

# Prahran shows its plans

## Attack on a city's accident history

A PLANNING exhibition of vital interest to people living in the city of Prahran will be officially opened today at Prahran Town Hall.

It covers traffic flow and parking throughout the city, taking a particularly close look at Chapel Street, Greville Street and the Toorak village shopping centre... areas for which it also proposes specific action plans.

The \$65,000 project has been carried out by two firms, Urban Systems Corporation and Alan M. Voorhees and Partners.

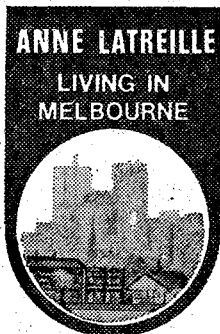
On the traffic side there are proposals for one-way streets, service roads behind shops, limitations on parking space provided in new developments but extension of council-built car parks — with the idea of "regionalising" car parking to reduce congestion.

Nelson English, of Alan M. Voorhees and Partners, says a major aim of the traffic study is to reduce Prahran's "accident history".

"In 1973-74 104 people were injured. We have to find a way to break up traffic so people don't have to duck in and out, so pedestrians can have better visibility."

Diane Morrison of Urban Systems Corporation says environmental matters have been given priority in preparing the action plans.

"We have looked at small improvements in the residential areas around the shopping streets — like mini-parks and street closures — at stricter planning controls in industrial zones, and at some increase in car parking on the east and west sides of Chapel Street," she says. "In Toorak we would hope to see residential de-



velopment within the business area — even flats above shops — and more restaurant use to bring some life back into the village."

Both Ms Morrison and Mr. English stress that the plans now on show are not final.

Public comment is called for and special forms will be on hand for this purpose.

The plans can be seen at the town hall from today until November 22 and at the Prahran-South Yarra library from November 24 until December 6.

Discussion groups will be held on November 13, 20 and 27. Contact Joan Barry (26 2576) if you want to attend these.

Final reports will be submitted to the council early next year. Hopefully Prahran council, which in recent years has become notorious for commissioning expensive reports which do not produce any action, will then do something positive about implementing them.

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**EDMUND** Bacon, the eminent American architect and town planner, will be in Melbourne briefly this week.

He'll give a public lecture on Friday at Melbourne University on the subject "planning and participation". Venue is the

Hercus Theatre, in the new physical sciences building. Starting time is 5.30 p.m.

Ed Bacon is best known for his work as executive director of the Philadelphia City Planning Commission. He is author of the book *Design of Cities* and, with Professor George Seddon, of Melbourne University's Centre for Environmental Studies, is a member of the elite Delos Symposium.

Professor Seddon is responsible for Bacon's visit to Melbourne and for organising the public lecture, which should prove of great interest to anyone interested in town planning and in the development of cities.

Bacon is coming to Australia to judge the first stage of a design competition for a memorial to Canberra's planner, Walter Burley Griffin.

This will be built on top of Mt. Ainslie, the highest spot in Canberra City.

