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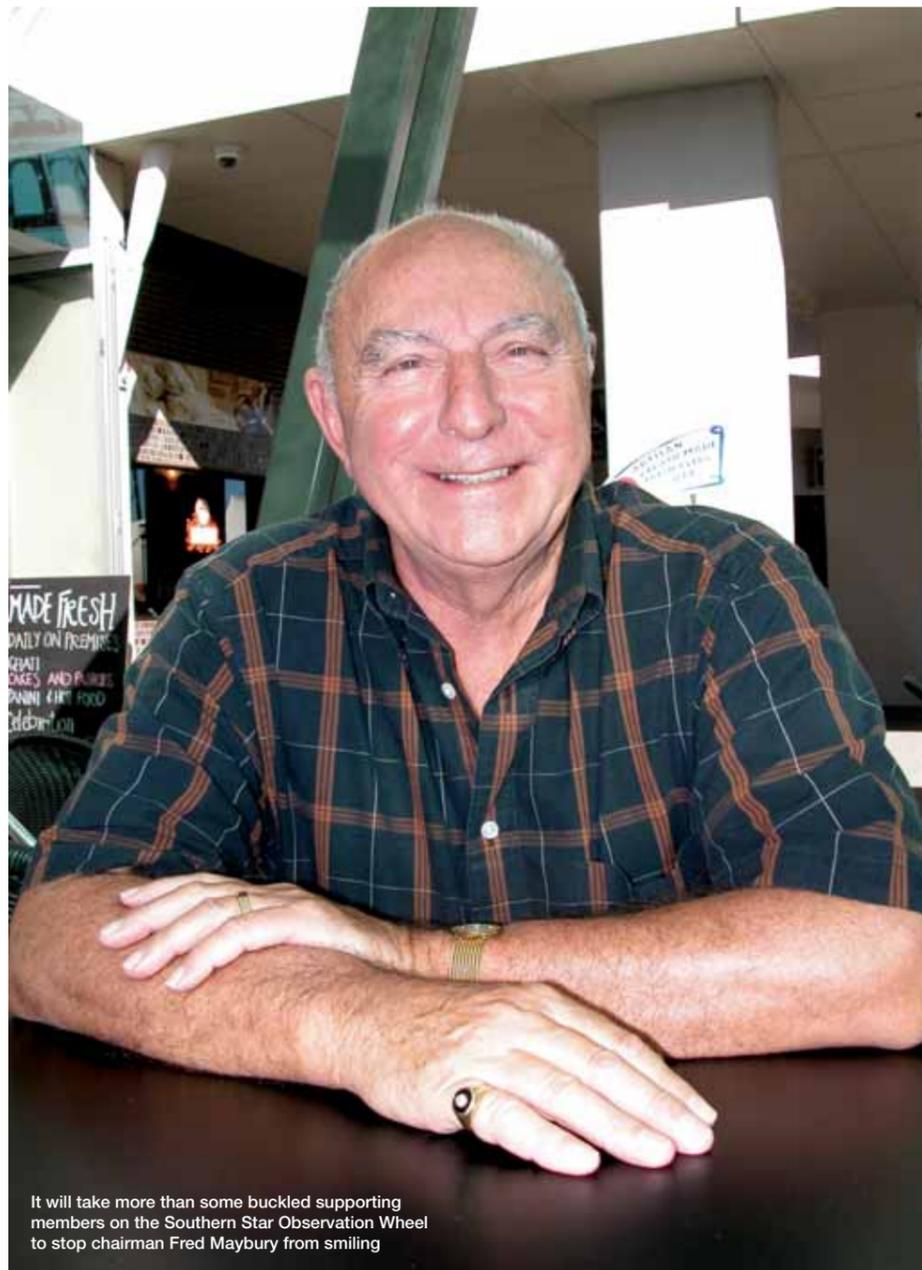
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It will take more than some buckled supporting members on the Southern Star Observation Wheel to stop chairman Fred Maybury from smiling

Heat wave stops Southern Star

By Shane Scanlan

If you think you've had some setbacks lately, spare a thought for Fred Maybury and his team at Docklands Southern Star Observation Wheel.

After a delayed opening, Melbourne's recent heatwave brought the 120 metre-tall monster to grinding halt.

"The excessive heat over the last few days has buckled some bracing members," Mr Maybury said in a public statement on January 30.

"The wheel has operated successfully and without issue since 20 December 2008, however a decision has been made not to operate the wheel until a full inspection can be undertaken and rectification work carried out. Wheel operations will recommence once this issue is resolved," he said.

As the DCN went to press Mr Maybury was awaiting an engineering report detailing the extent of the damage. It was not known when the wheel would be fixed.

A spokesman confirmed that Southern Star was in warranty discussions with the wheel's Japanese manufacturer Sanoyas Hishino Meisho.

