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## SAVE WILLIAMSTOWN



### 1000 rally against Willy 'towers'

**Wednesday, 1 July 2009**

JOAN Kirner says she has nothing to say to Fairfax chairman Ron Walker but has asked developer Ashley Williams to stop patronising Williamstown residents. Victoria's former premier was a guest speaker at Sunday's Save Williamstown rally, opposing plans for a multi-million-dollar high-rise development with four residential towers up to 12 storeys high.

As reported by us last week, Mr Walker and Mr Williams are equal shareholders in Evolve Development, which is behind the controversial Nelson Place Village proposal.

Following the rally, up to 1000 protesters marched down Nelson Place, past the development site and on to Point Gellibrand.

Ms Kirner said another former premier and Williamstown

resident, Steve Bracks, could not attend the rally because he was going on a holiday. But, Ms Kirner said, Mr Bracks considered the proposal "outrageous".

She said it was pleasing to see Williamstown state MP Wade Noonan and upper house Greens MP Colleen Hartland out

supporting the community.

The Advertiser

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# SAVE WILLIAMSTOWN



## Website Launched and Google Number One

**Sunday, 5 July 2009**

Within a day of us Launching our Website and the thousands of hits from supporters - a search of Google for Save Williamstown brings us up as number one on the list..

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## SAVE WILLIAMSTOWN



### The Age: Ex-premiers go NIMBY

**Monday, 6 July 2009**

TWO former Labor premiers are lining up against a multi-storey apartment development on the Williamstown foreshore.

Joan Kirner told The Age she had lobbied Planning Minister Justin Madden not to fast-track an "outrageous" proposal for four towers of up to 12 storeys in Williamstown's historic naval precinct. Another former premier, Steve Bracks, supports her.....

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## SAVE WILLIAMSTOWN



### Joan Kirner and Godfrey Moase on 3AW

**Monday, 6 July 2009**

This morning following the front page article in The Age showing that both former Premiers Kirner and Bracks who are also Williamstown residents and former members for the State seat of Williamstown, have publicly supported that the community should be involved in the planning process for the Former Port Phillip Mill site. Godfrey pressed Neil Mitchell about saving the jobs from the shipyards (he'd just been talking about laying off the Australian Navy) as well as the traffic issues.

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HEADLINER: The Age turns on its NIMBY friends for Chairman Ron's development

**Monday, 6 July 2009**

Article from Vexnews.com

<http://www.vexnews.com/news/5212/headliner-the-age-turns-on-its-nimby-friends-for-chairman-rons-development/>  
By VEXNEWS · July 6, 2009

“There was a time when The Age poured scorn on the owners and founders of Crown Casino in the most vicious way.

Ron Walker was a favoured punching bag of The Age's newsroom, frequently denounced for being a Kennett mate, Liberal fundraiser with a strong implication that he was an influence peddler of some kind. It was, typically, over the top and mostly grossly unfair.

These days though Ron Walker has emerged as the

Chairman of Fairfax Media. At a time when The Age's business model is in such rapid decline that nothing can be taken for granted. Redundancies are common place across many newspapers, including those without much dependence on classifieds. But those like The Age, accustomed to running a huge left-wing newsroom subsidised by hugely profitable classifieds monopolies, are facing extinction.

In that climate it pays to be nice to the Chairman of the debt-ridden media conglomerate that owns the newspaper.

So much so that the usually strongly anti-development newspaper ran a front-page headline today about a Williamstown property development opposed by former Premiers Kirner and Bracks that perhaps would not have out of place in this progressive publication:

"Ex-Premiers turn NIMBY" (Not in my backyard)

It didn't sit well with the rest of the article either, which was predictably sympathetic to anyone opposing the construction of anything new.

Obviously someone who wrote the headline was trying to keep sweet with the Chairman."

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## SAVE **WILLIAMSTOWN**



### The Age: Madden steps in to vet Williamstown tower plan

**Wednesday, 8 July 2009**

“PLANNING Minister Justin Madden will hold a special meeting with Hobsons Bay Council next week to discuss a contentious 369-apartment development proposed for Williamstown.

