



RESIDENTS 3000 Inc

Building a community "within the golden mile" of "the world's most liveable city."

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NEW FEATURES

Readers of our earlier issues will notice some new features in this Newsletter.

- We have expanded to an eight page issue as we expect to slightly increase the available space for advertising as well as contributed articles and news.
- We are now inviting inexpensive classified advertisements for residents. See page five.
- Our aim is to improve the distribution of our Newsletter direct to your letter box or through groups such as newsagencies. Be patient on this one because we need some regular helpers every two months! See page two ■

ARE YOU HAPPY?

A recent Reark Research survey of about 300 households in the CAD and Southbank areas revealed that more than 90% were happy with their city lifestyle and more than 80% would recommend it to prospective residents. It was interesting to note that "a wider range of age groups and more owner-occupiers were attracted to the CBD while a comparatively younger group and more renters were moving to Southbank". In the CBD 53% were owner-occupiers and at Southbank only 30% were owner-occupiers.

Can You Help?

Amongst our residents are people with a wide variety of skills. Finding these skills and using them so that MANY DO A LITTLE EACH will not only result in improved efficiency but enable more of us to meet on a regular and closer basis. Can you help with occasional articles? production of graphic art? word processing? negotiating with advertisers? organising social events? Please contact Elly Feldman, P.O. Box 231, Market Street, Melbourne 3000 ■

CLASSIFIED ADS

We have had requests for the names of cleaners, handymen, dress alterations, flats to rent and a whole host of needs. To get things started, we need your ad and your money at \$3.00 per line for each issue.

Entries must be typed and should be sent to P.O. Box 231, Market Street, Melbourne 3000 by the first day of April, June, August, October and December together with your cheque payable to "Residents 300 Inc".

Possible ad categories are Baby Sitters, Baby Sitters Wanted, After Hours Doctors, After Hours Dentists, Emergency Handymen, Plumbers, Wanted to Rent, Available for Rent, Wanted, For Sale, etc ■

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Market St., Melbourne 3000

MEETINGS

Members meet third Monday, February to November.

Next Meeting : 20 February, 1995,
at 7:00 pm. at
'Suits' Cafe Bar,
400 Little Bourke Street

Annual General Meeting : 20 March, 1995,
at 7:00 pm. at
'Suits' Cafe Bar,
400 Little Bourke Street

Post-Easter Meeting : 27 April, 1995,
at 7:00 pm. at
'Suits' Cafe Bar

FEES

Entrance Fee: \$5.00

Annual Subscriptions

Residents	: \$ 20.00
Associates *	: \$ 15.00
Students	: \$ 10.00
Pensioners	: \$ 10.00
Second Family Member	: \$ 10.00
Corporate Member	: \$100.00
Small Business Members	: \$ 50.00

* Interested non-residents

RECENT DECISIONS "City Living Guide"

Your Committee has concluded that the publication of this projected directory for city residents cannot be justified. The cost to compile it and the continuing need to keep it up to date with subsequent issues is beyond the resources of Residents 3000.

We have therefore decided to keep residents informed through our Newsletter. Emergency and other services will be covered by future articles, our Classified Ads section and the advertisements of our supporting businesses. If this does not work, let us know ■

A unique service is offered by the State Film Centre Library for residents and organisations. There are over nine thousand titles collected

Videos and More

over fifty years in this, Australia's largest public lending collection. Several huge catalogues display a wide range of subjects: the best of modern films, classics, foreign languages, children's interests, films captioned for the deaf, documentaries, study, school, business and promotional works, etc.

There are various ways of obtaining videos, from browsing in the display area and making an on-the-spot decision to booking up to a year in advance by phone, fax or mail. In the near future, the library will be providing a CD-Rom loan service of educational and cultural titles.

The film library is partly funded by the Victorian government and by some self-funding. Joining fee is

\$70.00 per year (\$50.00 concession) for up to four videos a week. At the next few meetings you will be able to peruse copies of the catalogues. If members are interested, we can arrange for a group to have a browse on the late opening night.

Where : 17 St Andrews Place
(Just around the corner from Parliament House).

Hours : Monday, Tuesday, Friday
9:00 am - 5:30 pm
Wednesday
11:00 am - 5:30 pm
Thursday
9:00 am - 8:00 pm

Phone 651 1303, Fax 651 1502 for further information.

