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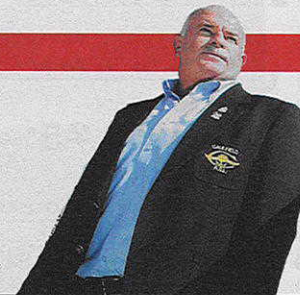
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Harpist rocks to metal muse

MOST musicians tackle their rock renditions on a guitar.

But for Elwood resident Tara Minton, AC/DC and Metallica classics are best played on a harp.

After five years of classical music training and a three-year musical theatre degree, Minton, 22, says she's embraced her inner muso and will turn the image of the traditional harpist on its head.

Minton is set to showcase a selection of rock industry's anthems with two other musicians in the show *It's Not Rock*.

"I would be a millionaire for the amount of people who have said, 'I bet you can't play Acca Dacca on the harp'," Minton said.

It's Not Rock is at the Butterfly Club, 204 Bank St, South Melbourne, April 24-27, at 7pm. Tickets: \$20/\$14.

» Details: 9690 2000 or visit www.thebutterflyclub.com

Rock harpist Tara Minton.

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Foreshore revamp

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THE sounds of alfresco dining will replace grinding traffic noise under a Port Phillip council plan to transform the foreshore end of Fitzroy St.

Traffic along St Kilda's Esplanade will become less hectic under the strategy that will stop direct vehicle access from Fitzroy St to Jacka Blvd.

A new tram stop will be built next to Cleve Gardens, on the corner of Fitzroy and Acland streets and Beaconsfield Parade.

Alfresco plaza bid for Fitzroy St

Vehicles travelling down Fitzroy St will be diverted on to Beaconsfield Parade.

"This will create a plaza on Fitzroy St outside one of its most popular stretches for alfresco dining," St Kilda ward councillor Karen Sait said.

"More than 50 tall, thin palms, like the ones surrounding Catani Gardens opposite, and arty paving

will separate cafe patrons on the footpath from the traffic."

Traders have warmed to the idea, with many saying it would be the first step in providing relief from traffic noise.

"It's certainly one of the more positive things the council has done," One Fitzroy Street owner Ian White said.

"But I think attention needs to be

paid to the overall picture of reducing crowding."

Fitzroy St Traders Association president Roger Wyndham said both traders and the council were on the same page for "the first time in history".

"We've been lobbying for this for a long time," Mr Wyndham said.

But he admitted that traffic could still get backed-up in Fitzroy St.

"The reality is we will have traffic snarls," he said.

"But one would hope motorists using Fitzroy St as a through-way would find an alternative route."

The redevelopment proposal includes the creation of a "Copenhagen-style" two-way bike lane from Cleve Plaza to Lakeside Drive.

It also includes the long-awaited installation of public toilets.

The proposal is on display in Cleve Gardens throughout April, with the council inviting the public to make submissions.



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