

## Development at the Espy

Port Phillip Council has prepared an amendment to the Port Phillip Planning Scheme - Amendment C25 – specifically for the Esplanade Hotel site. The preparation process included extensive consultation with the Esplanade Alliance, Becton (the owner of the site) and State Government. The amendment proposes clear planning guidelines for the entire site, in an attempt to bring the long-running Espy saga to a satisfactory conclusion. In essence, Amendment C25:

- supports the on-going use and operation of the Espy as an incubator of independent local music and comedy talent
- protects Baymor Court from demolition
- includes measures to encourage any new development on the site to make an innovative and sympathetic contribution to St Kilda, and to prevent any development from overpowering or dominating the hotel, the foreshore or the surrounding area

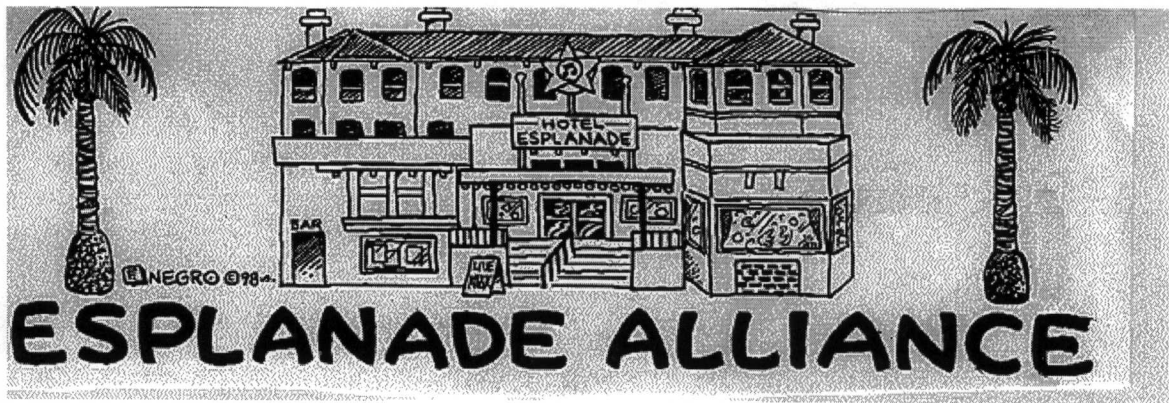
The current owner and prospective developer of the site, Becton, has challenged all these values and principles, and is going to great lengths to undermine the Council's efforts. The matter is about to go before a panel, appointed by the state Minister for Planning, for final resolution. The panel will make a recommendation to Council, which, while not binding, carries considerable weight. It is very important that the voices of the people, who care about and are most affected by this outcome, are heard at the panel hearing. The hearing begins in May, but requests to be heard must be lodged by Tuesday, 23 April.

To find out more about what you can do  
to influence the Panel's recommendation, come along to an

## Information Evening

on

Monday 22 April, 2002 at 7:30 pm  
in the Gershwin Room, Esplanade Hotel, St Kilda



# Development at the Espy -- the final countdown --

Three years ago our community won a famous victory stopping high rise development at the Esplanade Hotel on the St Kilda foreshore. The terms of victory were that the interested parties would sit down with the community to work out new guidelines for suitable development on the site. This long and complex process is now about to reach its dramatic conclusion.

The resulting draft amendment to the Port Phillip Planning Scheme - Amendment C25 - proposes to :

- Establish sound principles and reasonable guidelines for good design outcomes for development on the Espy site,
- Ensure that new development respects the social and cultural heritage values of the St Kilda Hill and Foreshore,
- Support and encourage the culture of the Espy

The developer, Becton has challenged these values and principles. (You may have recently received from Becton a document showing what they want to delete from Council's proposed planning controls, and how they will push to expand Council's proposed building envelope.)

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**planning activist, Kate Shaw,**  
**and barrister, Peter Hanks ??**



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- support and encourage the culture of the Espy Hotel
- protect historic Baymor Court from demolition
- ensure that new development does not overpower or dominate the St Kilda Foreshore

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