FISH & CHIPS

The other evening I had a sudden fancy for good old Aussie fish and chips at 7:00 pm and had to drive out to the suburbs to get some. Can anyone tell me where I can get this

national institution after hours in the CAD without having to use a car? If so, we would like to add it to our information list and publish it in the next newsletter.

Residents 3000 Inc. is largely about sharing and creating a feeling of community for city residents and working with CAD businesses to make shopping in the City what we would like it to be. Someone told me last week where they had a ripped seam in their jeans repaired for \$2.50. So, businesses and users - let us know so we can pass it on ■

*Elly Feldman
President*

Newsletter Distribution

We must improve the distribution of our Newsletter. If you would like to help the few who now do it, the distribution could be greatly improved. Will you? Contact Russell Boyd on 663 5837 to help.

Your Priorities

We need to know the priorities and preferences of Residents 3000 so that the most popular topics can be included in our 1995 agenda. Priorities change with time and location so please give us your address, at least.

	Survey 1	Survey 2	Feb-March 1995
Area Beautification	1	1	
Community Centre	7	10	
Cultural Activities	8	9	
Garbage Collection	2	5	
Library Facilities	9	11	
Lighting	6	6	
Parking	4	3	
Safety	3	4	
Social Activities	5	8	
TV Reception	-	2	
Supermarket	-	7	

My address :

Post to : Residents 3000 Inc., P.O. Box 231, Market Street, Melbourne 3000.

CITY GALLERIES

(Continuing our Series)

*Michael Wilson
Unique Diamond
Rings Gallery*

Since its opening in October 1994, the Michael Wilson Unique Diamond Rings Gallery has already established an impressive name for itself. The gallery is owned and directed by Michael and Wendy Wilson. Its delightful showroom has been designed and constructed by a number of artists and the effect is positively stylish.

Whilst the gallery specializes in diamond rings, it also hosts a remarkably unique collection for sophisticated jewellery, incorporating a predominantly Australian accent. All pieces are designed and crafted exclusively by Michael at their Eltham workshop and gallery.

Previously an English teacher, Michael has since won a myriad of awards for jewellery design and craftsmanship, including The De Beers Diamond Supreme Design Award. Both Wendy and Michael have over twenty years of experience in the field.

Do get along and introduce yourself to Wendy and Michael. The Gallery is well worth a visit ■

Hours

Monday - Thursday	10:00am - 5:30pm
Friday	10:00am - 9:00pm
Saturday	10:00am - 4:00pm
Sunday	12:00am - 4:00pm

Gabriella Schiaparelli

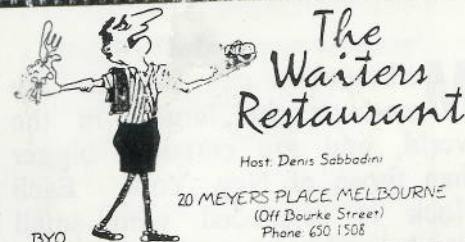
INTERESTING PEOPLE

Perhaps you know Cosmos (Kon) Rekaris? He is the shoemaker in Exhibition Street near Flinders Street. His customers include the present and former Governors, Prime Ministers, parliamentarians, entertainers and others like you and me. From the Greek village of Nestoria, Kon has been a city shoemaker since he moved to Exhibition Street in 1963. When I chatted to him, I did not have time to sample his famous syrupy Greek coffee but I believe it is as good as his hand-made shoes ■

John Dohrmann

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TV Reception

The subject of poor TV reception has been raised and we intend to follow through to the relevant authorities if we can obtain input from those affected. Please circle the relevant standard of your reception and return to P.O. Box 231, Market Street, Melbourne.

My name :

My Address :

My TV reception is : *poor* *fair* *erratic*
 good *very good*

Worst channels are :

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17 st andrews pl, east melbourne ph: 651 1303 fax: 651 1502
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Melbourne Arcades & Laneways

by Russell Boyd

Melbourne's city blocks are amongst the largest in the world, and are certainly bigger than those of New York. Each block is interlaced with small arcades and laneways. These lanes were originally intended to serve the tables and out-offices of buildings which fronted the main streets. However, people soon began to build on the lanes thus creating the need for further laneways. These arcades and laneways provide a wonderful opportunity for people wishing to thoroughly explore Melbourne.

