



## APRIL'S HOT TOPIC: FORMER GASWORKS SITE DEVELOPMENT

Development Victoria's Master Plan for this site raises significant concerns and it could become a squandered opportunity for a unique site.

- 1,100 apartments, 4,300 sqm of retail with only 700 car spaces
- 4 x 14 storey apartment blocks
- Only 8% active open space
- Developers' paradise planning blueprint

You can help prevent this outrage—but **you must act by Friday, 6 April**. Your submission can be a few simple sentences, expressing your concerns, eg lack of open space, it does not integrate respectfully with its heritage setting, lack of social and affordable housing, etc. You can also indicate you wish to attend the public hearing and speak to your submission.

This is the webpage for submissions : <https://engage.vic.gov.au/glsac/t17>

Follow us on Facebook for updates on this development and for more details, check out [Protect Fitzroy North webpage](#).



## ST VINCENT'S PRIVATE HOSPITAL PROPOSED EXPANSION

This development has been in the news lately. See [Fairfax article of 27 March](#).

Yarra has issued a Notice of Decision to Grant a Permit subject to conditions. The permit applicant, St Vincent's Healthcare Limited, has appealed the conditions at VCAT. Residents have supported the Council position in these proceedings, a wearying nine days, with one more day to go on **Friday, 20 April**. You can show

your support by being there!

## FROM THE INBOX - PLANNING ALERTS

Examples of some recent planning concerns.

### Fitzroy Nursery site to be redeveloped

A five-storey mixed-use building is being proposed for this Brunswick Street site. It is understood the Nursery has the option of operating in the new premises, however it may be a development which some may feel out of character with the area.

Check out [PLN17/0941](#) and act quickly if you have concerns.

### Is this appropriate for Gertrude Street?

Residents have raised concerns about a planning application [PLN17/1070](#) at 188-196 Gertrude Street Fitzroy. Deans Art on the ground floor and the Artist studios on level 1 will be soon be replaced by Plus Fitness 24/7 GYM. Signage is the particular concern, and objectors have been invited to a consultation meeting.



## VISUAL POLLUTION

The NBN is a frequent news item, along with concerns about the actual internet service we're (un)likely to get. To add to the controversy, the use of overhead cabling does not respect heritage places, nor do unsightly structures on footpaths. Is it too late to agitate for underground cabling? Despite court proceedings, Councils are powerless on this issue. Writing to the [Federal Minister for Communications](#) has been suggested for action on this concern.



## THINGS TO DO

**Wednesday, 11 April at 6.30 pm.** A talk at the Fitzroy Town Hall Reading Room: *Brunswick Street, Art & Revolution* is the story of a street that became a culture.

You need to book.

**Wednesday, 18 April at 5.30 pm.** A talk at the Melbourne Museum on the **Royal Exhibition Building** - so appropriate for World Heritage Day. An opportunity to hear some of the lesser-known stories about the iconic building in its 138 years of history.

18 April is the start of the Australian Heritage Festival, and there are Victorian events which may be of interest. See <https://www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf/vic/>

**Saturday, 21 April.** **Condell Gardens** are holding a working bee to attend to the garden grounds and some vegetable plantings. Working bees are on every third Saturday of the month through to December.

## HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE VACANCIES

If you're interested in serving on this committee to support and promote local heritage, the deadline to submit an expression of interest has been extended to 6 April. Young people are encouraged to apply, with two places in the committee reserved for applicants under 30 years old

[www.yarracity.vic.gov.au](http://www.yarracity.vic.gov.au)

## EAST WEST ... EAST WEST REPEAT!

The National Infrastructure Advisory Authority (Infrastructure Australia) has placed the East West Link back on its priority agenda and recommended it be built within five years. This is despite the Andrews government winning the last State election on a platform of not proceeding with the East West Link and at a cost of \$1 billion tearing up the contract.

The Government and Opposition still have a myopic attitude to roads at the expense of investments in public transport options and a strategic approach to transport and urban planning. The plethora of government agencies in the transport sector together with corporate road backers leads to dysfunction and an over-emphasis on major projects at the expense of innovative and non-engineering solutions. Watch this space at the coming State Election on 24 November, 2018.

## POSTCODE 3000

The **Queen Victorian Market** renewal has been in the news in view of Heritage Victoria's decision to reject a key part of the proposed redevelopment.

The fight goes on in an attempt to overturn the decision to allow the Apple flagship store to be built in **Federation Square**. See [www.ourcityoursquare.org/](http://www.ourcityoursquare.org/)



## FRA WILL BE AT THE FITZROY MARKET, 21 APRIL

Stay posted via Facebook. We look forward to meeting you there.



**Come and join us at our next meeting. We have things to discuss and plan, and would welcome your participation:**

**Monday, 9 April, 6.30 pm at the Union Club Hotel, 164 Gore Street.**

## CELEBRATING BRIDGES2HARMONY DAY

The FRA was pleased to be a partner in celebrating Bridges2Harmony Day held at Condell Park, organised by the Fitzroy Learning Network. Bridges2Harmony is a community event with the aim of bringing together the Fitzroy community to celebrate diversity, promote social inclusion, human rights and share what is common across cultures. It was day of food, kids' activities, music, dancing and fun. Mayor Daniel Nguyen and Member for Richmond, the Hon Richard Wynne MP, welcomed residents to the event.



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