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Warning on stamp duty rise

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JOHN DAGGE

TOP economists have warned increasing stamp duty will make a bad tax worse and hurt housing affordability for middle income homebuyers.

A suite of tax increases in Thursday's state budget will target homebuyers and land owners in an attempt raise almost \$2.7bn over four years.

Senior economists Saul Es-lake and Shane Oliver warn increasing stamp duty will ultimately prove ineffective.

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Drug hub compo demand

MITCH CLARKE

A PEAK business group is demanding small traders within 1km of a planned CBD drug injecting room be paid compensation.

Small Business Australia's Bill Lang issued the call after the Herald Sun revealed the stretch of Flinders Street west of Swanston Street had emerged as the likely location for the drug centre. One being examined is the former Yoor-alla building, near popular city laneway Degra- ves Street.

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Terrified elderly woman pleaded for police protection weeks before alleged murder by son wearing hazmat suit




JUDY BEGGED FOR HELP

Judy Bednar (main) was killed at her Chelsea home. Charged son Tommy (right) and police at the scene (inset).

OLIVIA JENKINS

AN elderly woman murdered in her own home had feared for her life and begged police for protection from her mentally ill son.

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Last night Victoria Police charged Mr Bednar, 53, with her gruesome murder in Chelsea on Saturday.

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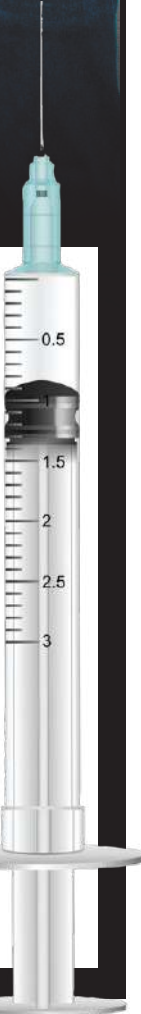
EXCLUSIVE
WES HOSKING
SARAH PERILLO

VICTORIA Police was not consulted about the location of Melbourne's second injecting room, as outraged traders warn the proposed Flinders Street site will trigger a "flood of druggies and addicts".

The police union has also savaged the proposal, branding the consultation process "underhanded" and querying why the government would set up a second facility when it hadn't got the one in North Richmond right.

The Herald Sun revealed on Monday Flinders Street had emerged as the preferred location for a city injecting room, with the government understood to have been in talks to buy the former Yooralla building opposite the railway station, listed at \$45m-plus.

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Batteries for the bush

EXCLUSIVE KIERAN ROONEY

ONE of Victoria's major electricity distributors wants 20 big batteries built across the regions in a bid to shore up the state's energy future.

In a submission to the Andrews government, Powercor has outlined

a pitch to install the grid-scale batteries in central, western and northern Victoria to better connect renewable energy hubs. Under the model, an extra 1.1GW of storage capacity would be unlocked to take pressure off the network.

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Son 'hated mum'

OLIVIA JENKINS

STUNNED relatives say the son caught on CCTV leaving his murdered mother's home in a hazmat suit "hated" her.

Footage shows 78-

year-old Judy Bednar's schizophrenic son Thomas, 53, leaving her bayside home in Chelsea days before she was found dead last Saturday. He is charged with murder.

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Schoolyard fight ends in hospital

SUZAN DELIBASIC

A TEEN has been taken to hospital after a shocking schoolyard fight at a trouble-plagued Victorian school.

The Herald Sun has been told by parents a fight broke out between two male year 9 students at Greater Shepparton College's Mooroopna campus on Monday about 1.30pm.

A parent, who asked not to be named, said dozens of students saw the fight, with a student involved seen with "blood all over their school jumper".

An Ambulance Victoria spokeswoman said paramedics were called at 1.37pm. "A teenage male was assessed for an upper body injury and taken to Goulburn Valley Health in a stable condition," she said.

A Victoria Police spokeswoman said police were called to the school.

Confirming the hospitalisation, an education department spokeswoman said: "An incident occurred today involving two GSSC students.

"Aggressive behaviour is not tolerated in our schools and the school has immediately acted to address the behaviour."

It comes after the Herald Sun revealed a series of shocking incidents at the school including several schoolyard brawls in recent weeks.

Pointing the wrong way

QANTAS frequent flyers have added an average of 160,000 points to their balances in the past year from on-ground activities, creating an unusual problem for the airline.

Despite the activity and points amassed, Qantas says frequent flyers are not using the perks that come with big balances. The issue dates back to last March, when Qantas introduced its Points Club for frequent flyers with a minimum of 150,000 points, and Points Club Plus for those with at least 350,000 points.

But more than 100,000 members who qualified had not "cashed in" their benefits.

Terrified mother killed in own home

Son charged with gruesome murder

OLIVIA JENKINS
ANEKA SIMONIS
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AN elderly woman murdered in her own home had feared for her life and begged police for protection from her mentally ill son.

Judy Bednar, 78, was terrified of son Thomas "Tommy" Bednar and went to police in the months before her death in a desperate bid to keep safe.

But last night Victoria Police charged Mr Bednar, 53, with his mother's gruesome murder in Chelsea on Saturday.

A charge sheet alleged he murdered Ms Bednar some time between May 12 and 15.

A family friend said they wanted answers from police.

"I feel that Victoria Police haven't fulfilled their task in protecting the vulnerable," the friend said. "We're devastated and we want more answers."

Mr Bednar has schizophrenia and is believed to have previously attempted to break into his mother's home.

