



Rough beauty: A shot from the EastLink exhibition. Picture: Courtesy of EastLink and Heaven Pictures.

## Roadshow's set to inspire

It was an assignment that would probably have inspired the late, great industrial photographer Wolfgang Sievers.

Three photographers tracked the three-year construction of EastLink — peering into tunnels, studying its curves, orange perspex walls and the relentless toil of the project's builders — for a 60-work exhibition, *EastLink: The art of urban design and construction*.

The photographs range from awesome views of lifted girders to stark shots showing off the curves inside the roadway's tunnels.

Iconic works from Sievers and

photographers such as Mark Strizic, David Moore and Callum Morton will complement the show.

George Apostolides, senior photographer for Heaven Studios, like Sievers, was intent on finding the beauty in industrial settings.

Sievers was, in fact, the first photographer Apostolides met. Later, Sievers was to bring a client to him — “a great recommendation”, Apostolides said.

Apostolides saw the Dandenong and Monash interchanges of EastLink and the noise walls’ “flowing, organic” shape as striking urban designs that would have taken Sievers’ eye.

His favourite shots were an aerial picture of workers landscaping a roadside garden and a shot of an orange noise wall with “a lovely S-curve”.

“As a good professional photographer, you use lighting and skills to make any scene beautiful. I personally don't have any bias about the subject matter.

“I just look at shapes.”

**EastLink: The art of urban design and construction is at Monash Gallery of Art, 860 Ferntree Gully Road, Wheelers Hill, April 12-June 8.**

# Transport plan 'ignores' Knox

By Cameron Lucadou-Wells and Will Wright

A LONG-awaited transport plan gives little relief to families in Melbourne's outer east, the Eastern Transport Coalition says.

Last week, Sir Rod Eddington revealed his \$18 billion State Government-commissioned blueprint to link the eastern and western suburbs.

The plan included an underground rail tunnel from Caulfield to Footscray and a road tunnel between the Eastern Freeway and Melbourne's west.

However, the coalition — representing seven councils, including Knox — said the report “seems to give up on the east”.

Chairman Mick Van De

Vreede, a Knox councillor, said the coalition would campaign for a Huntingdale-Rowville rail option, which would remove 2400 cars from the roads each hour.

“We need a long-term vision for rapid transit in the outer east. “The report seems to give up on the east, suggesting that as residents already prefer to use cars rather than existing rail services there is no point in expanding rail.”

Cr Van De Vreede said tens of thousands of families had no option but to drive and were hit by rising fuel prices.

But he welcomed the report's acknowledgement that a massive investment was needed in public transport.

Liberal MPs Nick Wakeling and Kim Wells said the report

“completely ignored” Knox residents.

“Despite the obvious need for the rail link and despite [Public Transport Minister] Lynne Kosky's acknowledgement that Rowville residents want a rail link, Eddington's report makes no mention of it,” Mr Wakeling said.

Public Transport Users Association outer east convener Jeremy Lunn said the report was a “missed opportunity”.

“Given the east-west scope, one would think Rowville rail would fit in as a means of taking more cars off the road.”

A spokesman for Ms Kosky said a rail extension to Rowville would not be considered until the Government could evaluate the success of the SmartBus program.

## Skaters roll into action at new park

KNOXFIELD'S Gilbert Park bowl was officially opened on Saturday but works are yet to be finished at the site.

Weather conditions have prevented landscaping and grass planting from going ahead, while outdoor barbecues still need to be installed.

Sports and Recreation Minister James Merlino opened the facility, before skaters and riders

showed off their skills.

“The new park is a fantastic public space for young people to nurture their talent in skateboarding and bike riding, while socialising, getting active and having fun.”

Mr Merlino said it was important to provide young people with safe recreational facilities that suited their needs.

“Not all young people are

interested in organised sport, so this is about providing a great alternative to keep everyone active.”

The State Government provided \$164,000 for the skate park, which included space for picnics or barbecues.

Knox councillor Debbie Field said the event, which included a barbecue and competitions, was well attended.



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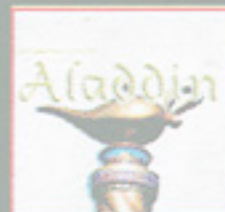
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