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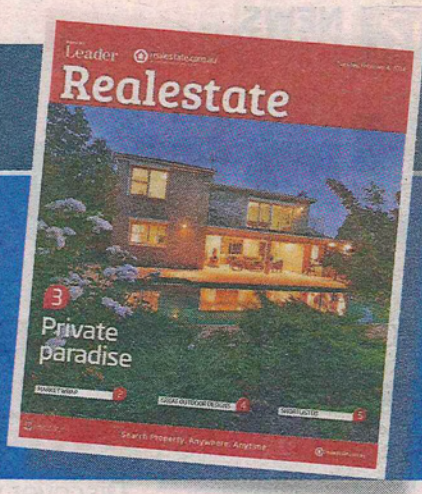

Mooing for the record

She's never lived on a farm and can't stomach milk, but Carol Tan has 3227 cows and counting. The Clayton collector is on track to break the Guinness World Record for the most cow-related items. REPORT PAGE 18

Picture: STEVE TANNER

NEWS

Deal reached on aged-care centres

A SEVEN-month process to sell Monash Gardens and Elizabeth Gardens aged-care facilities has ended with Monash Council voting to sell them to Royal Freemasons for $22 million. But Mayor Geoff Lake has rejected calls to use the proceeds to lower council rates. **PAGE 3**

NEWS

Tension grows on powerlines

WAVERLEY Park Estate residents are fed up with waiting to find out whether developer Mirvac will be forced to move high-tension powerlines underground. The six-month wait has sparked a blame game between Planning Minister Matthew Guy and Opposition Leader Daniel Andrews. **PAGE 5**

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Don't miss your free magazine

LOOK out for the *DUX* education magazine in today's edition. It tackles issues for concern for parents of primary and secondary students. **LIFTOUT**

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Acorns on their way to being Oaks

OAKLEIGH Cricket Club's talented under-15 team claimed the Victorian Sub-District Cricket Association's R.M. Hatch Shield last week. The Oaks' junior side, the Acorns, comfortably took care of Bayswater in the grand final at Noble Park. **PAGE 39**

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Carol will shoot for the moo

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CAROL Tan can't remember when or why she started collecting cows, but she's amassed enough to label her home Chateau De Moo.

It took Dr Tan nearly five months to photograph and catalogue her udderly enormous collection of bovine paraphernalia, with the help of family and friends.

Dr Tan submitted her collection to *The Australian Book of Records* in December. Once accepted, her aim is to then beat the Guiness World Record, set by American woman Denise Tubangui with 2429 cow-related items as of March 2011.

Her extensive collection includes cow soft toys, cow Babushka dolls, Swarovski crystal figurines and plates.

When Dr Tan opened a pop-up noodle shop, her logo was a purple "ninja cow".

Dr Tan, who teaches entrepreneurship at RMIT University, can't remember when she started collecting cows. Her mum said it was while shopping for a present for her brother, who was born in the Chinese Year of the Cow.

But Dr Tan said it began she first heard the phrase: "How now, brown cow?"

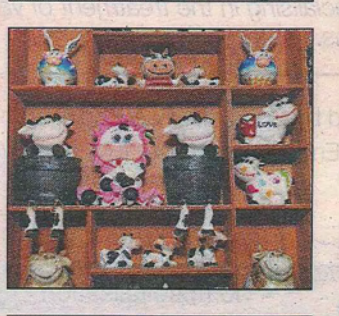
"After that, people started calling me 'cow' and I started calling people 'cow'," Dr Tan said.

"I know it's rude here in Australia but in that time I was in Malaysia, and then everyone was calling me 'cow', which was an endearing term for me."

Find out more about Dr Tan's collection at moomoolah.com

See a photo gallery of Dr Tan's collection at waverleyleader.com.au

Carol Tan hopes to snag a Guinness World Record for her huge collection of cow paraphernalia. Picture: STEVE TANNER



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Pawfect appeal

It costs more than $35,000 to raise a puppy to become a Seeing Eye Dog. This week, the Petbarn Foundation is kicking off an appeal to raise money for Seeing Eye Dogs Australia. The goal is to raise $105,000 by March 9, which will help train three dogs. Visit Petbarn in **Chadstone** or **Clayton** or go to petbarn.com.au/seeingeye dogs to donate.

Hearing check

Ashwood Discount Drug Store, with Australian Hearing, will hold a free hearing clinic on Monday, February 17. Hearing loss is common among elderly people, with one in two people aged over 60 suffering from the condition. Book at 380 Warrigal Rd, Ashwood.

Lovers' presents

Send a heart-shaped message this Valentine's Day with Ti Sento jewellery from Le Cadeau, Springvale Rd, **Glen Waverley**. Ti Sento's collection, including heart-shaped pendants, bangles and bracelets, is inspired by Milan catwalk fashions.

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