On Monday, The Age reported that former premiers Joan Kirner and Steve Bracks were lining up against the proposal by Nelson Place Village Pty Ltd to build the apartments, in four towers of up to 12 storeys, on the former Port Phillip Woollen Mill site in Williamstown's naval precinct.

Nelson Place Village Pty Ltd is one quarter-owned by former Liberal Party heavyweight Ron Walker, who is also chairman of Fairfax Media, owner of The Age.....

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.....Hobsons Bay Mayor Peter Hemphill said the planning

issue had elicited the biggest response he had seen during his 10 years on the council.

"We've had a lot of feedback from the community, lots of emails, lots of letters, I guess the gist of it is they want the council to maintain the decision-making process and there are lots of views about height and density and traffic issues," he said.

"All the letters that I have received, I am pretty sure they are all opposing the scale of development."....."

<http://www.theage.com.au/national/madden-steps-in-to-vet-williamstown-tower-plan-20090707-dbun.html>

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### The Age: How Scientific is this Age Poll .... 7 July 09

**Friday, 10 July 2009**

“Disclaimer: These polls are not scientific and reflect the opinion only of visitors who have chosen to participate. Reasonable efforts have been made to make the voting process secure.

Contentious plan : Should Planning Minister Justin Madden call in plans for the proposed apartment towers on the Williamstown foreshore?

Yes - 64%

No - 36%

Total Votes: 260 Poll date: 05/07/09.....”

<http://www.theage.com.au/polls/results.html>

As a community we need to watch out for polling which gets

reported in newspapers. This poll closed yesterday and not many of the 1000 rally-ers would have even spotted it. Calling in by the Minister is going to remove the right of the community to be involved in the planning process. The Age didn't even have the courtesy of reporting about the 1000 people who were in the Rally on Sunday 28th June but angle their reports to say that ex-Premiers Kirner and Bracks were "lobbying" against the proposal. We always understood that lobbying was not a PUBLIC COMMUNITY based objection but a behind the scenes contact between professional lobbyists and powerbrokers where financial advantage was often the motive. Maybe the language is getting re-defined for the 21st Century.

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### GREENS MLC: Hartland to oppose Towers at Williamstown

Friday, 10 July 2009

"30-06-2009 Greens MLC Colleen Hartland has thrown her support behind the campaign against high rise towers near Point Gellibrand.

"I met the Save Williamstown group last week, and they gave me a full briefing on their concerns."

"They had a number of justified concerns. It's a complete overdevelopment of the site, and there are chemical tanks a few hundred metres away. Toxic sites and residential housing don't mix. It's also across the road from the last working shipyard in Victoria."

"I attended the rally on Sunday to show my support, along with a thousand other locals."

"This is one of my favorite walking areas. I know it well. I will bring the residents' concerns to Parliament. I will

represent them," said Colleen Hartland  
For comment: Colleen Hartland - 9689 6373....”  
<http://www.vic.greens.org.au/news/add-or-edit-media-releases-2009/hartland-to-oppose-towers-at-williamstown>

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## SAVE WILLIAMSTOWN



### Govt takes planning control to speed up four more projects

**Friday, 10 July 2009**

“THE State Government has overridden planning protocols to fast-track four more major development projects. The government has "called in" a CBD development and two regional projects currently tied up in the planning tribunal.

It has also approved a planning scheme amendment to enable a \$7.5 million neighbourhood activity centre, at Melton, on Melbourne's western fringe, to go ahead.

Planning Minister Justin Madden said the projects were worth more than \$371 million combined, with the potential to create more than 612 jobs.

He said the third round of fast-tracked projects would save jobs and costly delays, providing a much needed shot in the arm for the state's economy.

"Key building projects need timely decisions. This can still be achieved with transparency to the process, and giving people an opportunity to have a say," he said in a statement.

"In a tough global economy, the Brumby Labor government knows that community expects us to ensure there are no costly delays to planning decisions, particularly for projects with significant economic and job benefits."

