



Wally Capaldo wants to give away his Rosebud house. Picture: JASON SAMMON

## FREE HOUSE FOR THE TAKING

WALLY Capaldo is giving away the house he just bought, free of charge.

The only catch — takers would have to move the two-bedroom home off its Rosebud block.

The Melbourne man bought the 1970s house at 47 Hayes Ave last week, but all he really wanted was the property's 766sq m block of land.

The 58-year-old plans to build a new house there, but thought rather than demolish the existing home, he'd offer it to thrifty househunters.

He estimates moving the house, and clearing it of some

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asbestos, would cost about \$20,000 to \$30,000. The Croydon-based excavator is even willing to chip in \$5000 to help with the moving fee, as offloading the house would save him demolition costs.

"It's still a very, very cheap two-bedroom house," he said. "In this day and age, everything gets thrown away. There must be someone with a block of land who could do with a little house."

Interested parties have until December to take the house away — that's when Mr Capaldo wants to start

building his new Porter Davis-designed three-bedroom house on the site, just blocks from the beach.

And they'd be wise to get in quick, with an advertisement for the free house placed by Mr Capaldo on the Yarra Valley Noticeboard on Facebook already garnering "a lot of response".

Before Mr Capaldo snapped it up, the house was marketed by O'Brien Real Estate, Mornington, as a "fantastic little beachside gem" being offered for the first time since the 70s for \$385,000-plus.

# Our top unis for a job

## Regional students win

MONASH and Federation University graduates are the most likely in the state to land a job soon after leaving the classroom, a new survey of tertiary institutions has revealed.

Seventy per cent of graduates from those universities found fulltime work within four months, according to Good Education Group's *The Good Universities Guide 2017*.

They were followed by Deakin, La Trobe and Melbourne universities, all with 67 per cent employment, Swinburne with 64 per cent, RMIT with 62 per cent and Victoria University with 59 per cent.

In terms of median salary earned by graduates, Federation University topped the state at \$56,000.

Still, not one Victorian university received five stars for employment outcomes or salary to denote being within the top 20 per cent of Australian institutions.

Good Education Group head of product Ross White said results indicated there was more to graduate employment outcomes than met the eye.

"Location is a factor in

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graduate employment as much as the university itself," he said.

"Six of the eight universities that achieved five stars for overall employment are regional universities, which suggests that competition for jobs among metro graduates may be tougher and demand for graduates in some regional areas may be stronger."

Deakin and Federation universities claimed Victoria's highest ranking for overall quality of education experience, with 84 and 83 per cent of students satisfied, respectively.

Group chief executive Chris Lester said students should think about whether student experience or graduate outcomes are most important to them and consider all of their options.

Australia wide, The University of Western Australia had the highest median salary at \$63,000, and the University of Southern Queensland and Charles Sturt University jointly claimed the top employment rate of 84 per cent.

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## COUPLE IN SCRAP OVER CATS

AN American couple is going to court to get permission to keep the 12 cats in their refurbished home.

Debra and Harry Stonecipher haven't moved into the house they recently renovated, and won't until Baby, Dante, Duchess and the nine other indoor cats can come with them.

A Biltmore Forest pet ordinance limits domestic animals to three. In April, the Stoneciphers asked to have the ordinance waived but were refused, prompting the couple to file a lawsuit.

The couple said they opted to take legal action after receiving support from community members.

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