and Beverley Pinder-Mortimer.

Bev's for Bob

Beverley Pinder-Mortimer is back as a councillor and is this time donating her allowance to Father Bob Maguire.

Cr Pinder-Mortimer said: "Essentially it will be my earned wage from now to the end of financial year 2017-18 as a kick-start for the Community Hub Campaign."

Father Bob wants to establish a community to bring much-needed additional services to the homeless.

Services envisaged range from education to a community pantry; a commercial kitchen to a community garden; renewables to a homeless drop-in service.

Cr Pinder-Mortimer said the hub would be a sanctuary providing a space for living, learning and education.

She was restored to the council following a count-back conducted by the Victorian Electoral Commission on January 15. The vacancy was caused by the resignation in December of fellow Team Doyle councillor Tessa Sullivan.

Cr Pinder-Mortimer said: "Homelessness and loneliness are inter-related. Father Bob's concept of a hub delivers to

Melbourne a place where people can meet to feel connected and part of a wider social group."

"The opportunity to become engaged in the community through recreation, the arts or even training and IT literacy enables people to become inspired and adds meaning to their lives."

"Whether garden or cooking meals together or perhaps even learning something new - a hub would enable those afflicted by homelessness or living on the fringe to become involved and explore their talents and acquire some skills."

"I am currently going through all of this with my stepson and my focus is on connectedness. The services offered by councils is terrific support but these services groups need boosting and Father Bob's community hub concept is a small step towards this."

The Father Bob Maguire Foundation can be reached at **9681 3255**.

CBD to light up

The CBD will again be illuminated as White Night Melbourne returns for a bigger and brighter night on February 17.

Now in its sixth year, White Night celebrates Melbourne's night culture with 12 hours of art installations, performances, projections, music and exhibitions from 7pm to 7am.

One of this year's CBD highlights is *Liquid Sky*, a 150 metre silver holographic "skynet" hanging above Federation Square.

Los Angeles artist Patrick Shearn designed this kinetic installation specifically for Federation Square to reflect dynamic nature.

CBD buildings such as RMIT's Building 1, State Library, ACMI and buildings along the east end of Flinders St will be canvases for themed light projections.

Projections on the Royal Exhibition Building will bring architecture to life and transform the audience to another dimension.

Snows will fall down on Little Bourke St and music performances will take place on verandas and balconies along Swanston St.

"White Night is a massive activation of the CBD and surrounding areas. It encourages around 600,000 people to come to the city and experience what Melbourne has to offer at night," artistic director David Atkins said.

For more information about White Night 2018, visit whitenight.com.au

Laneway project progressing

The City of Melbourne's Green Your Laneway project is rolling out across four CBD laneways, including Coromandel Place, Guildford Lane, Meyers Place and Katherine Place.

Planter boxes, climbing plants, pocket gardens and seats have been installed at the pilot laneways.

The plants are mainly hardy species that can flourish with limited sunlight, such as gum vines and Chinese star jasmine.

Following 800 submissions from CBD residents, building owners and businesses, the four popular but unadorned laneways were chosen for transformation into lush gardens.

The community is also invited to help maintain the plants in these laneways.

The highlight of Guildford Lane's makeover includes a community garden to capture rainwater and artist Mike Makatron's mural showing an overgrown factory.

Cr Cathy Oke, City of Melbourne's environment portfolio chair, said residents at Guildford Lane had contributed to the laneway design.

"Guildford Lane's residential community has worked with us on a design that includes climbing plants and pots to complement the laneway's beautiful brick warehouses. We're also installing a community garden for residents along with a series of innovative 'drain-gardens' to capture rainwater and reduce flooding."

"These drain gardens have never been installed in Melbourne before. We'll use stainless steel grates to intercept water from the down pipes to filter out particles and other pollution that has settled on the roof."

A map of potential "greenable" laneways, including the community's suggestions, can be viewed on participate.melbourne.vic.gov.au/greenlaneways



The greened Guildford Lane.

Speaking up - Communicating in vertical villages

The sheer number of people who reside in “One Big Residence” means that vertical dwellers live amongst strangers - or so many popular portrayals of high-rise, high-density living would have you believe.

Often our lifestyle is criticised for anonymous interactions occurring in towers of isolation where human contact is either deficient or proactively avoided. We (apparently) are very anxious about our in-house stranger-danger, communicating our fears verbally and non-verbally. And, perhaps more alarmingly, we are also viewed as fearful of contracting communicable diseases from these strangers (as air and touch borne viruses spread more rapidly when many people share hallway air, door handles and elevator buttons).

Added to this, the array of different nationalities in our towers have been noted by academics Edgar Liu (UNSW), Hazel Easthope (UNSW) and Christina Ho (UTS) as adding to our tension as differences in culture, language and lifestage may exacerbate resident conflicts.

Who could fail to be attracted to such a lifestyle?

Yet, perception is all in the framing.

Stated another way, having “little in common” becomes “richly diverse”, something we are encouraged to celebrate. And differences in lifestyle and lifestage become opportunities for vibrant exchanges between people on international secondments, retiree couples, solo women, young families and travellers.

However, there is no denying there are tensions within our vertical villages which is evident in the number of trips to VCAT and the busyness of dispute resolution committees.

Added to this, there is a noticeable difference amongst residents’ knowledge about their building: how it operates, its history and the planned happenings (ie when is that carpet being replaced?). And it is unfortunately often true that our villages have all too few areas to mingle and little social infrastructure to support these interactions (such as in-building clubs).



This means that building-based communication systems become extremely important as they are the key means of keeping residents informed (if not engaged!).

Yet, the communication systems within our vertical villages are often inadequate, comprising out-of-date websites, clunky portals, partial email or phone lists and mail boxes (which require time consuming hand delivery). Added to this, not too many in building management boast strong communication skills (let alone PR!), which has led to issues about the type and tone of messaging. Indeed, there continue to be instances rousing the ire of residents due to the wrong message being delivered in the wrong way – such as was the case with a public and pictorial instruction to keep our tightly-whities off the balcony.

What do to?

Unsurprisingly, this failure-to-communicate has been noticed by some of the larger strata management firms and

there is a move towards incorporating communication as part of their services. It does not take much effort to find offers of “powerful integrated software” which promise to provide access to streamlined community resource hubs that collect resident information and, in return, communicate in accordance with stated preferences.

For those vertical villages thinking about such offers, there are a few things to consider, starting with the data. Key issues include:

- Who owns this data? (the owners’ corporation or the strata management firm) and what happens if/when there is a change of provider?
- Security (from multiple angles). There are issues of access (who and under what conditions), usage (initial and secondary/unintended purposes), storage (format, length), etc;
- And yes, there is also dreaded meta data!

Answers to these questions will be critical to the uptake of these systems by residents who will not participate if not convinced about their robustness.

Perhaps then, the work of students from the University of Adelaide might be useful. They have developed Communitilink, a new platform that connects apartment residents and building managers, and it has taken out the 2017 eChallenge major prize for early-stage entrepreneurial ventures.

Developed by Aaron Smedley, Tom Welsby and Josh Marcus, Communitilink is aimed at supporting high-density living through a series of user engagement platforms, allowing building managers and residents to communicate about maintenance, news and other property and facilities issues. The platforms are also designed to encourage residents to interact socially. The developers claim Communitilink as the only service of its kind, and are at pains to have it seen as ensuring not only a more convenient way of connecting but also as a safe and trustworthy way of doing so.

What is not in doubt is that the challenge of communication and engagement will be increasingly important to the fabric of our vertical lifestyles and it is these types of social innovations that will further evidence the transformation of “isolation towers” to vertical villages.

If you would like links to the material mentioned, please visit and like SkyPad Living on Facebook.



Janette Corcoran
Apartment living expert
<https://www.facebook.com/SkyPadLiving/>

SKYPAD
LIVING



TRAFFIC CHANGES

FEBRUARY 2018



The Metro Tunnel will get our train network moving. Untangling the City Loop will benefit train lines across the network by making travel easier for you, with more frequent trains carrying more people to destinations across Melbourne.

Some of Melbourne’s busiest train lines – Sunbury, Cranbourne and Pakenham – will run exclusively through the new Metro Tunnel, freeing up space in the City Loop for other lines to run more frequent and reliable services.

Works on St Kilda Road and Grattan Street
From February onwards, there will be long-term traffic changes to St Kilda Road, near the Shrine of Remembrance, and Grattan Street, Parkville, as we undertake major construction.

Expect delays and plan ahead
To see how you might be affected, visit metro.tunnel.vic.gov.au

Alex Robertson – living the dream

By Shane Scanlan

Having been sent from the country to work in Melbourne in 1941, local resident Alex Robertson has seen a few changes!

The lucid 90-year-old is still active in business and plans to be around for a while yet.

“Mum lived ‘til 97 and dad died at 94 so I’m confident of a few more years,” he grinned.

Having sold real estate for decades, Alex knows Melbourne better than most and loves it even more.

He sold the first apartment in the Spring St block where he lives about 40 years ago. Four years later, he bought his home and hasn’t tired of his view across the Treasury Gardens and out to the Dandenongs.