The projects include a \$150 million mixed use development in Sturt St, Southbank, which is currently before the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT).

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### Wot News reports on Ron Walker's involvement in residential developments

**Monday, 13 July 2009**

“Ron Walker's Evolve Developments Buys Former Pacific Brands Office, Apartments Planned

A DEVELOPMENT company affiliated with business identities Ron Walker and Ashley Williams, has quietly purchased a North Melbourne office building, once the headquarters of departed clothing manufacturer Pacific Brands.

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Western Suburbs Community & Unions Coalition -

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DEVELOPMENT Save Williamstown for all Victorians

Sunday 28 June 2pm Commonwealth Reserve cnr Nelson

Place & Cole street Williamstown Come and show your

opposition to the proposed new high rise towers at Point Gellibrand. Tell Ron Walker, ....”  
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## Palatial spreads kept empty? That's rich

**Tuesday, 14 July 2009**

“They are Toorak's ghost mansions: grand houses that have sat unoccupied behind chained gates and boarded-up windows for years, even decades.

As Melbourne struggles with a housing shortage, some of the city's finest abodes are home to nothing more than dust and cobwebs.

Take, for example, a French Renaissance-style mansion in St George's Road that Asian-based property tycoon David Yu bought in 1991 for \$5 million and has left unoccupied since.

The land alone, believed to be one of Toorak's largest allotments, could now be worth as much as \$35 million.

....”

<http://business.theage.com.au/business/palatial-spreads->

kept-empty-thats-rich-20090713-disw.html

Thoughts from a Williamstown Resident:

So there is "spare" land in Toorak. Would resident's such as developers/investors accept 46.5 metre tower blocks in their backyards or would they turn NIMBY. Maybe they could even go higher for views of the river and the city!! I wonder if anyone has suggested to the Minister that this would assist with the population increase envisaged in Melbourne@5million or do these areas escape because their residents have more say than the average punter.....

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## SAVE **WILLIAMSTOWN**



### Fury over Williamstown towers

**Tuesday, 14 July 2009**

“PLANNING Minister Justin Madden has stayed silent on a controversial apartment development proposed for Williamstown.

Mr Madden declined to be interviewed last week over the Nelson Place Village development, which could see four towers ranging between six and 12 storeys built on former Port Phillip Woollen Mill site.

Former Victorian premiers Joan Kirner and Steve Bracks, both Williamstown residents, have called the towers “outrageous”.

Mrs Kirner implored Mr Madden to guarantee residents would have a say.

There are concerns the state planning department, responsible for about one third of the site, on Williamstown’s

foreshore, will implement a Priority Development Panel to recommend what is appropriate.

The Leader sought an interview with Mr Madden to discuss Mrs Kirner's comments, and to respond to community concerns but his political minders said he was "unavailable" for an interview last week.

Save Williamstown spokesman Godfrey Moase said Mr Madden should address public concerns.

"It would be constructive if he was moving to allay fears about what the State Government would be doing," he said. "But we'll take his silence as a sign that he wishes to retain Hobsons Bay as the principal planning authority. We'll be waiting for any indication of that after they and the minister have met."

Mr Madden is due to meet Hobsons Bay councillors tomorrow, at the request of Williamstown state Labor MP Wade Noonan."

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## SAVE **WILLIAMSTOWN**



### Williamstown rezoning fight steps up

**Wednesday, 15 July 2009**

“THE Save Williamstown website received more than 12,055 hits within two days of being launched.

The site, bearing the same name as the community campaign and lobby group, was established in response to a bid by Nelson Place Village Pty Ltd to rezone land bounded by Nelson Place and Ann and Kanowna streets from industrial and special use to residential.

Save Williamstown is opposed to the rezoning which would pave the way for a multimillion-dollar high-rise development comprising four residential towers of up to 12 storeys on the former Port Phillip Woollen Mill site.

The proposal has been labelled "outrageous" by former Victorian Labor premiers Joan Kirner and Steve Bracks.