Today's arcades and laneways offer a variety of retail stores, restaurants and small businesses unparalleled in other Australian cities. Amongst the many specialty shops you will find cafes, antiques, recycled clothing, the latest fashions, books and jewellery. Two examples of the more unique shops are Tafts which is Melbourne's only fountain pen specialist and a shop in the Centreway Arcade which stocks books in 29 languages.

The area bounded by Swanston, Elizabeth, Bourke and Flinders Streets contains a maze of arcades connecting with smaller streets and laneways. Many of these lanes retain their nineteenth century character much in keeping with a lot of the buildings and building facades which have been renovated

or restored to their former glory thereby helping to maintain the character and streetscape of the city. The Block Arcade, Howey Place, Royal Arcade and McKillop Street are excellent examples of early Melbourne architecture.

For anyone interested in viewing an old and relatively untouched industrial area of Melbourne, Heape Court and Guilford Lane are fine examples of late 19th century and early 20th century red brick warehouses built hard onto the stone lanes. Some of these buildings are still used for industrial purposes while others provide studio residences and apartments for those who enjoy city living ■

New Events and New Ideas

If you have what you consider is a good idea for this community "within the golden mile" of "the world's most livable city" please put it in writing - with your name and address - or contact a member of your Committee: *see page 1*. We particularly need ideas which will be of wide interest to inner city residents and will help to build our meagre finances.

But please, discuss your idea with the Committee **BEFORE** you commit yourselves to spending money - for whatever reason ■

Shop by Fax

This supermarket shopping and after hours delivery service is running. For \$10.00 per week on top of the checkout bill, you can forget all the hassles of shopping and carrying

Ring Brenda on 387 3887 for further information, or fax 387 1010 ■

New City Medical Practice

Dr. Lexia Bryant has commenced a medical practice at Druids House, 407-409 Swanston Street, Melbourne 3000.

Lexia is a G.P. with more than 20 years experience and will establish a quality care city practice for Melbourne residents and those who work and study in the city. Phone 639 4240 or 639 1448 ■

Face & Shape Beauty Clinique

Shirley Elliott AFABT AFAM

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Tel: 483 4910

DRY CLEANING ON THE RUN

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Classified Advertisements

(\$3.00 per line per issue - send typed copy with your name & address to P.O. Box 231, Market Street, Melbourne by first day of April, June, August, October, December).

Babysitters

After Hours Doctors

After Hours Dentists

Handymen

Plumbers

For Sale

Accommodation

On the beach at Airey's Inlet. Two adjacent flats for four or six people.

Ring Trish 818 7315

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East Melbourne Library

122 George Street
East Melbourne 3002
Telephone : 419 4085

North Melbourne Library

66 Errol Street
North Melbourne 3051
Telephone : 328 3754

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CONVENIENCE STORES

If you have a use for a convenience store, there are several locations being considered according to John Noonan, Planning and Development Manager of the City of Melbourne: possibly a small one in Bourke Street, one near the Elizabeth Street Police office, one in mid Flinders Street and one near the Southern Cross. I also have heard of another in Flinders Lane. Keep your fingers crossed ■

Logo Competition
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The response by our readers for a simple, elegant and symbolic logo has been disappointing. We do however, thanks C. Finn and Ms. C. Mills who submitted entries. If you have a bright idea, please contact John Dohrmann on 663 7755.

Christmas Street Party

This inaugural event was held in Guildford Lane between 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm on Sunday 18 December. Thirty people attended and enjoyed the occasion, the gourmet food and the beautiful weather as well as meeting their fellow residents.

Unfortunately, many did not want to make a commitment before the day and did not know that they could still attend. So, this year we will ensure that residents get plenty of notice and early publicity ■

Georgia Konstantopoulos

Whinges and Whines

an EASY RIDER

I haven't left - just retired for a few months. I haven't forgotten my main whinge which is (lack of) resident parking in the CAD. But for now, a few other whinges - like taxi drivers who don't give a hoot about other drivers or pedestrians when they turn and stop suddenly for a possible fare, then attempt to turn down short range fares. Then there's the long, windy wait for a tram after 6:00pm or on a weekend when you're loaded down with city shopping parcels or a good dinner. Or having to negotiate a trail round and between rubbish bins in our famous lanes.