It comes as footage of a man dressed in a white hazmat suit entering Ms Bednar's Drinan Road home shortly before she was murdered was seized by homicide squad detectives.

Mr Bednar refused to come up from his cell when his case was called in Melbourne Magistrates' Court on Monday night.

His lawyer Lachlan Hocking told the court it was Mr Bednar's first time in custody and that he was not aware of his client having any psychiatric illness.

Ms Bednar's family in Israel were shocked at the news of her death.

Cousin Ronen Lanir, 54, told the Herald Sun that



Judy Bednar

Tommy was a "sick person who needed treatment".

"I know her relationship with Tommy was not good," Mr Lanir said.

Mr Lanir said Tommy seemed increasingly unstable in the months leading up to his mother's death.

"I tried to communicate with him and encourage him to take care of himself," the cousin said. "Unfortunately his messages were not making sense so I stopped."

Ms Bednar's body was found by police during a welfare check at 10.30am on Saturday.

Ms Bednar was security conscious and had several CCTV cameras fitted outside her home facing the front door in addition to multiple sensor lights. A close friend said she had a "gut feeling" something was wrong when Ms Bednar stopped answering her messages.

Ms Bednar was described by friends as a "bright and clever lady" who regularly engaged with social causes online.

She was a little girl when her family fled from Hungary after World War II. Her father and relatives had been imprisoned in concentration camps during the Nazi regime.

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Thomas Bednar has been charged with the murder of his mother Judy in her Chelsea home.



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Bashed student maintains his silence

CLAIRE HEANEY
MARK BUTTLER

A TEEN bashed amid claims one of his friends racially taunted people of colour outside a Kew party has refused to make a statement to police.

The Ashburton student, 16, was outside a party being hosted by a fellow Carey Grammar student when the drama unfolded.

It was claimed the victim was with a person who referred to two people of colour using the racially charged "N-word". They retaliated and the student was hospitalised with facial injuries.

Last week police put out a call via Crime Stoppers for information about the assault in High Street, Kew, near Victoria Park, on Saturday May 8 at 7.10pm. The two people involved in the assault are yet to be identified.

Victoria Police has confirmed to the Herald Sun the investigation had hit a roadblock.

"The victim has decided not to make a statement to police for further investigation of this matter," police said.

The Kew co-ed school became embroiled in the fallout after the school was contacted about the incident and a letter to principal Jonathan Walther was sent to the Herald Sun.

Last week Carey said the victim, based on its investigations, did not use the slur.

But Mr Walter said the school "is aware of an incident which occurred when students were travelling to a private party over the weekend, when one of the students used inappropriate and racist language toward another young person".

"This type of language and behaviour is not tolerated by Carey which has a proud history of welcoming diversity in enrolment and promoting an environment of inclusivity and acceptance."

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Thomas Bednar is caught on CCTV leaving his mother's Chelsea home in a hazmat suit and (above) Judy Bednar (left) and her son (right) who is charged with her murder.

Accused son 'hated his mum'

OLIVIA JENKINS

"DEVASTATED" relatives say the son caught on CCTV leaving his murdered mother's home in a hazmat suit "hated" her.

The Herald Sun has obtained video showing 78-year-old Judy Bednar's schizophrenic son, Thomas "Tommy" Bednar, 53, leaving her Chelsea home in the days before her death.

In a video from Thursday night, a man dressed in a white hazmat suit is captured on CCTV leaving the house at 6.30pm.

Police on Monday charged Mr Bednar with his mother's murder after finding the elderly woman dead in her Drinan Road home on Saturday.

Mr Bednar was charged

CCTV records violent behaviour

with murdering his mother between May 12 and May 15.

Police allege Ms Bednar lived in fear of her son who had assaulted her in the past and attempted to break into her home.

Ms Bednar's relatives in Israel described Mr Bednar as "resentful" of his mother's attempts to have him admitted to hospital for mental health treatment.

A person close to Ms Bednar's family said she placed her son in a Jewish welfare home when he was 16 years old. But, they said his "issues" with Ms Bednar and an underlying anger "never went away".

"He was always angry."

They said her son's mental

state began to deteriorate about five years ago when he stopped taking his medication during a holiday to Thailand.

Cousin Ronen Lanir told the Herald Sun Mr Bednar "blames his mother for what happened to him".

"He resented her for trying to get him to treatment," Mr Lanir said.

He said he knew Mr Bednar was unstable but did not think he was capable of harming his own mother. But Ms Bednar went to the police seeking protection from her son in the months leading up to her death.

"I never imagined that it would come to that and he never expressed any intention of actually hurting her,"

Mr Lanir said.

"The real sad thing is that ... now he is all alone and behind bars."

Other videos show Mr Bednar terrorising his mother for months before her death.

On November 20 last year, Mr Bednar was filmed violently trying to kick in his mother's front entrance and attempting to break into her home.

He was also caught tampering with Ms Bednar's electrical fuse box in her front yard on January 9 this year.

The slain mother had several CCTV cameras facing the front of her home, which recorded her son's violent behaviour, as well as many sensor lights.

Henry Mydlarz, 73, said Ms Bednar was a "social minded person" who regularly communicated with friends and engaged in social issues online.

Ms Bednar raised her son as a single mother.

She arrived in Melbourne in 1956 as a teenager.

Mr Lanir said the family was in disbelief over Ms Bednar's death. "She had a tough life," he said.

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