Recently Mr Maybury shared with the DCN his frustrations over delays which prevented the wheel from opening on its announced date of November 28.

"It was a bloody nightmare," he said over coffee at Nina's after a mostly sleepless night.

Mr Maybury explained that the delay resulted from replacement of a wireless computer back-up control system. He said the wheel was built with a 2.4GHz system but this proved inadequate because of interference from other sources and the wheel itself was found to behave like a huge antenna.

A 5.8GHz system was eventually installed but this took some weeks to complete.

The chairman of Southern Star Management Group first had the idea of an observation wheel for Docklands when ING was preparing its original tender bid for Waterfront City.

Mr Maybury has a considerable background in major event marketing having successfully brought the World Expo to Brisbane in 1988, introduced Indi car racing to Queensland and was a driving force behind the success of the Gold Coast's theme parks.

He points out that the wheel represents Australia's largest single investment in tourism since Movie World opened in 1989.

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The wheel was originally planned to open in November 2005 to coincide with the Commonwealth Games but ING later decided to include the wheel as part of a second stage of development.

Southern Star owns the rights to promote and run the wheel, but the wheel itself is the property of ING Real Estate.

Mr Maybury said he was pleased with the number of visitors to the wheel. He said Docklands was achieving its destination status.

"Every day it is becoming more recognised in the local, interstate and international markets," he said.

He said 70 to 75 per cent of visitors to the wheel so far were Victorians but this proportion was expected to drop as interstate and international marketing efforts kicked in.

And he said Docklanders could soon expect to see the much anticipated spectacular LED lighting display which was currently being installed at night.

Special Doglands edition



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Pedestrians see red and green

Victoria Harbour pedestrians were reminded how to correctly cross the road by two theatrical characters late last year.

The red and green men were supplied by Lend Lease in an attempt to prevent further accidents at the intersection of Bourke St and Harbour Esplanade. Cars, trams, cyclists and pedestrians come together at the intersection.

Lend Lease's environment health and safety co-ordinator for public places Rodney Mounsey handed out safe crossing educational material and numerous police were in attendance to ensure the message was understood.

Red Man and Green Man are part of a City of Melbourne campaign to promote pedestrian safety.



Rotary Club is coming to Docklands



Rotary activist Ann White has formed Rotary Clubs in both Southbank and Yarraville and has now turned her considerable positive energy on Docklands.

Ms White, who runs a software business in South Melbourne, has had her eye on Docklands for some years now.

She assesses the precinct as now being sufficiently mature to successfully host its own service club and is running two

information evenings at Waterfront City.

The hour-long "interest meetings" are being held at 6.30pm on Tuesday, February 24 and Tuesday, March 10 at the Waterfront Room, Level 1, 427 Docklands Drive.

Ms White said a successful club had a mix of members. "Retired professionals are good to have. Executives, small business people and younger people who benefit from the experience are a good mix," she said.

She said the common experience of being in business bound members together and advised that Rotary International was only open to professional and business people.

She also warned not to view Rotary as a "networking opportunity". She said people who were not motivated to give something back to the community should save themselves the bother of applying.

"Business people with skills and talents acquired over many years often feel the need to give something back," she said.

Ms White said she wanted the new Docklands Rotary Club to charter by the middle of this year and that the new club would choose a project to work on straight away.

"Each club is autonomous and has the power to support those projects the members select as worthy of their time and efforts. This makes it very exciting as the charter members will decide the direction of the new club," she said.

"If you've been looking for a way to make some of your spare time useful and productive while meeting people who have similar values, Rotary may be the answer."

"It's always easier when working with a team of like-minded people to make significant changes. This world needs its best and brightest to give of themselves rather than just donate money."

She said a new Rotary Club opened somewhere in the world every 12 hours.

Ms White can be contacted on 0402 306 790 or ann@landmarksoftware.com.au.



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The Port of Melbourne Corporation is hosting three tours leaving from Boatman's Landing, Waterfront City by 10 am on February 21, 28 and March 7.

The hour-long tours will cruise the port areas and will be accompanied by commentary.

A spokesperson said the corporation had in previous years sponsored the Contempora sculpture festival but, as this event was not being held in 2009, decided on the boat tours as a way of contributing to the Docklands community.

The free tours will be conducted on the Pier 35-based The Magic and will be limited to 40 people per tour.

Children are welcome but must be accompanied by an adult. Proof of Docklands residency must be produced before boarding.

Bookings can be made on 1300 857 662.

Find us on Facebook

DCN has now established itself on the Facebook social networking site under the direction of Camilla Orr-Thompson.

With current events, local news and the most topical community issues, the page also provides a platform for Docklanders to actively contribute to public opinion.