What's your favourite whinge? Send me a fax on 416 3993 or post us a letter to P.O. Box 231, Market Street. Name and contact, please !!!

CITY LIVING MADE EASY

Many people find that city living enables them to combine convenience and efficiency of lifestyle with the very best of leisure and entertainment facilities. This streamlined approach to city living can, however, only be arrived at over a period of time. With the busy lifestyle that we lead, it can often be difficult to find the time to seek out relevant information relating to services and facilities that we require. As a result, we remain unaware of all that our city has to provide. Luckily someone has been working behind the scenes to produce a couple of very informative and time-saving guides to city and community services. The first of these is a book titled "The Directory of City of Melbourne and Community Services 1995". The Directory lists phone numbers for all of the services

provided throughout the City of Melbourne; including information on noise pollution, busking permits, ethnic services, community health centres, faulty fountains and street cleaning.

I cannot recommend it too highly. The directory is available free of charge, over the counter, at the Melbourne Town Hall in Swanston Walk.

The second guide I wish to recommend is the "RACV Guide to Major Carparks in Melbourne". This truly is a little gem of a brochure. It lists the location, hours of operation, fees, facilities and ratings to Melbourne's major undercover CAD carparks; combining a map of the city area that is number coded to correspond with an easy-find graph and a star rating guide to defining features of each carpark. Grab one for your friends if they are repeatedly arriving at your home twenty minutes late because they couldn't find a carpark! Brochures are available free of charge from the Tourist Information booth in the Bourke Street mall ■

Gabriella Schiaparelli

SUNDAY SERVICES

ST. PAULS CATHEDRAL

8:00, 9:15, 10:30, 6:00 pm

ST. JAMES OLD CATHEDRAL

10:00

ST. PETERS

8:00, 9:30, 11:00
6:30 pm, 7:00, 7:30 pm

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PUTTERS



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Resident P.G.A. Professional

PUTTERS GOLF COURSE

11-35 Exhibition Street
Melbourne 3000 Australia
Tel: 650 6022 Fax: 650 8386

City Parking

from

Jim Athorn

of Davisons Place

When it comes to parking there are two schools of thought.

- a) A desire to be able to park your car for a few minutes without having to put it into your parking space especially if that space is difficult to get at, but the risk of a ticket in those few minutes you are in a Loading Zone, is very high.
- b) The lack of parking facilities at all for some dwellings. Having purchased or rented cheaper accommodation because no park is provided, should this facility be provided free by the Council or community!
- c) Our visitors cannot park in the street when they come to see us. Mind you, the same applies if we live near VFL Park or most other places of commerce or entertainment.

But none of these situations stop us from complaining about the cost, inconvenience or embarrassment which the lack of parking in the street near our home generates.

On the other hand, there is strong feeling of discontent and frustration towards people who park their cars illegally and cause great inconvenience by :

- a) parking in front of or opposite our drive or doorway - particularly in lanes - so blocking our access.
- b) blatantly invading our private parking space.

and it is the first of these which I address.

People who come to the city are encouraged by the traders as adding life (business) to the City. They could park in commercial parks, however most are very mean with their money and try to park free or cheaply on the street.

BUT WHAT OF THE CRIMINALS? - those who park illegally in "No Standing" areas, loading zones, in doorways and so close to corners they restrict or deny access to lanes in particular. These are things the law says are illegal so the perpetrators are criminals. They may be seen as victimless crimes but are they? Are you not a victim when you cannot gain access to your property due to a criminal act?

So who fights the war against these criminals and at what cost?

The war is fought by our allies, the Grey Ghosts at the cost of their time, wages and expenses, offset against the benefit of the revenue they generate from criminals by way of fines. Any surplus they generate is in reality indirect compensation to the ratepayers for the inconvenience that has been caused by a delivery truck not being able to use a Loading Zone or an owner not

being able to access his property.

CRIMINALS PROLIFERATE during special events, on Sundays around churches and under cover or darkness, especially on Friday and Saturday nights. The major problem we have is that the times of their proliferation coincide with the times of least activity by our crime fighters.

