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Residents rally to save demolition of public housing towers

On October 19, hundreds of residents marched from Flemington to North Melbourne to voice their opposition to the state government's redevelopment plans for Victoria's 44 public housing towers. Read more on page 9.

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Victoria Police launches new CCTV initiative

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North Melbourne Police Station is partnering with local communities across Melbourne's inner-city to create a secure database of all of the locations of private and business-owned CCTV cameras.

The Melbourne North unit is working alongside local police stations at Melbourne West and Melbourne East, and is calling on locals across North and West Melbourne, Kensington, Carlton, Parkville and Docklands for their assistance with the safety initiative.

Melbourne North neighbourhood policing coordinator Acting Sergeant Nick Parissis said Victoria Police was partnering with local communities to record CCTV locations to improve service delivery and investigative efficiency within the City of Melbourne.

CCTV owners have the option to provide Victoria Police with their contact details to aid police in investigations.

In the event that an incident occurs, police may contact registered CCTV owners in the vicinity of an incident to request access to CCTV footage.

"In the past when canvassing for CCTV footage of their CCTV, they will be emailed a following a crime or incident, police would sometimes have to spend hours walking up and down a street/shopping centre checking from home to home or business to business whether they had CCTV footage," Acting Sgt Parissis said.

"With the electronic mapping of CCTV,

which Vic Pol is now implementing, investigators will be able to do these checks from a computer to determine if there are any registered CCTV locations recorded on our mapping portal. If there is, a quick phone call will be all that's required."

Acting Sgt Parissis said police had ensured that all personal details would be securely stored in its database, and that it was important to know that police would not have access to any CCTV footage unless the owner of the CCTV agrees.

For those that wish to provide the location of their CCTV, they will be emailed a one-page form to complete and return to their local police station.

For more information or to participate in the initiative, you can contact your local police station at either Melbourne West 9624 3999 or Melbourne North 8379 0800, Melbourne East 9637 1100. ●

Carlton Corner returns for 2024 Garage Sale Trail

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Carlton's favourite vintage pop-up shop, Carlton Corner, is back this November as part of the national Garage Sale Trail, taking place on the weekends of November 9 and 10, and November 16 and 17.

This year, Carlton Corner is focusing on mid-century furniture and stationery, while also showcasing the talents of local artists.

The Bula family has revamped the space into a vibrant "furniture and office supplies bazaar", featuring unique items from their own collection alongside treasures passed down from their beloved Nonna.

"We had a lot of interest last year.

neighbours ended up bringing their wares to us to sell. We will also be exhibiting local artists on the walls with acrylic paintings and photographs," Heidi Bula said.

The Garage Sale Trail is Australia's largest secondhand treasure hunt, with an estimated 10,000 garage sales expected to take place over the two weekends.

"We really want to have as many people as possible come by, and also for the other people participating in the trail," Heidi told Inner City News.

"I think it's a really great initiative, getting people to recycle their wares and Marie Kondo their belongings."

Tucked away in the "multifunctional" space of the Melbourne French Theatre's (MFT) rehearsal venue, a nearly 50-year-old institution co-founded by Michael Bula, Carlton Corner will be open from 8am until late across both weekends.

MFT is located on the north-western corner of Canning and Neill streets in Carlton. ●