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Mobil closes Altona plant for six weeks - **NB during this time processed fuel will arrive at Pt Gellibrand.**

Wednesday, 5 October 2011

It is understood from the Port Phillip Woollen Mill Advisory Committee hearings that during the shut down of Altona, processed fuel including petrol will be imported into Victoria at Point Gellibrand.

Hobsons Bay Weekly
Tara Murray
5 October 2011

“ALTONA'S Mobil refinery will be shut down for six weeks as the company completes planned maintenance works.
It's the first time in more than 30 years the plant has completely closed.
The shutdown, which begins this week, is part of the company's normal refinery turnaround project to ensure the future safety, reliability and viability of the plant, which has had problems, with several flare-ups recorded in the recent past.
Refining manager Glenn Henson said the shutdown was two years in the making.

"Maintenance of safe and reliable operations is a key focus for Mobil and we are investing significant resources on this during the turnaround," Mr Henson said.

"The cost of this year's turnaround is substantial and, together with expenditure on maintenance and upgrades of the plant over the past three years, we have committed over \$250million to the future of the Altona refinery."....."

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Disturbing developments

Thursday, 13 October 2011

The Age
Kate Shaw
October 13, 2011

“.....There are good reasons for urban consolidation. They include limiting commuting distances, maintaining agricultural lands and protecting the bush. The advantages have to be reconciled with disadvantages of declining residential amenity, increasing traffic congestion and stress on existing infrastructure in the established city. Questions of housing affordability and access to public space further complicate a discussion that affects large cities everywhere.

City governments are looking to the renewal of waterfronts and former industrial lands as a solution to these tensions. Through the re-use of old buildings, construction of new buildings and provision of new infrastructure, new mixed-use areas are being created in many parts of the world with varying degrees of success. There are no simple answers, but ingredients of successful urban renewal include community involvement and an appreciation of "mixed use" that allows socially, culturally and economically

diverse activities.

This kind of diversity is most likely to be ensured through strategic planning. The much-publicised problems at Docklands, Melbourne's signature urban renewal project, are not a failure of planning; there was no planning, only the division of publicly owned land for handover to private developers to do what they wanted, with a substantial gift of state-funded infrastructure. The developers responded as developers do: focused on maximising returns, they had little regard for the public realm and no regard for what other developers were doing on neighbouring sites. The outcome was predictable: enormous buildings on massive podiums, arbitrarily varying form with no attention to the spaces between the buildings, and large residential, office and commercial spaces demanding maximum possible rents.

This is a very narrow interpretation of mixed use. Social and cultural diversity is severely constrained by the fact that only the most economically successful individuals and businesses can afford to locate there.

In part due to Docklands' failings, councils are getting better at strategic planning. Small area renewal and structure plans are now being prepared throughout the city, using consultative processes and informed by research that shows that building in strategic locations to a height of four to six storeys can accommodate the projected population increases and produce small ground-floor spaces that are better suited to diverse uses.

But a disturbing phenomenon is intruding on these strategic planning processes. In Footscray, St Kilda, Abbotsford, North Melbourne and Kensington at least, development applications many times the size and height of what is proposed in the relevant structure plans, and which offer the same old high-cost residential/office/commercial mix, are being made and seriously considered.....”

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Lighthouse could shine again - Why not return it to Pt Gellibrand where it belongs!

Thursday, 13 October 2011

The Age

Miki Perkins

October 13, 2011

“THE centre of the city is the last place most people would look for a lighthouse, but the National Trust wants to install a seven-metre historic lighthouse outside the Melbourne Convention Centre.

The lighthouse previously sat in the maritime museum complex next to the Polly Woodside, but has been in storage for the past five years.

Used to mark the Gellibrand's Point reef off Williamstown since 1859, the lighthouse survived intact until the 7000- tonne Melbourne Trader collided with it in 1976 while its foghorn wasn't working, and it was badly damaged.....”

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Williamstown towers: Six months on, mill site report still secret

Wednesday, 26 October 2011

Hobsons Bay Weekly
BY GOYA DMYTRYSHCHAK
26 Oct, 2011 01:00 AM

“.....PLANNING Minister Matthew Guy is yet to release a report on the proposed Williamstown towers development near Mobil's marine berth, nearly six months after an expert panel made recommendations to his department.

Recommendations by the former Port Phillip Woollen Mills advisory committee remain secret, despite being submitted to the Planning Department in May.

The committee's report will affect a 412-dwelling proposal for the mill site, which includes plans for apartments, townhouses and four towers up to 13 storeys. The Weekly last week lodged a request under freedom of information to obtain the mill committee's report and recommendations.

Mr Guy last week said more than 500 submissions were being considered by another advisory committee as part of the government's overhaul of Victoria's planning system.

The new committee will submit a preliminary report to Mr Guy by the end of next month.

A submission from Mobil states that it seeks to prevent new residential development close to its major hazard facilities, including its Point Gellibrand crude oil tanks and marine berth.

Mr Guy also hasn't released findings from the port and environs advisory committee, which reviewed planning controls for Melbourne's ports and will affect the Williamstown towers proposal.

On March 31, the Weekly lodged an FOI request with the Planning Department to obtain the ports report, only to be told the department "had not located a copy".

The Weekly appealed and when the department finally located the report, we were told that all 228 pages were exempt from release. State Williamstown MP Wade Noonan criticised Mr Guy's handling of buffer distances between major hazard facilities and future residential development.

"This is all becoming a bit of a circus," he said.

"Minister Guy has some explaining to do. He is either sitting on his hands or has not bothered to follow through."