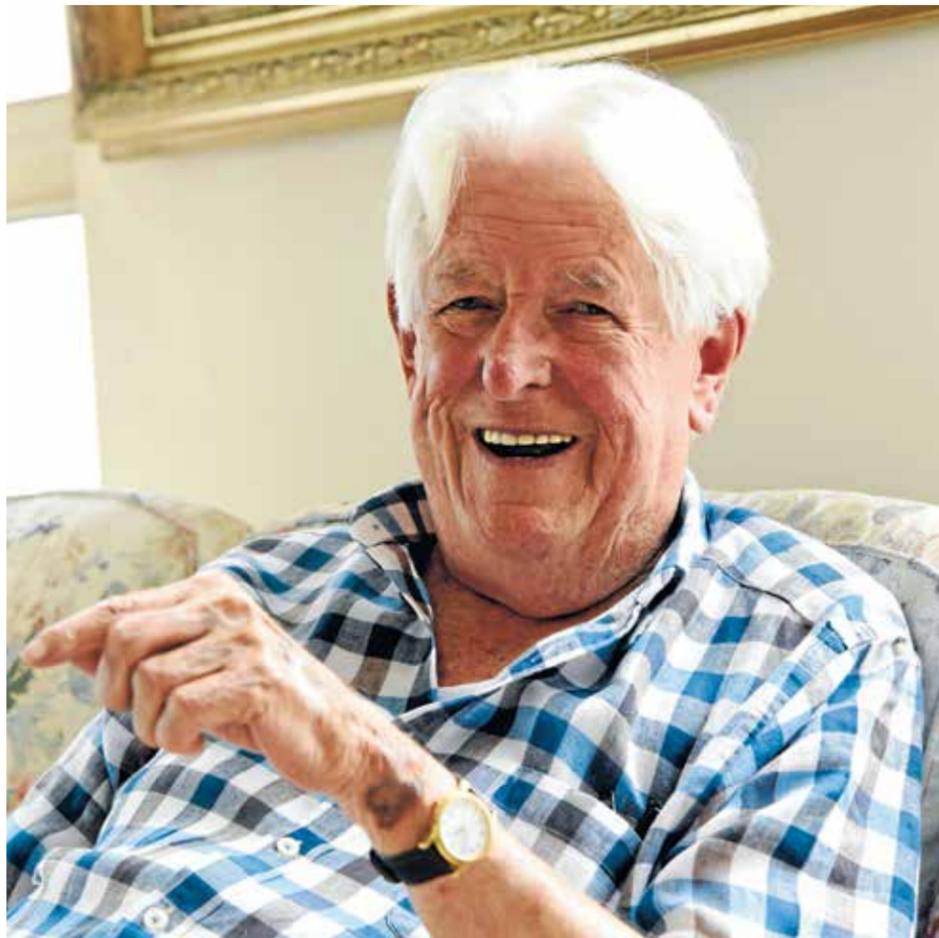
Mr Robertson’s commercial real estate business was for a time the hottest thing in town.

“Being in real estate is like being a jockey,” he said. “When you are winning, everyone wants you to ride their horse!”

“But, if you get tired or lazy, you can quickly fall away because there’s always someone moving up,” he said. “And that’s the way it should be.”

Mr Robertson has long been a “player” in the Melbourne scene and counts among his contemporaries captains of industry and knights of the realm. He was awarded an Order of Australia in 2016 for community service, particularly fundraising for the Northern Hospital.

He says his greatest contribution to Melbourne has been successfully



championing to local and state governments the notion of the city as a tourist destination.

“The message was that Melbourne needed to be open for tourism,” he said.

The rise in visitation to Melbourne and the dominance of hospitality within the CBD are just two of the changes he has experienced as a CBD resident.

He said when he arrived in Melbourne in the 1940s, the city was divided into precincts, largely based on business type.

“You had customs agents and ships

provedores in King St. The Western Market was still going. In fact, the Eastern Market was too. If it was still going, it would be the greatest tourist attraction in Melbourne,” he said.

Mr Robertson recalls seeing General Douglas MacArthur outside the former Menzies Hotel during WWII.

“He told the people outside milling around that there was no such thing as security – only opportunity,” he said. “I’ll always remember that.”

He said there once were nine pubs and 10 furniture stores in Bourke St alone.

In the here and now, Mr Robertson sees the top end of Bourke St as a “little village” and his building as a “vertical street”. But beyond that, he does not see a lot of “community” in the CBD.

He said he was initially attracted to CBD living because of its centrality and its ability to avoid commuting and choking traffic.

“It’s about proximity to restaurants, galleries and theatres and all that the capital city can provide,” he said.

But he is concerned about the seemingly unlimited growth in the city with a disproportionate investment in infrastructure.

“If we continue to go the way we are going, we will end up with only childless couples here,” he said. “Where are the schools? And the material child care centres?”

“There’s no doubt that there are some problems coming up in the future. And, to take our minds off it, they blow up \$3 million worth of crackers – as a diversion.”

He said city dwellers living in confined, tiny apartments were now using local cafes to escape and find community.

“How else do you get to know your neighbours?” he asked.

“We really need to find someone to really make us aware of what the true situation is.”

“Someone like a Kennett or a Bolte.

They need to be a really dynamic person – a trailblazer who is willing to give up on temporary solutions.”

But despite these concerns, the heart of the optimistic farm boy who came to the big city with the ambition to become an auctioneer still beats strongly.

“I was a dreamer – a poor student – so mum pulled me out of school at 15,” he said.

Mr Robertson’s experience proves that dreams can come true.

Metro Tunnel

Acoustic sheds are erected

Here is what will be happening at the Metro Tunnel project during February.

The Metro Tunnel Project appreciates people’s support while we undertake these vital works and urge caution around our sites.

Please help us support local businesses affected by Metro Tunnel construction by continuing to visit them while works take place.

Visit metrotunnel.vic.gov.au for more information about works in your area.

State Library Station (CBD North)

After a short break in construction over Christmas, work is back underway at sites in the State Library Station precinct.

The acoustic enclosure at Franklin St east of Swanston St, which is 70 metres long and more than 20 metres high, is almost complete.

This acoustic enclosure will help to minimise the impact of noise, light and dust on nearby businesses and residents when 24-hour construction activities, including shaft excavation, begin.

The installation of the acoustic enclosure at A’Beckett St is also well underway. When this 40-metre-long enclosure is completed in early March, 24-hour construction will also begin at this location.

The access shaft excavation at Franklin and A’Beckett streets are scheduled to be finished by mid-year.



Ground investigations are continuing along Victoria St to inform the design and construction and are expected to be completed by March.

The relocation of a number of underground services continues at Franklin St west of Swanston St. Ongoing closures and traffic changes remain in place in this area, including the westbound closure of Franklin St, between Swanston and Stewart streets, and the southbound closure of Swanston St, between Victoria and Franklin streets.

Traffic management, including signage, is in place to direct vehicles, cyclists and pedestrians around the works.

The demolition of buildings along Swanston St and La Trobe St is expected to be completed in March.

Town Hall Station (CBD South)

Work is back underway at City Square, with well over half of the existing three-level car park now demolished.

Two excavators are working to demolish the structure and can be seen through the

viewing windows on Swanston St.

Further daytime closures of Flinders Lane, between Russell and Swanston streets, will be in place between January 30 to February 10, so that debris from the demolition can be removed. Local access for businesses and residents will be available during these daytime closures under traffic management.

Once demolition is complete, construction activities, including piling, can begin to prepare for the installation of an acoustic enclosure and the excavation of an 11-storey access shaft.

The demolition of the buildings on Swanston St is also continuing.

Work is underway to disconnect services, remove internal fixtures and install scaffolding ahead of the main demolition of Port Phillip Arcade, which is scheduled to begin in early February and continue through to March.

Pedestrians can continue to access Flinders Lane and Scott Alley businesses using either Degraives St or Swanston St.

History



“The Smith House” – 300 Queen St

The Lord Mayor lampooned and criticised for questionable electioneering tactics! No, not 2018, we have stepped back in time 167 years.

The Lord Mayor was John Thomas Smith, known as the “Dick Whittington of the South” as he was seven times lord mayor between 1851 and 1864.

Smith was a well-known figure in white hat, white shirt frills and smoking a cutty pipe. He was a political conservative opposing a reduction in the miners’ licence fee (the cause of the Eureka uprising) and the introduction of the secret ballot in elections. However, he did support the eight-hour day and was greatly admired for both his generosity and active charity work.

Smith’s elegant three-story house, completed in 1852, still stands at 300 Queen St (on the east side of Queen St between Little Lonsdale and LaTrobe streets) and is one of the oldest residential buildings remaining in the Melbourne Central Business District.

It is built of stuccoed brick on a bluestone base with a large fanlight over the main entrance. The building has a simple symmetrical form, hipped slate-clad roof, Georgian windows and austere detailing. It is a fine example of pre-separation colonial Georgian architecture.