Planning Minister Justin Madden is today expected to meet

Hobsons Bay Council representatives at the request of Williamstown MP Wade Noonan.

"In order to provide greater certainty regarding the rezoning applications, I have requested the minister to invite representatives of the Hobsons Bay City Council to meet with him directly," Mr Noonan said.

"The clear intention of this meeting would be to seek agreement on a process for assessing the dual applications while preserving the rights of the community and other stakeholders to comment and have input into the decision-making processes."

The Greens and Liberals agree that community concerns are valid.

After receiving a "full briefing" from Save Williamstown members, Greens upper house MP Colleen Hartland vowed to raise their concerns in Parliament.

"They had a number of justified concerns," she said.

"It's a complete overdevelopment of the site and there are chemical tanks a few hundred metres away.

"Toxic sites and residential housing don't mix.

"It's also across the road from the last working shipyard in Victoria [BAE Systems, formerly Tenix]. I will bring the residents' concerns to Parliament," Ms Hartland said. "I will represent them."

Upper house Liberal MP Bernie Finn claimed Mr Madden was "out of control".

"My view is that proper planning process must be followed.

"The local community must be given its opportunity to participate in the process. The fact that both Joan Kirner and Steve Bracks have felt it necessary to make their views known tells just how totally out of control Justin Madden is as planning minister."

Mr Madden had not responded by the time of going to press."

<http://www.themail.com.au/news/local/news/general/williamstown-rezoning-fight-steps-up/1567752.aspx>

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### Proposed Development at the Woollen Mills in Williamstown Update 3

**Thursday, 16 July 2009**

Media Statement by Wade Noonan MP, Member for  
Williamstown

“Yesterday I met with the Minister for Planning, the Hon Justin Madden and representatives of the Hobsons Bay City Council regarding this matter.”

“The meeting was very productive and I want to thank the Hobsons Bay City Council for their willingness to participate in the discussions with the Minister.”

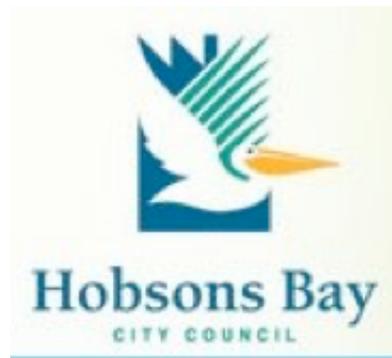
“It was stated and agreed upon that Hobsons Bay City Council is the Planning Authority for the proposed development at the Woollen Mills. Given the level of interest in the proposal, the Minister has asked to be kept closely briefed on the situation.”

“During the meeting I indicated to the Minister that

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# SAVE WILLIAMSTOWN



## Council and Planning Minister Working Together On Woollen Mill Site

**Thursday, 16 July 2009**

The Council has met with the Minister for Planning to discuss the proposed development of the former Port Phillip Woollen Mill site in Nelson Place, Williamstown.

Williamstown Ward Councillor Angela Altair welcomed the opportunity to meet with Minister Justin Madden.

“During the meeting we determined a way forward for dealing with the application given that the Council has certain planning responsibilities, and the Minister also has responsibilities for this site,” said Cr Altair.

“The Minister is comfortable in allowing the Council to maintain our role as a planning authority for the site.

“We will work together to give the local community confidence in the process from now on.”

The Mayor of Hobsons Bay Cr Peter Hemphill said during the meeting the Council relayed the concerns of the community and emphasised the importance of consultation.

“The Minister offered to assist the Council in carrying out its responsibility under the Planning and Environment Act which will ensure significant community input from both residents and interested stakeholders,” said Cr Hemphill.

“We are comforted by the Minister's comment that he wants his department and the Council to work together on this planning matter to give the local community confidence in the process.

“We appreciate the foresight of the local member Wade Noonan MP in initiating this meeting with the Minister.”

The Council has received formal advice from the developers that they are aiming to provide the additional information requested by the Council by 31st July 2009.

The information requested is essential for the Council to assess the suitability of the proposal for this site and for the amendment process to move forward.

