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Question to Future Melbourne Committee

City of Melbourne, Council Meeting Room, Melbourne Town Hall Administration Building
23 June 2020, 5.30pm – Meeting No.78

On behalf of Southbank Residents Association, it is with great of sadness, that we would like to advise council of the unexpected passing of Southbank Residents Association committee member, Marcus de Rijk.

Marcus sadly passed away last weekend after a tragic accident.

As those councilors who had the pleasure to engage with Marcus will be aware, Marcus was deeply committed to his Southbank community. Marcus had been a committee member of the Southbank Residents Association for the last three years, joining not long after making Southbank his home with his wife Claire.

Marcus' kind, gentle and diplomatic nature made him a much-loved member of our committee and our community. Marcus was passionate about Southbank and was extremely generous with his time, all the more impressive given he was also actively involved in other community organisations.

A talented musician, Marcus was a valued member of the Rats of Tobruk Memorial Pipes & Drums Band. We were fortunate to enjoy his drumming earlier this year and were honoured to share his performance in full uniform of Amazing Grace on ANZAC Day played from his balcony owing to Covid-19 restrictions.

Marcus was also the featured Southbanker in the May edition of Southbank Local News.

As a member of the RMIT community, Marcus worked in learning systems and championed diversity and inclusion in work practices.

Marcus and his wife Claire are due to have their first baby in July.



Marcus's passing is an immeasurable loss to our community, and he will be profoundly missed. As such, SRA is currently in the process of determining the best way to honour Marcus's memory and we hope council will assist wherever possible.

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Tony Penna
President
Southbank Residents Association