



Let's Celebrate Our Fabulous Park

To celebrate our still having Garden City Reserve, Port People Inc. are holding a Picnic in The Park on Sunday, 11 December 2011.

There's something for everyone from kids to teens to the more mature, for those who love dogs, dancing, gardens, and just plain jumping round and having fun. Plus this is a good opportunity to get to know some of the local groups.

We're having:

- Dog Competitions (dog most like its owner, best-dressed dog, dog with the best trick, waggiest tail, longest tongue, dog with most slobber)
- Dog Safe (a workshop to teach kids when a dog is safe, and how to get on with dogs conducted by Command Dog Training head, Basil Theofanides)
- Discounted dog washes by Jim's Dog Wash
- Face Painting and a Jumping Castle
- Saucy Sausage Sizzle run by Kombiz (gold coin donation)
- A walking talk by one of Ports leading landscape artists on the park's plants — learn about our beautiful draught tolerant plants
- A taste of Zumba, Salsa and Argentinean tango (demonstrations and classes by local dance schools, You Can Dance and Solo Tango)

- Delicious songs from our own Cadence Choir
- Football and baseball clinics for kids
- An historical walk round the park conducted by Councillor Janet Bolitho
- Reading of winning poems about the park by Port Melbourne Primary School students and display (sponsored by Readings)
- SES Demonstration
- Father Christmas, of course, (plus lollies for the kids)
- Displays by local groups including Beach Patrol, Historical Society and St Kilda Indigenous Plant Nursery.

And more. Bring your family. Bring your friends. Bring a picnic basket. Bring your dog (on a lead) and enter him or her for some of the prizes.

Great prizes for the winning dogs: vouchers for a basic obedience class and for dog day care and grooming from Command Dog Training and vouchers for dog wash and grooming from Jim's Dog Wash.

We still have the park because the community cared and worked to save it from becoming a building site. **Now let's have fun as a community!**

REMEMBER REMEMBER 11th December !

Celebration in the Park (Garden City Reserve) from 1.00pm – 4.30pm.

Fisherman's Bend Development

The State Minister for Planning, Matthew Guy MP, has yet to respond to Port People's letter regarding developments at Fisherman's Bend.

Port People recently made headlines in the *Port Phillip Leader* warning the local community about the impact the high density apartment developments flagged for Fisherman's Bend would have on livability in Port Melbourne.

"This affects our medical services, schools, childcare, transport and housing issues," Ms Kuchel told the *Leader*. "Most services are already at breaking point. Infrastructure needs to be in place before development goes ahead - not afterwards."

Port Phillip Council is also seeking to have input into how the area is developed.

Traffic and Dock Issues

Port People has begun new rounds of discussions with the Port of Melbourne Corporation, management of the Prohasky St container park and Vic Roads to look at methods of reducing traffic nuisance and operational noise.

Suggestions for noise abatement at the container park include introducing changing the beeping sounds to a less intrusive pitch than the current ones.

We are optimistic that we may be close to finding a completely new method to deliver warning signals to each individual worker on site.

Our current work with the Port of Melbourne gives us some comfort that the PoMC is concerned with community amenity.

To contribute your ideas and energy to this working group go to www.portpeople.org.au.

Dogs Stay – for now

The proposed move of the Hobson's Bay Dog Obedience Club from Murphy's Reserve to Garden City Reserve has been postponed at least until March 2012.

A club room to accommodate the group is to be constructed adjacent to the Sandridge Community Centre. A building permit application is currently being processed.

Garden City Heritage Guidelines

Port People has formed a working party to address the inconsistencies currently being applied to planning applications under the Heritage Guidelines.

Some of our objectives include:

- Obtaining consistent, reliable, and predictable outcomes for planning applications.
- Removing the current subjective nature of the process.
- Reducing the application to permit time.
- Reducing the number of VCAT applications.
- Addressing concerns about the reduction of open spaces and losing the "garden feel" of the area.
- Seeking a clear outline of each role at CoPP, eg Heritage Advisor, Planners, etc.

See our website: www.PortPeople.org.au for more information about the issues as we see them.

The newly appointed Heritage Advisor at the CoPP is Leon Yates. One of his primary roles is to be available to residents for advise on how your renovation ideas fit within the Heritage Guidelines.

For more information go to:

<http://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/heritage.htm>

Urban Design Framework

The process of developing an Urban Design Framework for the Port Melbourne waterfront has been going on now for some time via the City of Port Phillip. The Port Melbourne Waterfront Urban Design Framework Final Vision Report was published by the City of Port Phillip in July this year. This vision captures the comments, ideas and thoughts of the wider community in how the waterfront at Port Melbourne can be improved for the local, Melbourne and visitor populations. It is the important "marker" which CoPP must consider in preparing its plan for improvement at the waterfront.

To see this report please follow the attached link to the City of Port Phillip website <http://haveyoursayatportphillip.net.au/document/show/275>

The Beacon Cove Neighbourhood Association has produced a position paper on the redevelopment of Waterfront Place. Some of the issues it raises include:

- high-rises removing views of city skyline
- a viewing platform of ships for residents
- use of Princes Pier as a recreational centre – this will affect apartment residents.
- substantial retail development
- C185 amendment – gives planning rights back to City of Port Phillip including 1-11 Waterfront Place.

For further information check out <http://beaconcovea.blogspot.com/>

Station Pier will give a royal welcome to the *Queen Elizabeth*, due in 22 February 2011, and the *Queen Mary*, due 5 March 2011.

Shared Spaces - PoMC

A draft plan to improve the appearance and experience of open spaces around the Port of Melbourne is now on view for public comment.

The draft Port Interface Landscape Masterplan will build a shared port and community vision for the open spaces managed by Port of Melbourne Corporation (PoMC) in Williamstown, Newport, Spotswood, Yarraville, Footscray, West Melbourne, Docklands and South Wharf.

The area around Webb Dock is not included in this plan as the shape and future use of this dock space is still under discussion.

Find out more, view the draft plans and have the chance to comment at:
<http://yoursay.portofmelbourne.com>

JOIN 3207 BEACH PATROL

3207 Beach Patrol is now up and running, having fun and helping to create world class, clean beaches for Port Melbourne and Sandridge. We pledge a minimum of one hour voluntary cleaning each month.

Go to <http://www.3207beachpatrol.com.au/> to join our initiative to help create sparkling beaches along the Port Melbourne and Sandridge foreshore.

Port People Inc. meets on the third Wednesday of the month at 7.30 pm, Sandridge Community Centre, Garden City Reserve. All welcome.

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See you in the park

You are invited to a

Picnic in the Park
Garden City Reserve
11 December 2011
1.00 – 4.30 pm

Bring a picnic, a rug, the kids, the dog on a lead, dancing shoes as a sense of

fun conversation local knowledge community neighbourhood join in shared goals celebration energy collaboration smile and great weather adventure exploration participation

Hosted by Port People Inc

Your neighbourhood community group

This event is being supported by a grant from the City of Port Phillip.