For further information on the proposal visit:  
[www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/formerportphillipwoollenmill](http://www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/formerportphillipwoollenmill)

Media Enquiries:  
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## SAVE **WILLIAMSTOWN**



**BREAKING NEWS...** Minister promises not to refer to PDP

**Thursday, 16 July 2009**

See The Hobsons Bay Leader on Tuesday next week for the full report.

Summary: "PLANNING Minister Justin Madden has promised the Williamstown community that Hobsons Bay Council will maintain planning control over the controversial Nelson Place Village apartment tower proposal.

Mr Madden moved to alleviate concerns the 369-apartment development - which could see four towers up to 12 storeys built on the former Port Phillip Woollen Mill site at Nelson Place – would be referred a Priority Development Panel (PDP).

Residents, including former Victorian premier Joan Kirner, strongly opposed the idea of a PDP, saying it would limit the community's say on the final planning decision.

Hobsons Bay Mayor Peter Hemphill and Deputy Mayor Angela Altair met Mr Madden last Wednesday to discuss the Nelson Place Village plans.

“During the meeting we determined a way forward for dealing with the application given that the council has certain planning responsibilities, and the Minister also has responsibilities for this site,” said Cr Altair, also the Williamston Ward councillor.

“The minister is comfortable in allowing the council to maintain our role as a planning authority for the site.”

**Read more in next Tuesday's Hobsons Bay Leader print edition.”**

Thanks for this pre-edition news from journalist James Twinning....

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community concern about the rezoning applications had steadily increased, culminating in two significant community gatherings.”

“I also indicated that it had become absolutely clear that the community and local businesses expected an opportunity to be involved and have input into the decision-making processes regarding the rezoning applications for this site.”

“His aim is to work closely with the Council to see a process that the community and local business is confident in. He has also asked that I continue to keep him informed in my capacity as the local Member for Williamstown.”

“The Council used the meeting to advise the Minister that they were following the standard statutory planning process in assessing this rezoning application, and emphasised that there was no impasse between the Council and the proponent.”

“The Minister gave us a very good hearing, and as a result, I think he now understands more fully some of the complexities involved in rezoning this site, including potential impacts on local businesses, traffic, and general community amenity.”

“During the course of the meeting, the Minister acknowledged that his preference was simply to work in partnership with the Council through the assessment process.”

“Critically, the Minister also made it clear that he wanted the community to have confidence about the process, and input in the decision-making for the site.”

“In simple terms, the Minister is effectively saying that the community’s input will not be by- passed and the Council as it stands is responsible for the rezoning process.”

“I think this is the news our community has been waiting for.”  
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## SAVE WILLIAMSTOWN



### Media Release : Save Williamstown No 3

**Friday, 17 July 2009**

Save Williamstown is encouraged by the outcome of the meeting between Planning Minister, Justin Madden and Hobsons Bay Council.

We welcome the Minister's decision to retain Hobsons Bay as the principal planning authority for the rezoning process.

It is also important to recognise the leadership Council has provided in fulfilling its responsibilities under the Planning and Environment Act.

It is important to recognise that our community has fought hard for the right to make sure our voices are heard in the planning process. This is a victory for due process and local democracy.

This is not the beginning of the end of our campaign, it's just

the end of the beginning.

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## SAVE WILLIAMSTOWN



### Tower power with people - Star News

Tuesday, 21 July 2009

“WILLIAMSTOWN residents have had a win after Planning Minister Justin Madden last week agreed that Hobsons Bay City Council should retain control of the Nelson Place Village development planning application.

Residents over the past few months have been up in arms over the proposed 46.5 metre high development that could be built at the former Port Phillip Woollen Mill site in Nelson Place.

Their concern centered on the possibility of the planning process being taken away from the council and carried out by a minister-appointed committee, Priority Development Panel (PDP), where, residents fear, community consultation could be lost.

On Wednesday (15 July), Mr Madden met with Hobsons Bay's councillors and senior council officers to discuss the future of the proposal given that the site includes land owned by the government and the council.