By 1859 Smith’s house was described in rate books as “brick, 17 rooms, hall, two cellars, coach house and stables”. But Smith had moved by this time to Mount Alexander Rd, Moonee Ponds and between 1859 and 1869 the house was used by the Victorian Government to accommodate various offices.

At one period during the gold rush, from about 1859 to 1862, so much gold was arriving in Melbourne from the goldfields of

Ballarat and Bendigo that the house became the Treasury and Gold Offices and used for gold storage as an extension of the Treasury, at that time located in William St. By 1865 the building housed the Board of Agriculture, the Pleuro-Pneumonia Commissioners, and the Chief Inspector of Sheep’s Office.

Following a period of use as a boarding house, from about 1875 the building at 154 Queen St (the address only changed to 300 following Queen St re-numbering in about 1890) was occupied by David Munro. Munro was a successful railway contractor and one of the largest employers in Victoria. He also speculated in land and went bankrupt in the 1890s crash.

For the first 40 years or so of the 20th century the building again served as a boarding house. During the Second World War the building became the Queen Victoria Memorial Hospital Nurses Home and remained so for several years after the war. It was purchased by the Victorian Government in the 1950s and housed the Mental Hygiene Authority for several years. It is currently occupied by a department of Victoria University.

The date of our photograph is uncertain but a close inspection reveals the words “FURNISHED ACCOMMODATION - LODGINGS FOR GENTLEMEN” on the fanlight above the front door. Presumably the image dates from a period when the building served as a boarding house – obviously of superior quality!

An image of this building appears in Remembering Melbourne, a beautiful collection of photographs from across Melbourne and its suburbs.

Available from the RHSV for \$35.



David Thompson

David is the senior researcher of the Royal Historical Society of Victoria



Facelift for Flinders St entrance

The entrance to platform 10 at Flinders Street Station on the Northbank will receive a much-needed upgrade.

Acting Premier James Merlino joined Acting Public Transport Minister Luke Donnellan at Flinders Street Station on January 15 to announce the upgrades as part of the government’s \$100 million redevelopment of the iconic station.

Construction started in early January, which will provide access from platform 10 to Southbank Promenade via the Evan Walker Bridge and ease congestion at the Elizabeth St underpass.

The new entrance will provide another fully accessible entry to the station that

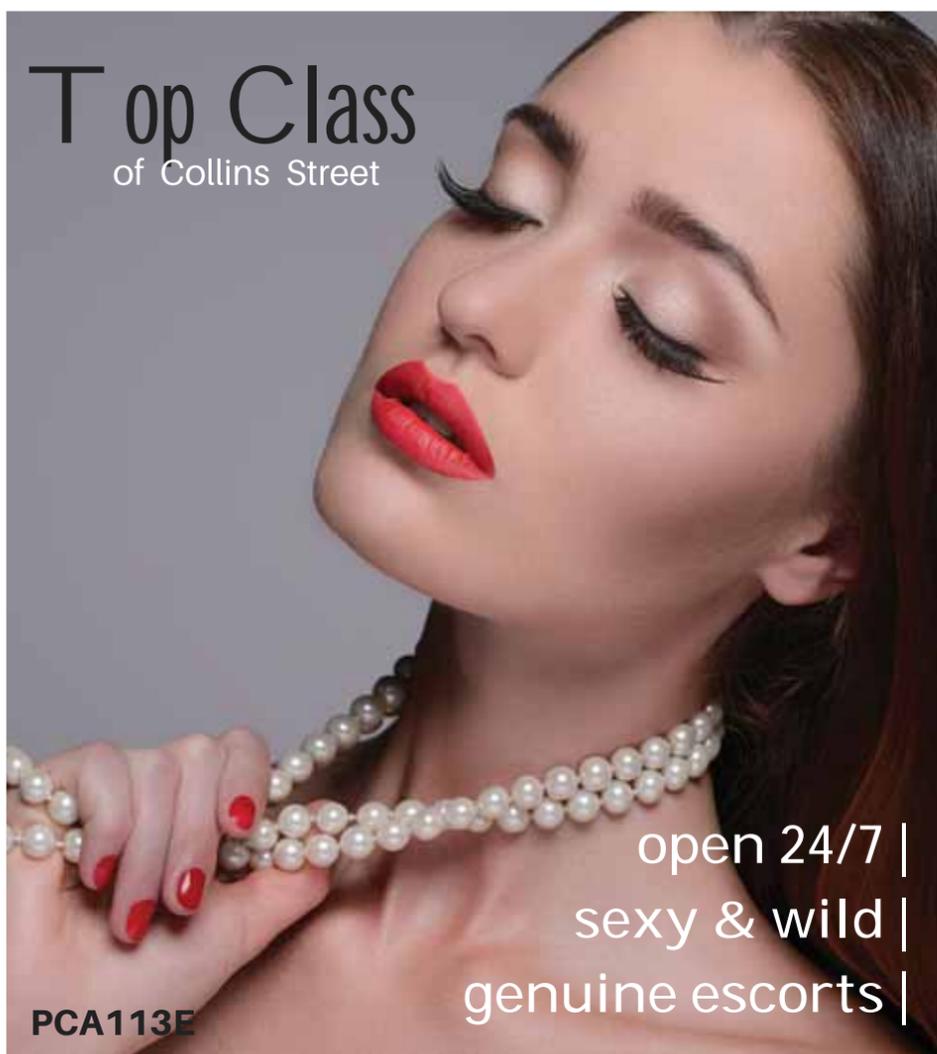
will open in April.

Works to upgrade the underpass, which has long been in a state of disrepair, will also be carried out as part of the construction of the new entrance.

Minister Merlino said the works were long overdue.

“Flinders Street is the heart of our train system and the heart of our city – we’re restoring it and making it more accessible, safe and user friendly for passengers,” he said.

Top Class
of Collins Street



open 24/7 |
sexy & wild |
genuine escorts |

PCA113E

www.topclassofcollinsstreet.com.au

Call 03 9654 6351

We Live Here

Privy Council gets it, Andrews doesn't

The Privy Council in London has unanimously ruled that strata corporations may enforce by-laws to restrict short-term letting.

Last month, the Lordships found that the by-law-making power of a strata corporation is very wide, and any by-law that purports to restrict the use of a lot for "residential purposes" is valid. Short-term use by holiday-makers changes the character of the use of a lot, and that type of use is clearly different from residential use.

Daniel Andrews please take note!

This decision reignites the debate that owners' corporations may legitimately enforce by-laws to restrict their lots to residential use, if they carefully draft their by-laws.

The Supreme Court decision in Balcombe might not now be considered as having settled the matter in Victoria. Leading strata lawyer, Tom Bacon said: "While the Privy Council decision is not legally binding here in Australia, it should be viewed as persuasive, and should not be set aside without a principled reason to distinguish it."

Victorian Government response to the short stay Bill inquiry – a cop out!

The state Labor government's response to the findings of the Parliamentary inquiry into short stays, released in November 2017, is extremely disappointing.

The government has ignored all the recommendations of the inquiry conducted by a cross-party committee that included government members – and is planning to reintroduce the original bill in February 2018, with a review to be undertaken in two years!

This is a cop-out and plays right into the hands of Airbnb, a company that claims it partnered with the government in the

introduction of the Bill. Not surprisingly, Airbnb's Australian head of policy described the Bill on ABC radio as the best legislation in the world! Well of course if you help to formulate a Bill you'd say it was good, wouldn't you?

Why did the government utterly discount the findings of the inquiry which said the Bill was unfair to residents, whilst seeking to pass the least-restrictive short-term letting regulations anywhere in the world?

Why couldn't the Andrews government take the time to investigate the issues properly, as authorities have already done in New York, San Francisco, London, Amsterdam, Barcelona, Paris and other large cities where short-term letting is prevalent and tearing fragile local residential communities apart, but where lessons have been learned and regulation and restrictions have been introduced?

Why must Melbourne, the world's most liveable city, always learn its lessons the hard way? Why don't our leaders show the way as to how it can be done?

We Live Here has long been advocating for regulations that balance the interests of the tourism industry, hotel industry, short-stay accommodation providers, including booking platforms such as Airbnb and Stayz, and residents living in high rise communities and elsewhere where everyday lives are being severely compromised by the rampant unregulated growth of short-stays.

There must be a level playing field and residents must have a voice. The Owners Corporation Bill does nothing to assist the process and with no changes contemplated for at least two years inner city high-rise communities could be decimated, as the government, by its decision has determined that residents don't matter.

Twenty-five per cent of the Victorian population live in apartment buildings and We Live Here now represent more than 200 apartment buildings across Melbourne.

We are urging the Premier to stop supporting Airbnb – which is based overseas, and is not paying local taxes – and start listening to the concerns of residents about safety, security, rising maintenance costs and a loss of community.

Sign the government's petition page

We are asking that you, our supporters, sign the petition on the Victorian Parliamentary website, via the following link: <https://www.parliament.vic.gov.au/council/petitions/electronic-petitions/view-e-petitions/details/12/57> and let the government know :

- The Bill in its current form is totally unacceptable;
 - The recommended amendments must be acted on now not in two years' time; and
 - Residents must not be ignored any more.
- The petition is planned to be tabled in the Legislative Council in late February 2018, so please do not delay and sign now.