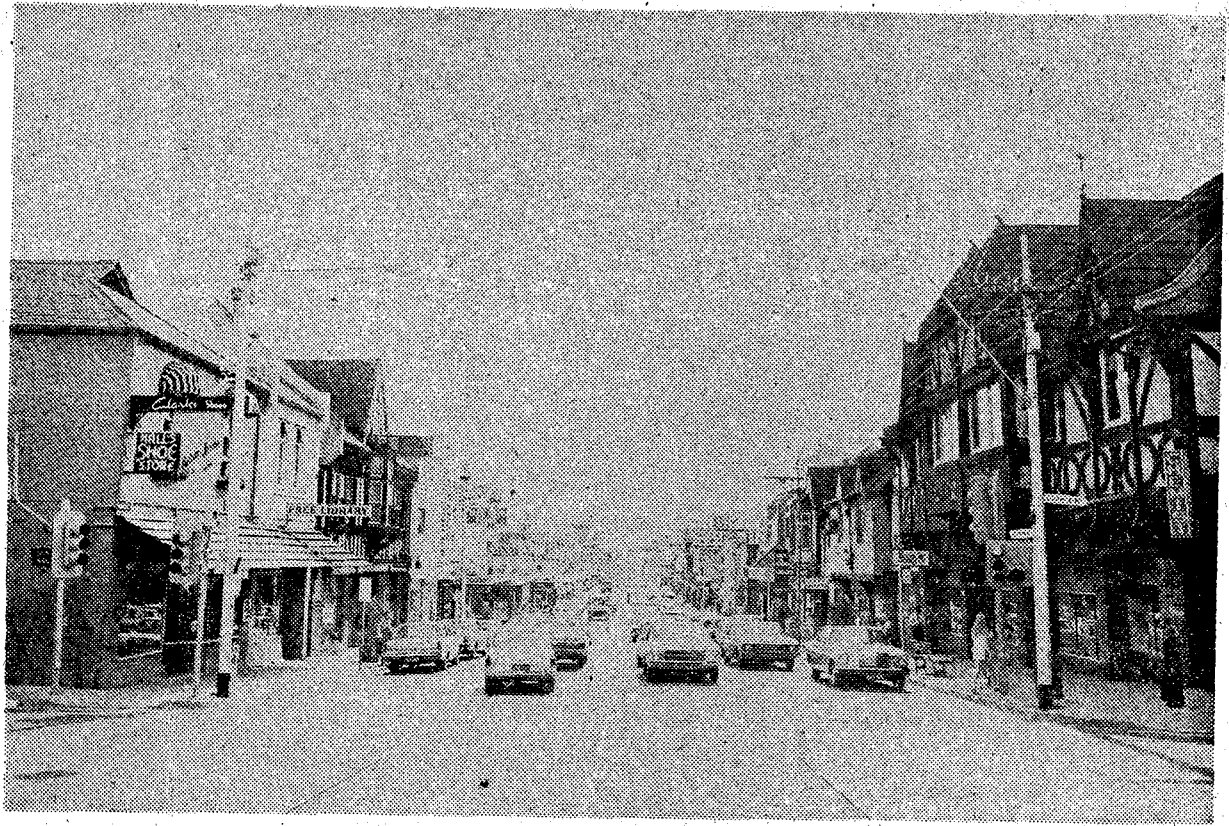
The competition marks the anniversary of Griffin's birth (November 24) and coincides with the 200th anniversary of American independence next year. (Griffin was an American.)

Its sponsors are the Australian Government's National Memorials Committee and the USA bicentennial committee.

Ed Bacon and his fellow judges — Canberra planners Tony Powell and Peter Harrison — will choose five designs to proceed to the second stage of the competition.

A decision will be made early next year, and the sponsors will be responsible for building the memorial — which many would say is long overdue.

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**MOVES** are afoot in the Fitzroy-Collingwood



area to set up a "cost-rent" housing association to provide low-rental accommodation for low-income families, students and pensioners.

The Australian Government's department of housing and construction has funded an economic feasibility study for the association, which hopes to buy up inner suburban houses, renovate them and rent them out.

A public meeting on Tuesday in the mayor's room of the Fitzroy Town Hall, at 7.30 p.m., will discuss the idea.

At present the association's planning committee consists of council representatives, welfare workers, architects and lawyers and people with experience of financial management.

The eventual aim is to involve tenants themselves in managing the association. In the U.S., where such schemes have been in operation for some years, this hasn't always

proved successful. It will be interesting to see if it works out here.

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Lovers of chamber music and of interesting buildings should know about a music evening being held on Friday by the Hawthorn Arts Council. It's the third in a series which aims to provide high-class music within some of the fascinating buildings — both old and new — with which Hawthorn abounds.

Tay Creggan, a splendid Tudor revival house built in the late Victorian era and classified by the National Trust, is the setting for Friday's concert. Bookings can be made by telephoning 819 3187.

The council is already assembling venues and musicians for a second series of concerts next year.

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**FOR** some time now the Tramways Board has been trying to persuade

local councils to let it install shallow concrete kerbing next to tramlines in wide streets.

It argues that this scheme, widely used overseas, will keep cars off the tracks and speed public transport.

It drew a blank in April when it wanted to try out the scheme in Bridge Road, Richmond (this column, 19/4) but now it has the go-ahead in Nicholson Street, Fitzroy, where kerbing five inches high with rounded edges and reflectors has gone in along the tramlines between Victoria and Alexandra Parades.

Ludicrous as it may seem, it's to be confined to the east side of the street. The other side is controlled by a different council.

"At this stage Fitzroy is the only council we've approached that is willing to co-operate," a Tramways Board spokesman said yesterday.

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Toorak village shopping centre — suggested plans for future development are now on display.



**WALTER BURLEY GRIFFIN**  
... Canberra's planner

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Tuesday November 11

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