Williamstown Ward councillor Angela Altair said the minister was comfortable in allowing the council to maintain its role as a planning authority for the site.

"We will work together to give the local community confidence in the process from now on," she said.

Williamstown resident Godfrey Moase, who helped organise the Save Williamstown action group that has been fighting the proposed development with community meetings and a public rally, said he welcomed the minister's decision to retain the council as the principal planning authority.

"It is also important to recognise that our community has fought hard for the right to make sure our voices are heard in the planning process," Mr Moase said....."

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## SAVE WILLIAMSTOWN



### City power over Williamstown tower

**Tuesday, 21 July 2009**

“A DEVELOPER pushing for controversial apartment towers in Williamstown has vowed to fight on despite last week’s decision by Planning Minister Justin Madden not to call in - and potentially endorse - the proposal.

Mr Madden told Hobsons Bay councillors last week they would maintain control over the 369-apartment Nelson Place Village proposal, which could see four towers up to 12 storeys built near Williamstown’s foreshore.

Nelson Place Village Pty Ltd had wanted the minister to refer the rezoning application to a Priority Development Panel (PDP), potentially limiting community input.

It will instead be decided by Hobsons Bay councillors. They are likely to back residents including former premiers Joan Kirner and Steve Bracks in opposing the proposed tower

heights.....”

<http://hobsons-bay-leader.whereilive.com.au/news/story/city-power-over-williamstown-tower/>

“Save Williamstown spokesman Godfrey Moase said it was a “victory for the community”.”

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## SAVE **WILLIAMSTOWN**



### 3000 in - Star News

**Thursday, 30 July 2009**

“WILLIAMSTOWN MP Wade Noonan will soon hand more than 3000 signatures opposing the Nelson Place Village development to the State Government.

The 3064 signatures are on a pile of petitions that will record for the government that the Williamstown community has a strong opposition to the 12-storey-high development earmarked for the Port Phillip Woollen Mills site.

Williamstown Ward councillor Angela Altair said the petitions would also be tabled at Hobsons Bay City Council’s ordinary council meeting on 4 August, as a local-level gesture to note that the signatures had gone to the State Government.

“The Save Williamstown group has asked me as the

Williamstown Ward councillor to table it at the next council meeting,” she said.

Save Williamstown member Andrew Davidson said the signatures were a sample of a unanimous view that Nelson Place Village was an inappropriate development for Williamstown.

“We’re not anti-development but we see the current proposal as inappropriate and we oppose any changes to the height limits on the site,” he said.

“We want to see a height limit control of two to three stories.”

Mr Davidson said the group would be making a formal response to the planning application that would include different suggestions from the community about the development.

“People in our group have come up with different ideas for the design of the proposed development,” he said.....”

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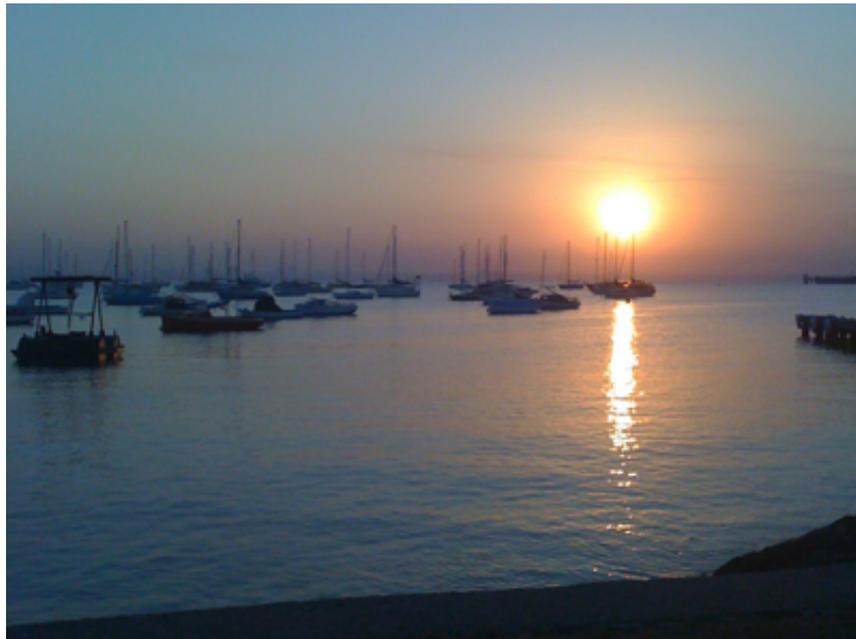
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# SAVE **WILLIAMSTOWN**