Fishermans Bend going under?

Martin Foley's political career might yet be saved by an innovative proposal that would see the tramline connecting the city with Fishermans Bend going under water using the LaTrobe St tram corridor. Prebuilt, immersed tubes would be anchored to the sea bed without the need for tunnelling.

This alternative solution has been proposed by Yarra's Edge resident, Keith Sutherland following a groundswell of objection to a low tram bridge from

Collins St to Lorimer St, referred to in the Fishermans Bend Draft Plan.

The current proposed tram crossing of Lorimer St defies logic, Mr Sutherland said, considering the Andrews government is spending millions in eradicating existing tram and train crossings and we need to look to future transport options, not replicate outdated transport that has served the state well in the past.

"If the current proposal is adopted by the Andrews government it will become a major election issue in November," Mr Sutherland said, "And the various groups fighting the low tram bridge could determine the election outcome."

"We will be seeking election promises from all parties and politicians not to proceed with the current bridge proposal."

Campaign donations

As a not-for-profit organisation, donations from individuals and buildings keep our campaigns going.

To register as a supporter of We Live Here or to make a donation please visit our website at welfarehere.net.

We Live Here does not accept donations from commercial tourism interests.

You can reach us at campaign@welfarehere.net. We Live Here members can make a presentation to your owners' corporation committee upon request.

We welcome your comments and feedback, and invite suggestions for topics you would like us to address in this column.



www.welfarehere.net
emails to campaign@welfarehere.net

Pet's Corner

From show dog to city gal

By Medha Vernekar

Ruby, a 10-month-old Welsh Pembroke Corgi, takes a break from the spotlight as a former show dog to stroll around the Flagstaff Gardens with her owner Lynda Clark.

Ms Clark, who has been living in West Melbourne for two years now, adopted Ruby last October with her husband from a show dog breeder in Portarlington on the Bellarine Peninsula.

Last year, Ruby performed in the Royal Melbourne Show in the puppy class and scored third place.

"Her sister, however, won everything in her class," Ms Clark said.

"They kept her sister but we were fortunate enough to have her".

When Ms Clark and her husband first got Ruby, she was very different from the city-adjusted dog she is now.

"She was very timid when we first got her and very wary of strangers. She freaked if she saw another dog that wasn't a Corgi. But overtime she has become very sociable," she said.

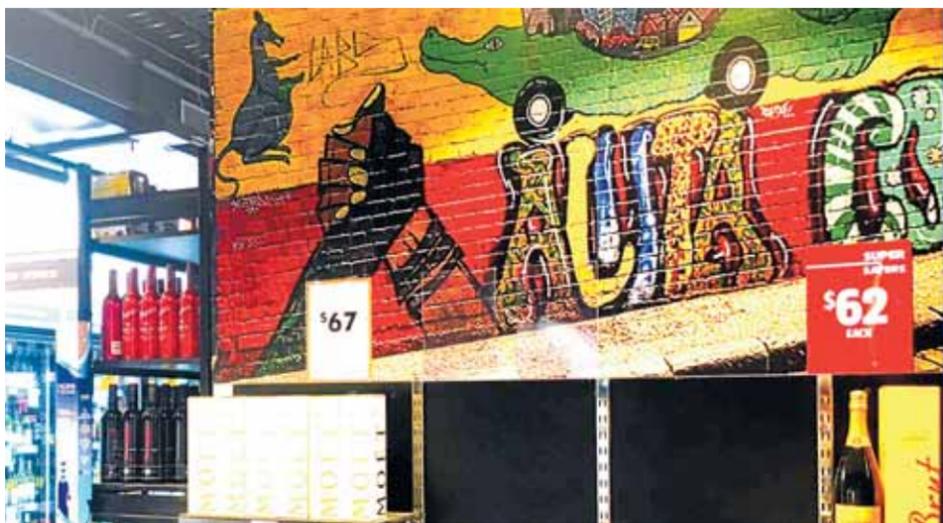
Now, Ruby spends her time meeting different dogs and also gets together for play dates with another friendly pooch, Scarlett.

Other times, she loves wrecking cardboard and plastic bottles and getting a squeak out of her toy.

"She a little bit of a tart, she'll roll over and expose her belly and she'll expect you to kneel down and give her a good belly scratch" Ms Clarke added as Ruby made her way to socialise with a white poodle nearby.



Street Art



The cost of culture

It was in 2001 when I moved into the giant warehouse at 110 Franklin St.

It was a dream come true, I didn't know how I was going to pay for it, (I was on the dole), but I knew that it was something special.

A few weeks later the warehouse was converted into art studios, and it slowly started to fill up (often not covering costs). I moved in upstairs, into what would become known as "The Blender Studios". It was here that much of the early Melbourne street art movement took off, as many artists used it as a base to create their mark on the city.

It was stencils, painting and parties and the city was under siege. The art created was groundbreaking and soon turned Melbourne into one of the most extensive public art galleries in the world, changing the cultural fabric of the city.

As the urban art movement grew, the laneways became the cultural veins that made Melbourne an internationally-renowned cultural hotspot.

Melbourne became the place to be for artists, musicians, poets and all things creative. There was a very centralised art community in the late 90s and early 2000s, with many large-scale studios and galleries in Flinders Lane, Elizabeth St and throughout the CBD.

With this cultural acclaim, Melbourne finally became world famous for something other than sport.

Then with creative recognition, privatisation of education and changes in local government policy, Melbourne began to change. The CBD was changing at a rate that nobody could have expected. I read somewhere that the CBD's population has increased by 500 per cent in the last 20 years.

Needless to say, I am writing this in the new location of, Blender Studios, in Docklands. Blender was the very last of the large-scale studios, forced out of Melbourne's CBD due to high rent and massive corporate development.

Anyway, I like Docklands I think there is something going on and nobody has noticed.

I now have an apartment in Literature Lane in the CBD, a place where I have painted a number of murals including collaborative works with Timor-Leste artists and young people from the Signal Youth Arts program (which is on show now as a photo in the new bottle shop).

The other day I was walking out of my

apartment when some young kid gave me the evil eye, so I stuck up a sticker in front of him that said "You Are All The Same!" I know people hate being told that they are all the same, but I'm old skool, and I like art to have an opinion (but that's a different story.)

This young guy decided I was some kind of tagger and tried to place me under citizens arrest. I explained the legal and cultural legitimacy of what I was doing, but he was, in his mind, championing a moral high ground. In the end, after much talking and patience, I walked off and got a coffee.

People who move into the city when they should be living in the suburbs is what's slowly destroying the beautiful cultural city that took us years to create. People move to a culturally significant part of Melbourne, whether that be for music, art, concerts or the activation of space through installation, public art and urban art interventions.

As soon as a new block of apartments goes up, people move in because they "like" the culture and the urban environment. And yet, they call the cops, contact the council and, like the guy who accosted me, feel that they are justified in claiming the city as their own.

As the rich keep building away, knocking down studios, murals and art galleries to make way for giant developments, they are also knocking away the creative culture of Melbourne.

You can only leech off something for so long before it runs out of blood. And while people complain about loud music, like at the Cherry Bar, or street art, please understand this: our city is in danger of becoming shit.

We all need to work together to ensure it doesn't turn into some giant shopping centre or look like an airport.

It's the grit, grime and underground scene that have made Melbourne into a fascinating city with layers of history and stains of time. We need to ask ourselves - what is our contribution to this great city?

Peace out punkz.
Sorry I said shit.
Buy my painting ...



Adrian Doyle

Blender Studios founder and director

VCAT Watch

Tribunal knock backs tavern extension to hours

The tavern at 25 Bank Place got its original permit from the tribunal in 2000.

A new permit to expand the use to include the basement was approved by the Council in 2005.

Currently a condition of permit allows 1.00am closing Friday and Saturday nights (ie Saturday and Sunday mornings). No more than 200 people are allowed in the tavern. Another condition of permit does not allow any new patrons to enter the premises two hours before closing.

The tavern operators applied to extend the closing time to 3.00am Friday and Saturday nights. The council refused the application, citing concerns with amenity impacts on nearby residential uses, non-compliance with policy and a failure to address the state planning decision guidelines on licensed premises.

The tribunal supported the council's decision in *Marrakech Trading Pty Ltd v Melbourne CC* [2017] VCAT 2154. It said that the council policy restricts the operation of such venues to 1.00am and saw no reason why this policy should not be upheld.

The tribunal's main concern though was the noise generated from patrons leaving the premises. It considered that the 200

persons allowed in the premises was "not an insignificant number" and that "there is the potential for this number of patrons to be on the premises at closing time and to then exit in the subsequent 30 minutes into the otherwise generally quiet environment of Bank Place, adjacent to the neighbouring residential uses."

The tribunal acknowledged that council's policy also encouraged entertainment venues in the Melbourne CBD.

However, exercising policy is a balancing exercise and it said: "While it is true that residents should be aware of the existence of this and other venues and the associated nightlife, and should adjust their amenity expectations accordingly, these venues should also acknowledge their partly residential context."