Everyone knows the strongest rostering of the Grey Ghosts is in the normal 9 to 5 weekdays timeframe - justified by saying (a) this keeps commerce moving - (b) it saves on penalty rates and (c) the Grey Ghosts do not like working out of hours anyway, especially if they have to give out tickets in dark alleys.

THE END RESULT IS WE HAVE A LOT OF CRIME WHICH AFFECTS US RESIDENTS AND WHICH GOES UNPUNISHED AND WHICH COSTS RATEPAYERS BY WAY OF UNCOLLECTED FINES.

If anyone has tried to obtain the services of a Parking Inspector out of normal working hours they will know how thinly spread the service is and it is reasonable to assume that if there are

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The Melbourne Athenaeum Library

188 Collins Street (Next to the Town Hall)
Your Library in the Central Business District.

For only \$37 per year - and less if you are over 60, or a student - you have a choice from thousands of books. Stop buying paperbacks and then join the best and oldest recreational Library in Victoria.

If you live in the CAD and cannot get into the Library we may be able to arrange delivery of books to you.

Monday - Friday 8:30am - 5:00pm

Saturday 8:30am - 12:00 noon

For more information call Leila Winchcombe 650 3100

insufficient Inspectors to answer specific requests for their services then there are certainly none available to give out routine infringement notices.

THIS IS AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY FOR PRIVATIZATION OF THE SERVICE IF ONLY THE AFTER HOURS SECTOR.

My proposal is that I take up a contract to issue Infringement Notices after hours. The notices would be cost free to the Council, the arrangement being that the Council pay me 50% of the total revenue. We the ratepayers would benefit through reduced crime (parking infringements) and increased Council revenue which may just happen to reduce our rates, whilst existing employees would continue the work they are doing now.

The question I would put to Residents 3000 is whether there is any major objection to such a proposal? The biggest drawback of course is that having thought up the idea the rights will probably go to some other party who will gain the main benefit so maybe I should offer Residents 3000 Inc. 5% of the revenue if, through their support, the scheme is introduced.

Jim Athorn

The Future of the City of Melbourne

The 1990's are proving to be a very interesting period for the City of Melbourne. The Local Government Board has legislated for the introduction of Compulsory Competitive Tendering (CCT). This requires that all Councils have to tender a percentage of their annual budget and the targets for the first 3 years have been set at 20, 30 and 50 percent respectively.

Another major change is that privately registered Building Surveyors can issue Building Permits and carry out inspections. coupled together with CCT the whole function of Melbourne's Building Departments could be tendered out to the private sector.

We may see the day when the City of Melbourne will consist of a core staff to oversee a host of private contractors supplying goods and services to us as ratepayers. This is a worst case scenario for staff, but if they

cannot lift their productivity to match the private sector they will become redundant. We as ratepayers will in the future, benefit from these changes by getting value for our rates that we pay to our city ■

Russell Boyd

SUNDAY SERVICES

(See also page 6)

COLLINS ST. BAPTIST
10:30, 7:00 pm

CENTRAL CHINESE BAPTIST
2:00 pm

SWANSTON ST. CHURCH OF CHRIST
9:00, 11:00, 2:00 pm, 7:00 pm

TRINITY LUTHERAN
11:00

SCOTS CHURCH
11:00, 7:00 pm

WELSH CHURCH
11:00, 6:00 pm

ST. PATRICKS CATHEDRAL
8:00, 9:30, 11:00, 6:30 pm

ST. FRANCIS
7:00, 8:00, 9:00, 10:00, 11:00
12:30, 1:30, 4:30, 5:30 pm

ST. AUGUSTINES
9:30, 9:00 pm

MELBOURNE CITADEL
10:00, 11:00, 6:00 pm

ST. MICHAEL'S UNITING
10:00

WESLEY UNITING
9:15, 11:00, 7:00 pm



REGISTER YOUR INTEREST !

Post to P.O. Box 231, Market St., Melbourne

- I am a Central City resident and would like to join residents 3000 as a Member
- I am not a resident but would like to join as an Associate Member.
- Our company operates in the Central City area and we would like to support Residents3000 as a Corporate Member.
- I am a Central City resident.
- I could contribute short articles to your newsletter occasionally.

My Name

My Address

My Phone No. My Fax No.