The local community is welcome to upload photos relating to Docklands activities and events. We also welcome discussion on issues and stories that don't make the paper.

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The world's coolest boat, Earthrace, made a splash when she visited Docklands last month.

Skipper Pete Bethune explained that the primary purpose of the unique craft was to promote biodiesel fuels and build awareness of environmental issues.

Earthrace was sponsored to visit Docklands for the Skandia Invitational and the International Boat and Lifestyle Show.

While Earthrace was here, Mr Bethune demonstrated the craft to the media as an example of how bio-fuels could be a viable alternative to fossil fuels.

He said the only pollution from Earthrace was noise pollution and locals learned early in their stay at Waterfront City that the Earthrace crew love to party while in port.

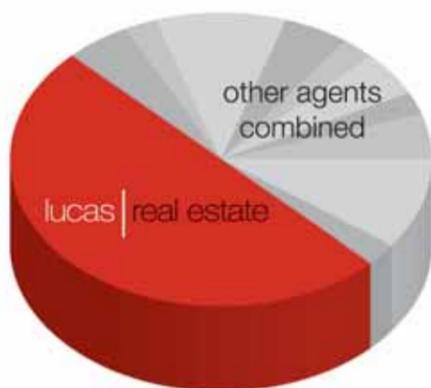
Last year Earthrace set a new world record for a powerboat circling the globe with a voyage that lasted 60 days, 23 hours and 49 minutes.

He said Docklands afforded great facilities for visiting boats and was pleased to hear about VicUrban's environmentally sustainable design principles.

"Beautiful waterfront developments like this are the best that the world has to offer," he said.

"It is incumbent on companies and individuals who live here to look after it."

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Meet Docklands' new man at the Town Hall



Meet Docklands' new man at the Town Hall, Cr Kevin Louey (left).

Cr Louey is the new chair of the Docklands Co-ordination Committee which comprises City of Melbourne and VicUrban representatives and is charged with guiding the development of Docklands.

He replaces Cr Peter Clarke who has been promoted to the chairmanship of the council's influential planning committee.

The 49-year-old East Melbourne father of twin teenage girls is trying life on political front line after working behind the scenes for seven years as former lord mayor John So's chief-of-staff.

He came to office late last year on the ticket of failed ALP lord mayoral hopeful Peter McMullin but says he has no party-political agenda.

Cr Louey is particularly interested in supporting Docklands' retailers who he believes are in for a rocky ride.

Councillor Louey said some councillors wanted to discontinue the city's free tourist shuttle bus which has only recently been extended to Docklands.

"In these times, it is important to spend more on marketing, not less," he said. "We need to get people down here."

He said he was interested in meeting local business people and hearing first hand what they wanted the City of Melbourne to do.

BMX Games

The Rockstar BMX Games were held at Docklands for the first time on Australia Day and according to the promoters were a huge success.

The competition, which showcases the best international freestyle BMX riders and the finest new-blood Aussie talent, attracted such pro riders such as Ryan Guettler, Cam White, Steve Mc Cann, Terry Adams and Dave Dillewaard.

The most exciting event of the weekend, the BackBones BMX King of Dirt, saw riders testing the limits by jumping the biggest dirt jumps Australia has ever seen.

Community speaks on liquor licensing issue

Booze, it seems, doesn't rule in Docklands according to the results of our latest online survey on liquor licensing.

In early January, the DCN published interim results of the survey through an electronic newsletter. At that time, the survey showed 70 per cent support for the Woolshed Pub's general 1 am liquor licence application for 1445 patrons (the subject of a story in our December/January edition).

Some 27 people had contributed to the survey at that time.

Since then, however, 121 people have had their say and the results have changed.

Support for the Woolshed Pub's application has dropped to 40.7 per cent with 55.9 per cent of respondents opposed. 3.4 per cent were undecided.

42 people felt strongly enough to leave additional comments. These comments are published in full on our website - www.docklandsnews.com.au.

On the other two questions in our survey, voting was:

Should all licences be restricted to 1am?
64.2 per cent "yes", 34.2 per cent "no" and 1.7 per cent uncertain; and

Are there too many liquor licences already issued in Docklands? 39.2 per cent "yes", 48.3 per cent "no" and 12.5 per cent uncertain.

Additional comments were also posted in the survey and these too are published in full on our website.

Docklands Community Association vice-chairman Roger Gardner said: "The poll result was gratifying for residents, especially given that the voting right was not limited to residents and was open to everybody including commercial interests."

"Whilst we as residents do not wish bar owners to have unsuccessful businesses, nevertheless we want to protect resident amenity and try and reduce the likelihood of anti-social behaviour.

"There are some 3000 residents in the immediate vicinity of NewQuay, Central

Pier and Victoria Harbour. Unfortunately we experience excessive noise from the venues, including from the people outside and to and from vehicles and public transport.