No doubt the tribunal's decision in this matter will be a relief to local residents.



Mark Marsden

Managing editor
Victorian Planning
Reports

mark@vprs.com.au

THE MOST EXCLUSIVE ESCORT AGENCY

Paramour
OF COLLINS STREET

- Dinner Companions
- Social Escorts
- Sensual Ladies

CITY CENTRE
Melbourne's exclusive
entertainment service.
Highly recommended
for our interstate and
overseas visitors.

**CBD - 5 MINUTES
TO YOUR DOOR**

9654 6011

有很有很美丽的小姐!
请看网址。

たくさんの美しい女性
日本語を話します

See real pictures of our ladies at paramour.com.au

Call or book at rsvp@paramour.com.au
MELBOURNE CBD

Scandalous times

There is a naive belief that media exposure will help bring problems into the spotlight, leading to their solution and justice for injured parties. Dr Alex Ling of Western Sydney University has travelled down the east coast to comment on the scandal at the town hall.

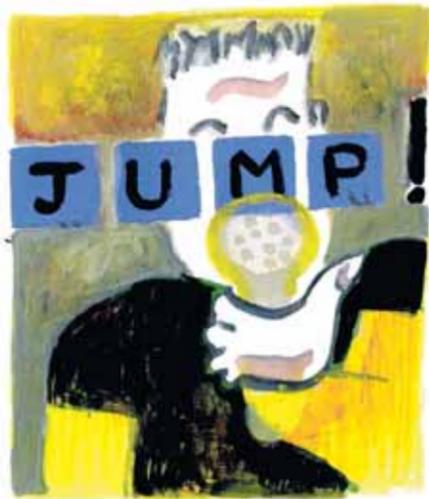
The case of the Lord Mayor and former councillor Tessa Sullivan has been on everyone's lips over the summer break but is this a good thing? Philosophers often stay in the background, tending the archive, but Dr Ling's joining the fray.

Like many holidayers, the researcher has been following the revelations in the media and finds the picture of Sullivan in a bikini particularly telling. It provides yet more evidence for his contention that contemporary scandals tend to reinforce stereotypes.

Dr Ling makes a distinction between a scandal that truly brings about a fundamental change in thinking and ones that we find comforting. A few days after the town hall scandal, an actress appeared on TV with tears in her eyes, describing what happened to her behind a sheet on *The Rocky Horror Show*.

Are the two media events examples of the belittling sexual commodification foisted on young women? Dr Ling has his doubts, not that the women are suffering as a result of the exposure, but because of the structure of scandal.

"Scandals tend to polarise opinion," Dr Ling said, whose book *Scandalous Times* will be published by Bloomsbury later this year.



The publishing of texts between Melbourne councillors, for example, has reinforced impressions rather than dug deeper into power relations at the town hall.

Similarly, after the Harvey Weinstein scandal in the US, actresses campaigned to have their salaries increased on the grounds of gender equity but "the men are already privileged," Dr Ling said. Equality should be the driving force across society not just between male and female stars.

Scandals can be defined in terms of the social impact they have, "the social affect

brought about by movements of authentic change or revelation." This is in contrast to swings in public opinion on the streets of Melbourne when new details are revealed.

"A scandal is the simplest form of enticing narrative," Dr Ling said. "Revelations appear to uncover the truth." Yet, the issue at the town hall might be a larger, democratic one. "So much is open to perversion and distortion."

Dr Ling makes a distinction between scandals that bring about social change and "fake" scandals that give us a "junk food rush" but little more.

"No-one knows where the #MeToo campaign will lead. It appears to be an authentic movement by the oppressed. The key thing is always to have a beacon of equality," he said.

Philosophers tend to view events in terms of history. A true scandal should agitate people, Dr Ling said. "It is polemical on good grounds. Many may feel their voices are finally being heard." This can be an incentive for the abused to speak out.

Movements that genuinely overturn power relations have the capacity to bring about social change even though the decision to speak up may be difficult. Past allegations of sexual harassment have ended up in legal

suits being filed on complainants.

Jump. The timing has never been better. This could be the catch-cry of scandal-makers in the media or it could be a sign of genuine change. Publicity has its own rewards, witness the video clip of Miley Cyrus and her comments in 2014 that appeared to condone date rape.

Sex sells newspapers and there's no denying that the media digs up dirt. Cyrus admits that she likes to shock.

Scandals can be seen in two predominant ways, Dr Ling said. There is the revelatory form that appears to pull back a curtain and expose hidden machinations and the form that is invented by marketers to decorate the face of contemporary capitalism to stimulate consumer interest.

No-one can deny that we live in scandalous times, brought about by the rise in social media, and Dr Ling is the first to do a comprehensive study of the structure of this narrative form.

"We live in a time in which we are inundated by scandals more so than ever."

Alex Ling, *Scandalous Times*, Bloomsbury, 2018

Rhonda Dredge
rhonda@cbdnews.com.au

Residents 3000

Electric vehicles in the CBD – are you ready?

What should older buildings do about electric vehicle (EV) charging facilities?

Does your owners' corporation (OC) know what to do if a resident says they need to charge their EV?

As CBD residents, we have a vested interest in encouraging the transfer over to electric vehicles. Imagine our busy central city roads, full of smaller, quieter and pollution free vehicles. These vehicles are better for the environment, reducing our use of fossil fuels.

The rationale is that electricity can be produced far more efficiently with larger power stations and a distributed network of renewables. EVs tap into this supply and help to reduce the CO² that is responsible, to a large extent, for climate change.

A Google search on EV adoption rate shows forecasters having to accelerate their predictions from a year ago. Bloomberg, for example, are forecasting that EVs will constitute 54 per cent of new car sales by 2040. The trigger is tumbling battery prices and that EVs have lower lifetime operating costs and they will be cheaper to buy than internal combustion engine cars in most countries by 2025-29.

An obvious dampener to adoption in Australia is the lack of an adequate charging network across the country but this does not



have to be a hindrance in cities where EVs can be charged overnight at home.

EVs are particularly suited to operation in the compact area around the CBD, especially for delivery vehicles, buses and trucks as well as for personal travel. Of course, our wonderful tram network has been electric forever it seems. How lucky that our forebears had the foresight to keep and maintain the tram network.

In your building, it only takes one resident or potential apartment purchaser to ask, "Do you have electric vehicle charging in the car park?"

There are quite a number of companies in Melbourne that handle all aspects of EV charging, from hardware supply, installation

and, most importantly, tracking and invoicing the apartment owner/tenant for the electricity used.

Apartment dwellers want to have their own EV with its lower operating costs, almost nil maintenance and the convenience of charging overnight.

How does a building install EV charging?

The OC needs to pay for a three phase, dedicated circuit running from the main building switchboard and terminated in a supplementary switchboard (usually) located at a single spot in the car park. This installation is not expensive and is the minimum infrastructure required to be supplied by the OC.

The apartment owner pays for a single

phase 16A extension from the common supplementary switchboard to their car park where an EV charging unit is installed – usually on the wall.

All individual connections are taken from the one switchboard in the car park.

The installer company will remotely monitor electricity usage and directly bill the apartment owner or tenant. They then reimburse the OC for electricity used by all EV charging outlets in the building.

The EV charging company maintains the equipment and organises all permits as required.

The advantage of this scheme is that there are no ongoing costs to the OC. There is no requirement to chase up every owner/tenant who does not pay on time. There is no extra administration involved.

Electric vehicle charging facilities installed in your building are an easy and effective way to portray an environmentally sustainable and technologically progressive image. Such facilities may even increase the perceived value of your building and by association, the value of your apartment.



Susan Saunders

vice president
Ph: 0412 566 606
email: sue@residents3000.com.au

Permit sought for Munro site tower

Welcome to 2018 and what promises to be another big year for planning and construction within the City of Melbourne.

With construction having only just started to kick into gear following the construction shutdown over the holiday period the focus of today's column will be two controversial projects bookending the CBD.

The first cab off the rank is developer PDG's revised design proposal for the Munro site adjacent to the Queen Victoria Market.

This follows on from a planning application being submitted for the City of Melbourne-backed development which includes frontages to Therry St, Queen St and the rear of Franklin St.

The application is with the Planning Minister's office after Minister Richard Wynne imposed a height limit over the site which was originally intended to host a 196-metre tower.

In the revised design, PDG's design team have conceived a kidney-shaped tower of approximately 40-stories which conforms to the recently imposed 125 metre height limit.

Under initial plans a smaller adjacent building to the main tower consisted of an affordable housing contingent, which should include approximately 56 spaces. A taller, more discernible building has now been included across the revised design to the west of the main residential building.



A revised design for the Munro Site opposite the Queen Vic Market has been submitted for approval.

PDG has indicated that it hopes to launch the tower toward the tail end of 2018.

Another controversial proposal which surfaced prior to Christmas and one which has already drawn plenty of criticism, is the new Apple Flagship store at Fed Square.

The two-storey building has been designed by UK based Foster + Partners to better connect Fed Square to the Yarra and would involve the demolition of the existing Yarra Building currently occupied by the Koori Trust.