## Media Release : Save Williamstown No 4

**Wednesday, 29 July 2009**

Save Williamstown Campaign Seeks Alternative Ideas for Port Phillip Woollen Mills Site

The Save Williamstown campaign has established a Planning Policy subcommittee to draft the campaign's official response to the C75 amendment application lodged by Nelson Place Village Pty Ltd.

This subcommittee is seeking alternative visions for the Port Phillip Woollen Mills site to include in the campaign's official response. These concepts for the site should be consistent with Williamstown's unique local character and heritage. The ideas should not threaten ongoing work at the shipyards, and should aim to create new jobs.

One of the positive aspects of the Save Williamstown campaign has been the number of local residents who have vibrant and creative ideas about what to do with the Port Phillip Woollen Mills site. The range and quality of these initial ideas stands in stark contrast to the developer's tired and unimaginative concept drawings, which are a dated example of top-down development.

We want to make sure that local voices are heard in the planning process. Through seeking suggestions from the community, the Save Williamstown campaign aims to demonstrate the value of that local input which Nelson Place Village Pty Ltd has so blatantly ignored to date.

If you have any ideas for the renewal of the Port Phillip Woollen Mills site, share them with the Save Williamstown campaign by emailing

[design@savewilliamstown.net](mailto:design@savewilliamstown.net)

or calling 9397 4789. See Community Consultation link SW Press Release 04.pdf

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## SAVE WILLIAMSTOWN



### Bay leading the Rush - Local Filming

**Friday, 24 July 2009**

Hobsons Bay Leader reports on Williamstown as an important location for filming:

“...Hobsons Bay Council issues about 50 film permits a year, worth over \$15,000 to the city’s coffers. Rush location manager Peter Muston said Hobsons Bay’s mix of lavish homes and industrial areas made it a popular choice for Melbourne-based TV shows.

“We have spent a fair amount of our time in Hobsons Bay,” he said.

“It offers a great variety of looks from sleek, modern houses with fantastic city views across the bay on The Strand, gritty industrial landscapes around Spotswood, Newport and Altona North and bustling urban centres in Newport and Williamstown.

“Because the (area) has developed over so many years it also offers quite specific pockets of residential development periods from the 1950s through to the current “McMansion” housing estates.....”

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## SAVE WILLIAMSTOWN



### High-rise fears addressed

**Wednesday, 22 July 2009**

“A PETITION signed by 3064 people will be presented to State Parliament in a show of opposition against a proposed high-rise development in Williamstown.

More than 100 letters have also been received by state Williamstown MP Wade Noonan, asking him to safeguard existing height controls of three storeys and third-party appeal rights against inappropriate development.

Nelson Place Village Pty Ltd has lodged an application to rezone the area bounded by Nelson Place and Ann and Kanowna streets from industrial and special use to residential.

This could pave the way for development on the former Port Phillip Woollen Mill site comprising four apartment blocks up to 12 storeys and 79 three-storey townhouses.

Planning Minister Justin Madden last week met Mr Noonan and Hobsons Bay Council representatives in a move that appears to have allayed community fears that the proposal would be 'called in' or a priority development panel appointed by the State Government.

Government spokesman Chris Owner said Mr Madden had reaffirmed the council was the planning authority for the site. "As the planning authority for the proposal, Hobsons Bay City Council has undertaken to work closely with local member Wade Noonan and the minister," Mr Owner said....."

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