

# Daring to be different wins TMT an award

The Melbourne Times has been awarded the Melbourne Suburban Newspapers Association Fred T. Everett Reserve Award for the Best Suburban Newspaper of 1977.

TMT won the award from more than 50 other papers in the Melbourne Suburban Newspapers Association.

The judges complimented TMT for "daring to be different" and for breaking new ground in the community newspaper field.

In judging, four guidelines were used — general appearance and layout, type faces and readability; editorial quality and local news cover; pictorial

content, and balance of news content to advertising. The judges were Robert Cowcher, managing director of Hayes, Cowcher-Dailey Pty Ltd and Geoffrey Hutton, a freelance journalist.

Here's what they said about your local rag. Shucks... "As an original note to the evaluation we decided that the F.T. Everett Memorial Award should go to a paper which covers the interests of a range of central and inner areas of Melbourne, unearths a lot of overlooked news and is brimming with crusading zeal.

"With its interest in the quality of living, The Melbourne Times seemed to us a valuable voice from the metropolis in much the same way as the village

press of New York.

"It's make-up is as distinctive as its style; we found it clear and readable and felt that the paper's originality should be recognised."

The E.J. Trait Memorial Award for the Best Suburban Newspaper was won by The Mail, Footscray and the Bowater Reserve Award was won by the Waverley gazette.

In 1972 TMT won the Royal Australian Institute of Architects' Robin Boyd Environmental Award for 12 months of responsible community reporting with particular reference to planning and environmental issues.

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Fitzroy and Collingwood councils go shopping for road closures

# HERE COME THE CARS

Adopting crash through or crash tactics, the Hamer Government has brought forward the opening date for the Eastern Freeway to today, Wednesday, December 7.

"The inner suburbs Hiroshima Day has arrived," commented chairperson of Citizens Against Freeways, Trevor Huggard.

No doubt the government has rushed through the opening of the Eastern Freeway in the hope that this will crush once and for all opposition to the freeway.

Citizens Against Freeways, however, are planning continued demonstrations and disruptive tactics aimed at preventing freeway traffic from using Alexandra Pde.

It is expected that the lack of traffic control measures to protect Carlton could provoke more Carlton residents to take an active part in the anti-freeway campaign.

Anti-freeway protestors are bitter about the government's refusal to even consider limiting traffic levels on the ten lane Eastern Freeway and the Working Party compromise of a T-junction at Hoddle St.

"Short of not opening the Eastern Freeway, the T-junction proposal is the only way of minimising the effect of freeway traffic on not only Fitzroy and Collingwood, but also Carlton and beyond," said Working Party member and Collingwood councillor, Andrew McCutcheon.

"Collingwood Council oppose the opening of the Eastern Freeway because we believe that inner suburban streets do not have the capacity to absorb an extra 100,000 vehicles a day in the long term."

He said that when it became clear that the government was deter-

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mined to open the Eastern freeway at whatever cost to the quality of the inner urban environment, the resident and council representatives on the Working Party had narrowed their goals to asking that Alexandra Pde be closed to freeway traffic, except for public transport buses (See Citizens Against Freeways four page insert in this edition.)

"If Alexandra Pde is opened to freeway traffic, no remedial measures exist which can save the inner suburbs from being cut to pieces by rising traffic levels."

In this final week, the State government though rejecting the major thrust of the Working Party has made some concessions.

On Friday Mr Rafferty announced a number of "band aid" measures in relation to Alexandra Pde. These include the probable relocation of the Isobel Henderson kindergarten; negotiation for some of the Gas and Fuel land for open space; the maintenance of the trees and grass on the Parade's plantation; possible placement of pedestrian crossings outside the Fitzroy Baths and Elderly Citizens Centre; an investigation of the need for pedestrian overpasses.

Mr Rafferty repeated the government's offer to buy out any house fronting the Parade between Gold St and Brunswick St.



## Look at me...

This local girl is one of many who's looking forward to spending more time at the Fitzroy Adventure Playground, in King William St. when the summer holidays start.

Situated on 3/4 of an acre of ground it really is an adventure playground with flying foxes, swings, pets, vegetable gardens and miniature rock castles. It even boasts a sheep called "Lambchops"

(away at present for breeding.)

Although the playground is in Fitzroy the kids come from as far afield as Richmond, even some of those who have moved to the outer suburbs return to visit.

"The responsibility of caring for the animals has developed a mellowness and stability among the kids," says play leader, Ian Cunningham.

On Monday, the government asked both Fitzroy and Collingwood councils to make "shopping lists" of roads they wanted closed.

Collingwood Council has already submitted a list and the government has indicated that it is willing to accede to most of the closures.

Collingwood's list carries on from a traffic management study carried out in the city some time ago and contains 43 separate measures to control the enormous input of traffic expected when the F19 is fully open.

These deal with changes ranging from traffic islands, no-turn lanes, street closures, and pedestrian overpasses.

Collingwood's engineer, Mr Agnew, hopes that at least some of the measures might be implemented before Christmas. Residents will be able to see the plans at the Town Hall as soon as they're approved by all relevant authorities.

In Fitzroy, things are moving a little more slowly.

Cr Paul Coghlan said Fitzroy Council received

the premier's letter on Monday night and would not have a reply sent until the councillors met next Monday.

"Our view is that a lot of the proposals put up as part of the recent Working Group report have simply not been replied to yet", he said.

He said the council hoped there would be a new committee set up to deal with the problem and that Fitzroy would not "just send our engineer along, but would include the councillors and resident representatives".

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**INSIDE TMT THIS WEEK:**

TMT's been very popular this week and can hardly cope with the letters you've all been sending in. So, to deal with all these opinions on controversial issues ranging from the Festival of All Nations to the elections, we've given over page 20 as well as page 2 to your views.

With the Eastern Freeway about to open, Citizens Against Freeways has this week taken out a special four page insert in TMT. This 'Freeway Survival Kit' as it is called gives details of the Working Party report and outlines what Citizens Against Freeways believes should have been done with the Eastern Freeway.

This Saturday sees the Australian electorate go to the polls for the fifth time in the last eight years. If you can still bear to bring yourself to vote turn to pages 6 and 7 to see our interviews with the five candidates and what TMT thinks about it all.

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