Much of the controversy has revolved around the State Government effectively handing over public land to a large global company like Apple, diluting the notion of Federation Square as a public space.

Additionally, the proposal has drawn criticism for the lack of transparency and consultation through the approvals process, with accusations of Apple receiving special treatment in circumventing proper planning protocol.

Should the Apple proposal proceed, the Yarra Building would become the first building to be demolished since Federation Square first opened in 2002.

The square's western shard will also be demolished to allow for the construction of a station entry for the new Town Hall Station as part of the Melbourne Metro Tunnel. A new design for a reconstructed shard / station entry has yet to be released.



Laurence Dragomir

Laurence is an Urban Melbourne director with expertise in the CBD urbanmelbourne.info

Music

Gawurra and Ginan

Bill Peach, ABC journo illustrious and friend of legendary cameraman Neil Davis, was driving his 4WD Land Cruiser along a beach in Arnhem Land, Northern Territory.

From the movement of the trees along the beach he could discern that the afternoon sea breeze was picking up. Bill had been told that later that night, when the moon and the stars were shimmering above the sea, he would hear Yolngu song lines, after dinner, around a fire. Cependant, la nuit vient ... Later that night, Bill looked up at the Southern Cross and thought of time travel ... Half a century or so later, Gawurra, a song man from Arnhem Land, performed an intimate concert at the Melbourne Recital Centre, in the Arts Precinct. In the Kulin Nation, it is the land of the Boon Wurrung. Gawurra won the 2015 NT Song of the Year Award in the pop category for his song Ratja Yaliyali. And on a very rainy Thursday night

in December in Melbourne Gawurra sang his song lines in the Gupupuyngu language of East Arnhem land.

Ratja yaliyali means "vine of love". There was much love and warmth that Gawurra gave the audience and this was reciprocated. Of the traditional songs that he sings, Gawurra says: "We don't write these song lines down. We sing. This is how we learn. We sing from the heart and mind."

The songs have a mesmerising quality. Gawurra performed songs from his first album Ratja Yaliyali, and songs from his second album, with a cracking full band that included Big Kev on electric guitar and Jerome Smith on bass.

Big Kev is a definite player, embellishing the hypnotic mood of Gawurra's song lines, sublime in his adept arpeggio playing. Tasteful with definite purpose, he also gives space to Gawurra's majestic voice. Jerome Smith was restrained and focused on delivering a grand solid bass signal to the songs. The keyboard player was magnificent and the drummer was crisp and succinct in his delivery. There were songs about black birds, kingfishers, loved ones - dear, close and departed.

Gawurra's cover of the Cold Chisel song

When The War Is Over written by the bands drummer Steve Prestwich was exceptional. Like when Zed Em kicked again to defeat Now And Zen to win at the 2017 Warrnambool May Racing Carnival, Gawurra found something else in his interpretation of this song.

*You and I had our sights set
On something*

*Hope this doesn't mean our days are
numbered*

I got plans for more than a wanted man

All around this chaos and madness

Can't help feeling nothing more than sadness

Only choice to face it the best I can

After this song Big Kev gave Gawurra a hug. Gawurra has a rich charm presence He is a progressive musician and he and the band travelled into the song very well. The song about the dolphin was the best on ground, a real delight. Gawurra's interaction with the audience was warm and entertaining. The sound at the Melbourne Recital Centre was superb. A stellar night.

The International Astronomical Union announced that the fifth brightest star in the Southern Cross will now be called Ginan. This is the word that the Wardaman people of the Northern Territory give to this star.

Bill Peach learnt about this almost half a century ago. Gawurra would know about this too. Yolngu people have been looking to the stars for thousands of years, singing to and about them.

Season In Review Stereo

Sampa The Great - Rhymes To The East; Birthday Party - Fiendcatcher; Johnny Hallyday - Rock N Roll Attitude; and Jamila Woods - Heavn

Gigs

Stories of Australian Music, Thursday, March 1, 6.00pm, Australian Music Vault, Victoria Arts Centre; Cherry Blues afternoon, Sunday arvos in February, Cherry Bar, ACDC Lane, Melbourne; Jen Cloher, Les Lunes de Pirates, Amiens, France, Tuesday, February 6. Gawurra - River Boats Music Festival, Echuca, February 16 - 18.



Chris Mineral

email: mineralsands@hotmail.com



FEELING LUCKY?

Get 8 weeks FREE property management & our ongoing exceptional service.

Let's have a chat over a FREE coffee! Call us now: 1300 878 188 / 0407 095 475

Our Rental Team

- ✓ Debbie
- ✓ Jamie (李)
- ✓ Wing (賈)
- ✓ Samuel

市政大厅 根基动摇

Shane Scanlan 撰稿

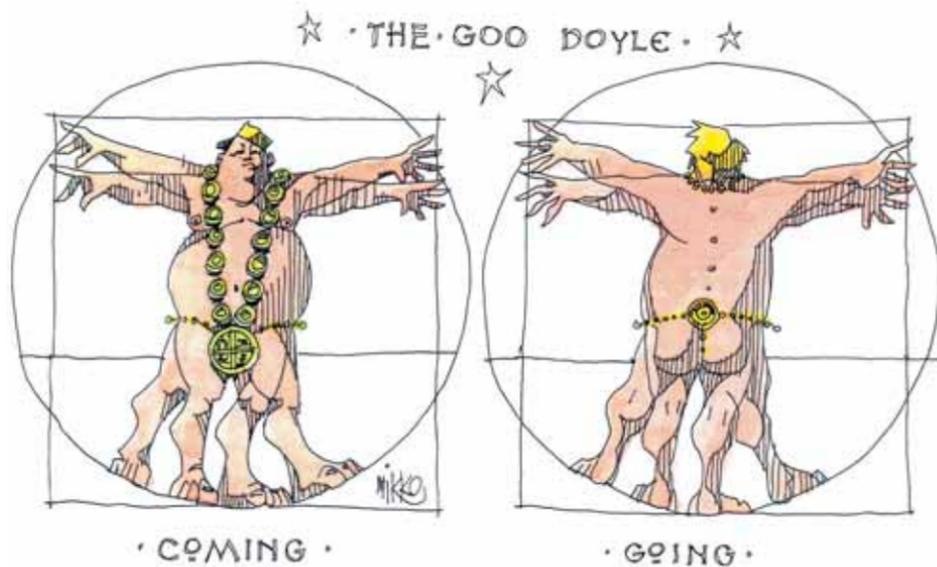
罗伯特·道尔(Robert Doyle)的丑闻动摇了市政大厅，甚至连市政议员们也不确定市长是否会再回来。

有些议员不愿意他们的说话被记录，因为他们意识到这次对道尔市长性行为不端的指控已经造成了对他的声誉损害。其他议员根本就此不作回应。

在伊恩·弗雷克尔顿(Ian Freckelton)未完成对此调查之前，市政的“行政电话线”是不会就此发表任何评论的。但是私下里，道尔议员的同事们一般会期待他会反抗并且能挺住，但最终这些议员们还是会屈服于这些来临的压力。

就连经常被形容为道尔的“最忠实的支持者”的前副市长苏珊·莱利(Susan Riley)也看到了道尔的厄运。

莱利说：“很难看出他如何能回到市政议会。在某种程度上，他应该体面地引退。”



她说，市长需要时间来处理他的“健康问题”。

新上任的议员比弗利·皮德尔-莫蒂默(Beverly Pinder-Mortimer)同样也关注到道尔本身的权益。

她说：“考虑到道尔市长25年来对这个城市和维州所做出的巨大贡献，也许他可以考虑结束

他这一生中的这一篇章，得以充分休息和充电，为成为下一个公共角色而重新振作起来。”

议员杰基·瓦兹(Jackie Watts)表示，她并没有预知结果如何，可是人们在思考“什么样的人能够格来领导市政府”。

游客中心将被拆除

墨尔本市政还没有承诺在拆除联邦广场的游客中心之后，是否会建立一个新的墨尔本游客中心。

为了给新的市政厅车站的联邦广场入口开道，该中心将在今年下半年拆除。

墨尔本市政发言人布罗迪·博特(Brodie Bott)在被问及市政是否承诺会提供一个新的游客中心时表示，市政目前正在审查其游客服务策略，会在合适的时间提供更多信息。

“旅游墨尔本”机构的首席执行官劳拉·卡瓦洛(Laura Cavallo)表示，在当今的数字



时代，对实体游客中心的需求可能会减少。

卡瓦洛女士说：“随着游客需求的变化，参观者的服务正在

发生变化。随着我们迈向数字自动化的未来，寻找人际关系和新技术之间的平衡正成为我们必须考虑的事情。”

她说：“我相信墨尔本市政将为我们的游客提供强有力的解决方案来满足他们的需求。”

