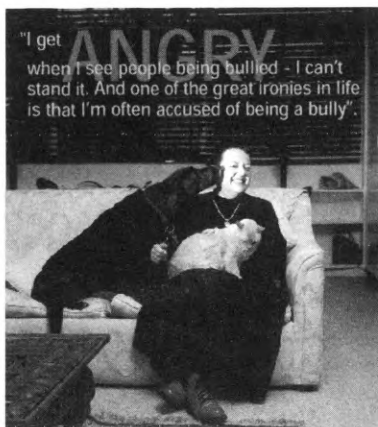


Here the Wild Things are

Here the wild things are is a new hard cover coffee table style book that celebrates Melbourne's Wild Things: people who through boldness and uniqueness of vision are making an important contribution to the fabric of Melbourne. Its intention is to bring the magnificence of Melbourne and its people into focus, and to foster and engender a sense of pride and community. Some are widely known, others just emerging. It profiles Melburnians from all walks of life (and even includes some lawyers!) Examples include:

- Vernon Chalker – Gin Palace and local bon vivant
- Gideon Obarzanek – Artistic Director, Chunky Move
- Moira Rayner, lawyer, legal activist and former Equal Opportunity Commissioner
- Don Levy-Fitzpatrick – of Donlevy's in Albert Park in the 80's, the vision and force behind The George, and Dog's Bar and surrounding "precinct" in St Kilda
- Simon McGregor, founding member of the Pratt Foundation sponsored "Goodcompany", Convenor of the Victorian Wilderness Society, Victorian Barrister and local DJ
- Bettina Liano
- Natalie Bloom
- Guy Grossi of the Grossi Florentino
- Rev Tim Costello
- Justice George Hampel of the Supreme Court – instigator and leader of Advocacy training and development in Australia, Chair of the Australian Advocacy Institute...
- Felicity Hampel QC – President, Liberty Victoria, Deputy Convenor, Australian Republican Movement and founding member Australian Women Lawyers and Women Barristers Association, also active in the Australian Advocacy Institute.

Each Wild Thing is featured in a spectacular double spread designed by Gollings + Pidgeon, with accompanying text written by Justine Copley and features photography by renowned photographer, John Gollings. The book provides a medium through which Melbourne can reflect on its past and contemplate the



magnificence of its future. It praises our riches and our talents, increasing our sense of possibility. It engenders community and familiarity, forging a stronger Melbourne identity. It encourages others to excel, to be bold, to be brave. It is positivity every way you look at it. It may not be destined to be a best seller, but it is going to make Melbourne *feel* good.

About the Publisher: The book is published by *Cat Amongst the Pigeons* and will retail for \$59.95 each. *Cat Amongst the Pigeons* is a new

Melbourne independent publisher owned and operated by Justine Copley, also the book's author.

Justine is a 28 year old CBD resident who, a year ago, was motivated by a strong desire to reverse the tall poppy mentality and celebrate those people who are making an important contribution to the community. She gave up her day job as a lawyer with a large legal firm and started waiting on tables to get the business started. Her story is another tale in itself.

Here the wild things are is in store at most Melbourne book stores 6 December 1999. Copies may be ordered over the Internet at www.wildthings.com.au as of 30 October 1999.

