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Old suburb, new tricks

EAST MELBOURNE 's reputation as the City of Melbourne's spiffiest suburb doesn't tell the whole story, says Community Festa organiser Faye Humphris. She says that among the bar-risters, stockbrokers, doctors and retired politicians, there are low-income renters, young families and many small businesses. And while the East Melbourne Group has fought for the residents, she says there has been little to bring the community together — hence the first East Melbourne Community Festa, this Sunday in Powlett Reserve. The attractions will include sustainability displays, an art show, an Asian "iron chef" competition, tennis workshops, a dog show and an "antiques roadshow" in which specialists will assess the historic value of glass, silver and ceramic heirlooms. Coodabeen Champions radio presenter Jeff Richardson will comper the festa, which will run from 11 am to 3pm.