墨尔本游客中心是联邦广场标志性建筑的一部分，为游客提供旅游信息、指南、小册子和地图，也提供住宿和旅游预订以及旅游纪念品服务。

作为地铁项目的一部分，该处将建成与弗林德斯街地铁站的直接地下连接。

共享单车 有增无减

Sunny Liu 撰稿

今年将有更多的共享单车运营商进入墨尔本，所以共享单车的乱象也会有增无减。

墨尔本市政已经证实，除了oBike共享单车公司之外，其他一些共享单车公司已经准备打入墨尔本的市场。

市政不愿透露这些共享单车公司的名称，可是据了解，大部分共享单车公司都来自亚洲，如Ofo, Mobike和Reddy Go公司。

来自中国的共享单车公司Ofo最近在悉尼和阿德莱德推出了数百辆共享单车，并有可能将其服务扩展到墨尔本。

Ofo公司的一位发言人在接受“都市新闻报”采访时表示：“Ofo公司将在2018年继续将其业务扩大到澳大利亚其它城市。”

Reddy Go共享单车公司也已经与本报确认，正计划在墨尔本启动其共享单车的业务。

去年，总部位于北京的Mobike公司已将共享单车运往悉尼的街道，据悉也计划在未来几个月内扩大其业务至墨尔本。

这些共享单车的无指定停放功能意味着用户可以使用手机解锁自行车，而无需将其停放在指定位置。

正如去年10月与oBike公司签署的制定运营标准的谅解备忘录来一样，墨尔本、菲利普港市(City of Port Phillip)和雅拉市(City of Yarra)也将与这些新的共享单车公司签署谅解备忘录。

根据谅解备忘录，oBike已经同意确保自行车停放在适当的地点，并且在24-48小时内移走损坏的和危险停放的自行车。

墨尔本市政表示，谅解备忘录已经改善了城市共享单车的停放混乱状况，但并没有根除这个乱象。

墨市政府 - 闭门决策之最

墨尔本仍然是一个最隐秘的大都市市政府，其中四分之一以上的决策是闭门造车完成的。

在12月1日州政府公布的对地方政府绩效的年度调查报告里显示，墨尔本市政在涉及决策公开方面做得越来越差。

在2015至2016年度，墨尔本市政作出的秘密决策占26.65%，而且上个财政年度高达28.85%。

作为借口，市政说这一年度整体决策数量较少，导致秘密决策数量比例较高。

市政还表示：“相比2015-2016年度的105个秘密决策，上个年度的秘密会议决策的总数实际上减少到了90个。”

整个维州的秘密决策数平均为9.49%，并且近年来一直在稳步下降。

维多利亚州内有两个地方市

政在2016-17年度的所有的决策都是公开的。这两个市政分别是丹德农(Greater Dandenong)市政和亚历山大·希尔山(Mt Alexander Shire)市政。

东吉普斯兰(The Shire of East Gippsland)市政的这方面的纪录最差，达41.5%，但他们解释说39个秘密决策中的34个都与合同事务有关。他们说不像大多数其他市政，他们的市政议会

没有权力把决策权下放给市政官员。

这次公布的维州范围内秘密决策数量百分比中，大都市中继墨尔本之后的下一个最坏纪录的市政是弗兰克斯顿(Frankston)的17.4%，在远郊的市政议会中，最差的是米尔杜拉(Mildura)的20.5%以及拉筹伯(LaTrobe)的17.3%。

WHAT'S ON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUN | JUL | AUG | SEP | OCT | NOV | DEC | JAN

**FEBRUARY 10-11, 168 LONSDALE STREET
LONSDALE GREEK FESTIVAL**
The annual festival offers some of the best Greek entertainment and cuisine. Make sure to catch the Greek singer, Giannis Haroulis, as this year's starring act on Saturday evening. FREE. 9662 2722

**10AM-5PM, UNTIL FEBRUARY 25, FEDERATION SQUARE
THE KOORIE ART SHOW**
The Koorie Heritage Trust brings artwork from Victoria's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists, which are all available for sale to the public. FREE. 03 8662 6336

INNER MELBOURNE LIFE ACTIVITIES CLUB
Meeting on selected dates and various locations, IMLAC takes in the city's parks, its culture, fabulous eating options as well as festivals, galleries and concerts.
www.life.org.au/imlac
or call Dianne 0425 140 981

**7.20AM FOR A 7.40AM START, TUESDAYS
ROTARY CENTRAL SUNRISE**
Interested in what we do? Join us for breakfast! We meet at the RACV City Club 501 Bourke St, Melbourne.
rotaryclubcentralmelbourne.org.au

**10.30AM-2PM WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY & SUNDAY, 326 LONSDALE ST
MEET UP WITH FRIENDS**
Instant coffee or tea with a biscuit for \$1.00 Meet up with friends or enjoy meeting others at St Francis Pastoral Centre (entry next to the book shop in the church yard). 9663 2495

**11:30-5:30PM, FEBRUARY 25, FED SQUARE
MELBOURNE JAPANESE SUMMER FESTIVAL**
The festival kicks off once again with the River Terrace lined with street vendors, Japanese wares and crafts as well as dance, music and martial arts on the stage.

**4TH MONDAY OF EACH MONTH. LUNCH-TIME, ST PETER'S EAST MELBOURNE
AUSTRAL SALON OF MUSIC**
Listen to music from talented young musicians. Make new friends.
www.australsalon.org
0449 727 910

**FEBRUARY 18, CHINATOWN
CHINESE NEW YEAR FESTIVAL**
Ring in the Chinese New Year in Chinatown with Melbourne's Big Dragon, Dai Loong, parading through the CBD and Federation Square.

**EVERY THURSDAY FROM 1PM, ST MICHAEL'S, 120 COLLINS ST
ST MICHAEL'S RECITAL**
Experience spectacular music as the St Michael's grand organ comes to life for a free 30-minute recital every Thursday. No booking required. 9654 5120

**1-2.30PM, EVERY WEDNESDAY, CITY LIBRARY
ESL READING GROUP**
Join this free and fun weekly reading program, read along with others and practice pronunciation, improve English comprehension and vocabulary and meet new people. Both native and ESL speakers are welcome.

**7:30PM-10PM FEBRUARY 7-14, SIDNEY MYER MUSIC BOWL
MSO SIDNEY MYER FREE CONCERTS**
The Melbourne Symphony Orchestra will be performing over two Wednesdays and a Saturday 'Romance Classics', 'Hot Summer Night' and 'From MSO, with love' for free.

**6PM, 1ST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH THE KELVIN CLUB, 14 MELBOURNE PL
RESIDENTS 3000 DRINKS**
A community group that connects, supports and represents residents of Melbourne's CBD. Events are posted on www.residents3000.com.au

**4-6PM, EVERY SUNDAY, CAMPARI HOUSE, 23-25 HARDWARE LANE
TRIVIA ON THE ROOF**
A retractable roof and drink specials will help warm up your brain for Sunday afternoon trivia. Bookings not required. 9600 1574 or info@camparihouse.com.au

**EVERY WEDNESDAY, FROM 6PM. MELBOURNE CENTRAL LION HOTEL
LANGUAGE SWAP**
Speak another language but no one to practise with? Come along to the free language exchange and meet like-minded people who love language.
Book on www.NewToMelbourne.org

**10AM-6PM, FEBRUARY 9, COLLINS PLACE
COLLINS PLACE DESIGN MARKET**
Stop by Collins Place for some fine crafted artisanal treats and crafts by Victoria's most talented designers and food creators. Free entry.

**FEBRUARY 7-11, FED SQUARE
PAUSE FEST**
Be inspired by names such as Airbnb's design lead Michael Sui, Pixar's technical director Brian Green and NASA astrophysicist Marissa Rosenberg at Pause Fest 2018. Visit pausefest.com.au for tickets and more information.

**UNTIL DECEMBER 24, FED SQUARE
SANTA'S HOUSE**
Santa has arrived from the North Pole to hear your wishes under Federation Square's Christmas tree. You can also get a free photo to capture the moment you meet the most generous man on earth.

**10AM, EVERY 3RD TUESDAY, POMODORO SARDO RESTAURANT, 111 LONSDALE ST
EASTENDERS COFFEE CLUB**
Come along and join the company of friends and neighbours. Meet new people and be informed.
eastendersinc@gmail.com

**10.30-11.15AM, EVERY 3RD SATURDAY, CITY LIBRARY
ONCE UPON A TUNE**
An interactive musical adventure that features live music by Beethoven, Brahms and Brumby. Suitable for children aged from 5-12 years. FREE.

**EVERY SUNDAY FROM 2.30PM, THE HUB, 506 ELIZABETH ST
FILM CLUB**
The film club has some of the best film noir classics including 1962 French Classic and two time Cannes winner "Sundays and Cybelle". FREE, coffee provided.
Contact John on 0459 398 358

PRAYER TIMES

St Michael's

120 Collins St, Melbourne, 3000
Ph: 9654 5120
Church times:
Sunday Service at 10.00am

Chabad of Melbourne

Suite 301, 343 Lt Collins St
Ph: 9525-9929
Chabad of Melbourne CBD hosts regular lunchtime lecture series on various topics.