At last week's Hobsons Bay Council meeting, Williamstown ward's Cr Angela Altair requested an update

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National Trust switches off on Gellibrand lighthouse plea

Wednesday, 26 October 2011

Hobsons Bay Weekly
BY GOYA DMYTRYSHCHAK
26 Oct, 2011 01:00 AM

"THE National Trust shows no sign of handing over the Gellibrand lighthouse to Williamstown despite pleas and an angry outcry from residents.

As reported by the Weekly, residents are rallying against the trust's plans to put what is left of the Gellibrand pile light outside the Melbourne Convention Centre.

Built in 1906, the light was struck by the Melbourne Trader vessel in 1976 before being set ablaze.

The top section survived and was donated to the trust by the Victorian Public Works Department in 1978.

Williamstown ward's Cr Angela Altair told last week's Hobsons Bay Council meeting that the trust was being very high-handed.

"The National Trust have, very high-handedly I suggest, decided that they have found a natural home for the Gellibrand pile light on the newly

constructed boardwalk along the Yarra River, and they believe that it will enhance the maritime experience for pedestrians and passing boats. "Sadly, the National Trust, despite our many endeavours over the years and, I guess, protestations, never thought that Williamstown's maritime experience could be so enhanced."....."

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Movie crews make a scene in Hobsons Bay

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Hobsons Bay Weekly
BY GOYA DMYTRYSHCHAK
26 Oct, 2011 01:00 AM

“HOBSONS Bay has been described as "Hollywood Down Under" with film crews spotted all round the city this month.....

....Tipped to premiere next year on the Family Movie Channel, Conspiracy 365 is being filmed at Truganina Coastal Park as well as Ferguson Street, Williamstown, and Bent Street and the Esplanade, Altona. It features teen fugitive Callum Ormond, who on a New Year's Eve receives a warning from a seemingly crazed man: "They killed your father. They're killing me. They'll kill you. You must survive the next 365 days." Williamstown ward's Cr Angela Altair says Hobsons Bay is "just another Hollywood Down Under""

<http://www.hobsonsbayweekly.com.au/news/local/news/general/movie->

crews-make-a-scene-in-hobsons-bay/2336509.aspx?src=rss

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This is a specialism of our local government area.. and a possible NON-RESIDENTIAL use for the Former Port Phillip Woollen Mill Site!

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New Urban Renewal Authority established

Thursday, 27 October 2011

Premier of Victoria - Media Release
The Hon Matthew Guy MLC
Minister for Planning
Thursday 27 October 2011

“Planning Minister Matthew Guy today announced the establishment of the Urban Renewal Authority Victoria and the appointment of the board of directors.

“I am pleased to announce the appointment of nine directors to the Board. The Board will lead the Authority in developing its business operations to deliver on its mandate to facilitate urban renewal outcomes across Victoria,” Mr Guy said.

The Board will be led by Peter Clarke, who was the chairperson of the former VicUrban and will be supported by Ken Fehily, as deputy chairperson.

The newly appointed directors are William Bowness, Lorna Gelbert, Judith

Nicholson, Graeme Parton, Timothy Shannon, Janet West and Professor John Stanley.

“I welcome the new Board members who have been selected for their diversity of commercial experience, skills and knowledge that will be integral to leading the Authority and ensuring it delivers on its urban renewal mandate,” Mr Guy said.

Mr Guy acknowledged the outgoing Board members of VicUrban; Gabrielle Trainor, Andrew Fairley, Julia Mason, Michael Roberts, Hamish MacDonald and Meredith Sussex.

“I would like to thank the outgoing Board members for their service,” Mr Guy said.

Messers Clarke, Fehily, Parton and Ms Nicholson have been appointed for a five year term. The remaining directors are appointed for a term of three years.

Media contact: Nick McGowan 0409 023 823”

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MPs banned from soliciting donations

Sunday, 30 October 2011

The Age
Farrah Tomazin
October 30, 2011

“State government MPs will be banned from soliciting political donations and party officials who become lobbyists will be forced to comply with tough new fund-raising rules, under the biggest shake-up of Victorian campaign financing in years.

The reforms, which some MPs fear could make it harder for the Coalition to boost its stocks ahead of the 2014 state election, will be released by Premier Ted Baillieu today. Amid claims by some MPs that their campaign war chests are empty, the new guidelines, obtained by The Sunday Age, reveal that no member of the Baillieu government will be allowed to "solicit or receive direct donations". This means all donations must now be dealt with at Liberal or National headquarters.

Under the rules, ministers will be banned from attending "cash-for-access" business functions and using their offices for fund-raising activities. Any former MP or party official now working as a lobbyist will have to disclose

their role on a public register.

The changes are among a suite of reforms spearheaded by Mr Baillieu, who in opposition was critical of Labor using ministers and the premier of the day to raise money for the party.

Former premier John Brumby, for instance, would sometimes be the star attraction at ALP fund-raisers, where business leaders paid thousands of dollars for one-on-one meetings with him and cabinet ministers.

Mr Baillieu campaigned hard on the issue ahead of the election. But only four months later he was forced to cancel a \$1500-a-head fund-raiser with Transport Minister Terry Mulder and Planning Minister Matthew Guy - hosted by Deloitte, which was conducting a review of the myki ticketing system at the time - amid claims of hypocrisy.

Mr Baillieu claims the new code will put an end to such "cash-for-access" events. But some Liberals fear this will make it harder to raise funds and network with industry leaders.

While the code was being drafted, Mr Baillieu banned his MPs from attending fund-raising events - reportedly resulting in about \$2.5 million in lost donations for the Liberal Party.....”

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