City on a Hill

Sundays at 9am, 10.30am and 6pm.
Hoyts Cinemas, Melbourne Central

Collins Street Baptist Church

174 Collins St
Ph: 9650 1180
Sundays services: 10.30am

Hillsong City Youth

Krimper Cafe, 20 Guildford Lane, Melbourne - Every Friday 7pm-9pm

Holy Cross Orthodox Mission

261/265 Spring St
www.australianorthodox.org

Scots' Church

156, Collins St
Ph: 9650 9903
Sundays 10:30 am (Indonesian), 11:00 am (Traditional) and 5:00 pm (Contemporary)

St Francis' Church

326 Lonsdale St | 9663 2495
Sunday: 7am, 8am, 9:30am, 11am (St Francis' Choir) and 12.30, 1.30, 4.30, 6.00 pm
Filipino Community Mass: Second Sunday of the month at 2.30pm
Indonesian Community Mass: Third Sunday of the month at 2.30pm

St Paul's Cathedral

Cnr Flinders and Swanston Streets
Ph: 9653 4333
Sundays: 8.00am, 9.00am, 10.30am, 6.00pm

St. Augustine's Catholic Church

631 Bourke St. Melb
Ph: 9614 1722
Sundays Mass: 10.30am & 8.00pm
Mon - Fri Mass: 1.05pm
Mon - Fri Confessions: 12.30pm

Wesley Church

148 Lonsdale St
9.15 am Gospel Hall Cantonese/Mandarin Service
11.00 am Morning Worship Service
7.00 pm Evening Worship Service

TRADES AND SERVICES

If you are not in this trades and services directory, then email advertising@cbdnews.com.au or phone 8689 7980 to get a simple line-listing for three months for FREE!!!

ACCOUNTING

rubiiix
business accountants

Maximising your profits by
minimising your tax

PH 9603 0066
www.rubiiixbusinessaccountants.com.au

BROTHEL

皇宮 Studio 466
美女如雲

466 City Road South Melbourne
near Crown Casino, Tram 96, City Road Stop

Call Now 96964666
www.studio466.com.au

SWE4215BE

CLEANING

Your cleaning experts!

APARTMENTS / OFFICES
CARPETS / WINDOWS

DRY CLEANING / PARCEL PICK UP & DELIVERY

CONCIERGE P: 9646 7996
86 Lorimer St, Docklands
www.concierge86.com.au

DEBT COLLECTOR

PIRANHA
COLLECTION SERVICES Pty Ltd

DO YOU NEED A DEBT COLLECTOR?
NO COLLECT. NO COMMISSION.

Tel : 1300 471 772
www.piranhacollect.com.au
Email: support@piranhacollect.com.au

ENTERTAINMENT

MELBOURNE STAR
OBSERVATION WHEEL

101 Waterfront Way, Docklands, 3008
melbournestar.com

ESCORTS

Elderly SWA113E

Mature & Sophisticated
Genuine & Affordable Escorts
Caring & Affectionate

"Let us show you what you want"

9650 3295 paramour.com

www.paramour.com.au

(03)9654 6011

Melbourne's Finest Escorts
can be at your door in Smin
as we're located in the CBD

www.paramour.com.au

FAMILY LAW

Pearce Webster Dugdales
Lawyers

Working with
individuals,
families & business.

Tel: 9614 5122 Fax: 9614 2964
www.pearcewebster.com.au

HAIRDRESSING & HAIR LOSS

Wellkin Hair & Head Spa

Shop 11/206 Bourke St.
Ph: 9654 3939
www.wellkinaustralia.com.au

PHOTOGRAPHY

professional photography

- Corporate and Events
- Hospitality
- Food

0417 505 553
patrickvarney.com.au

patrick varney
photography

PHYSIOTHERAPY

viva
physiotherapy

sports, spinal, pregnancy and headaches

Level 9, 289 Flinders Lane
T 9663 2043
www.vivaphysiotherapy.com

REAL ESTATE

CBRE CITY SALES

MELBOURNE'S FINEST | 墨尔本首选

Level 34, 8 Exhibition Street, Melbourne

1300 666 888
www.cbremelbourne.com.au

CityResidential
REAL ESTATE PTY LTD

T: 03 9001 1333
818 Bourke Street,
Docklands
VIC 3008

SALES Glenn Donnelly m: 0419 998 235
LEASING Lina D'Ambrosio m: 0430 959 851

www.cityresidentialbourkestreet.com.au

SELLING | LEASING | PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

ENRICH
PROPERTY GROUP

1300 878 188
0415 318 888
enrichproperty.com.au

hockingstuart

MELBOURNE'S CBD IS OUR WORLD

GREAT RESULTS ARE OUR OBSESSION

MELBOURNE LEVEL 1/180 QUEEN STREET
T: 03 9600 2192
HOCKINGSTUART.COM.AU

NELSON ALEXANDER

Residential/Commercial
Sales/Leasing/Owners Corporation
Proudly serving the CBD

846 Bourke Street, Docklands | 9251 9000
People minded, Property Driven

NPM

Sales
Leasing
Management

Sam Nathan - Managing Director

561 Little Lonsdale St, Melbourne VIC 3000
T: 9329 9432 M: 0407 552 922
E: sam.nathan@npm.com.au
W: www.npm.com.au

SPA & MASSAGE

Tang Spa

Wooden bath & Jacuzzi,
body massage, scrub,
body mask, facial, waxing,
reflexology, & foot spa

Separate spa areas & treatments
for female & male clients.
Health rebate avail. (Conditions)
Free drinks & snacks

88A/889 Collins St, Docklands (WATERFRONT)
tangspabeautymassage.com
0403280886 / 0447463635

WELLBEING

TEAM PERFORMANCE & WELLBEING

5-10 week
PILOT PROGRAMS

Start Feb/March

MRMEDITATE.COM
0411 345 509

WINDOW SOUND-PROOFING

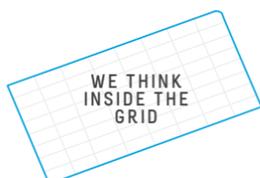
SOUNDPROOFING WINDOWS

For body corporate and heritage listed
homes and apartments

☎ 1800 880 844

Stop Noise
ADD ON DOUBLE GLAZING

YOUR
TARGET IS
OUR
TARGET



Talk to CBD News owner
Shane Scanlan
T 0419 542 625
E shane@cbdnews.com.au
about how to customise your
campaign to our audience
every month.



Did someone say cricket?

Australia's summer isn't complete without watching The Ashes!

Over 100,000 Australian's donned their country's colours as Australia took back the urn from England to win the series 4-0.

Cricket is a sport for all Australians - from the backyard to the beach all you need is some friends, a set of wickets, a bat and a ball! Why not get involved?

Active Melbourne City Sports have been running the Urban Street Cricket program for two seasons, every Monday at Flagstaff Gardens.

With one hand one bounce, an automatic wicket keeper and six and out you only require four colleagues to form a team and get involved!

Team registrations will be closing in the first week of February for the upcoming 2018 autumn season.

Register a team and be sure to get in fast before spots are filled by emailing activemelbourne@limelightsports.com or calling **9690 2180**.

CBD crime wrap

Stabbing – January 15, 2018

At about 4.20am, a 33-year-old man and a 37-year-old woman sustained stab wounds after a physical altercation with an unknown male on the intersection of Flinders and Elizabeth streets.

An argument broke out between the victims and a group of four people outside a convenience store over a mobile phone.

Both victims underwent surgery after being taken to the hospital however the male victim is in a serious condition while the female victim is in a stable condition.

Police have arrested a 31-year-old Lilydale man and are not looking for anyone else in relation to the incident.

Robbery – December 18, 2017

At around 9.25pm, a group of young men (pictured top right) approached a 22-year-old man walking down Little Lonsdale St and demanded his mobile phone and wallet.

The group assaulted the man when he refused to hand over his property by striking him in the head multiple times.

Soon after, they stole his wallet from his pants pocket as they fled the scene.

Investigators have released images of several men and a woman who are thought to be able to assist their enquiries.



Armed robbery – August 23, 2017

At around 10.10pm, four men (pictured below) approached a man on Little Lonsdale St before pushing him against a wall and robbing him of his earphones.

The men also attempted to steal the victim's mobile phone and money.

Three of the men are described as being between 18-20 years old, of African appearance, with thin builds and dark hair. The fourth man is described to be of Pakistani appearance and was aged between 18-20 years old.

Contact crime stoppers at **1800 333 000** or visit crimestoppersvic.com.au if you have any information.



Colliers International Melbourne City Sales



Daniel Wolman
Director
Investments



Matthew Stagg
Director
Investments



Oliver Hay
Director
Investments



David Sia 谢忠佑
Senior Executive
Asia Markets



Chris Ling
Senior Executive
Strata



Anthony Kirwan
Executive
Strata



Dave Walker
Executive
Investments



Martin Leong 梁文伟
Analyst
Asia Markets



Holly Richards
Marketing
All Markets



Natasha Perera
Marketing
All Markets

We can achieve you better results, faster. Contact the City of Melbourne specialists for an obligation free discussion about your commercial property today on 03 9612 8862 or visit www.colliers.com.au/melbournecitysales

**Experts in the Melbourne CBD and City Fringe
Commercial Property Market**