"Associated problems include yelling, swearing, urinating and vomiting, vandalism, horn blaring and hoon driving," he said.

The DCN approached the Woolshed Pub with the survey results offering an opportunity to comment. At the time of going to press, no response had been received.

This month's survey is on the new Dame Edna statue at Waterfront City. Have your say at www.docklandsnews.com.au/edna.

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Docklands' new **childcare centre** has opened

The Harbour has opened for business with more than half of the available spaces already taken at the Docklands' new childcare centre.

The state-of-the-art, 150-place centre in Seafarer Lane, Victoria Harbour, was officially opened on February 9 but the first children started attending on January 28.

The City of Melbourne-owned centre is being run by Gowrie Victoria.

Gowrie CEO Gilda Howard (*below*) said up to 300 families would be catered for at The Harbour Family and Children's Centre.

Ms Howard said that about half of enrolments were from people who either lived or worked in Docklands.

She said Gowrie and the City of Melbourne shared a common vision for the centre and this had resulted in an integrated approach to child and family wellbeing.

A maternal and child health service operates within the centre.

The centre features a "horseshoe" layout where all the children's rooms front a living playground, despite being located on top of the Victoria Harbour Safeway supermarket. Environmentally sensitive design principles ensure that the extensive garden is watered from harvested rain.

Dedicated light-filled art studios are designed to encourage maximum creativity.

The Harbour is also a teaching centre, as Gowrie is renowned as a leading educator of early childhood practitioners.

Ms Howard said the centre should be viewed as a community facility and that rooms and other spaces within the centre were available for community use.

Community groups wishing to hire facilities should contact Community Liaison Manager Catharine Hydron.

The centre can be contacted on 8624 1000.



Fit mums with bubs

The Docklands Mothers Fitness Club (DMFC) has started back for 2009 with its weekly hour-long fitness classes held by Pocket Rocket Productions trainer and Australia's highest ranked figure athlete, Sara 'Pocket Rocket' Picken-Brown.

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Bopha Devi

27 Rakaia Way, NewQuay

The Bopha Devi Cambodian restaurant and bar is a contemporary and stylish space, combining Asian sensibilities with exotic glamour. Order the mango cheeks kissed with chicken and prawn paste during summer. *Two serves \$18.*

Butcher's Grill

Pavilion 1, 439 Docklands Drive, Waterfront City

New arrival Butchers Grill Meat & Wine boasts a Mediterranean-style menu full of quality Victorian meat in two great locations, all cooked over an open fire grill. During summer, order the entrée-size handmade pork sausage that's been smoked for eight hours and cured. *Two serves for \$14.*

Melbourne Yacht Club Hotel

Waterfront City, Docklands

Located in Docklands thriving Waterfront City precinct, Melbourne Yacht Club Hotel offers two delicious summer serves.

Choose from a baked herb crusted springbay scallop in the half shell with kingfish ceviche & celeriac remoulade, or a steamed springbay mussel with tomato & olive ragout, garlic bread & red capsicum mayonnaise. *Two serves \$18.*

Fish Seafood Grill & Rotisserie

439 Docklands Drive, Waterfront City

Fish Seafood Grill & Rotisserie is bound to impress lovers of fresh seafood in a casual venue with floor to ceiling views of the harbour. Enjoy the salt and pepper calamari with lime aioli. *Two serves \$17.50.*

James Squire Brewhouse

439 Docklands Drive, Waterfront City

The James Squire Brewhouse & Restaurant is located at Waterfront City, Docklands with spectacular views that stretch from the city to the Bolte Bridge and beyond. Try the two for one Salt and Pepper Squid (entrée size), lightly fried and served on a rocket salad with citrus aioli, perfect with James Squire Pilsner. *Two serves \$15.*

Alumbra

Central Pier, Docklands

Situated at the end of Central Pier's historic runway and housed in a 1914 heritage-listed cargo shed, Alumbra is an authentic warehouse conversion with an opulent penthouse feel. Try the two for one Middle Eastern Gourmet BBQ, available Friday to Sunday between 4-9pm. *Two serves \$15.*

Vic Harbour Kitchen & Bar

70 NewQuay Promenade, Docklands

Vic Harbour Kitchen & Bar offers one of the best places to sit and take in the city waterfront scenery, with uninterrupted views across the water and a magnificent city skyline. Buy one entrée during summer and receive the second one free. *Prices from \$15.*

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Low rail bridge: Let the debate begin

Defend Our Docklands Or ... (DODO) convenor Michael Lindell has prepared the following series of points regarding the proposed low rail bridge in front of the Bolte Bridge.

Mr Lindell said in the absence of public debate, it was incumbent on the Port of Melbourne Corporation to either agree with or refute his claims.

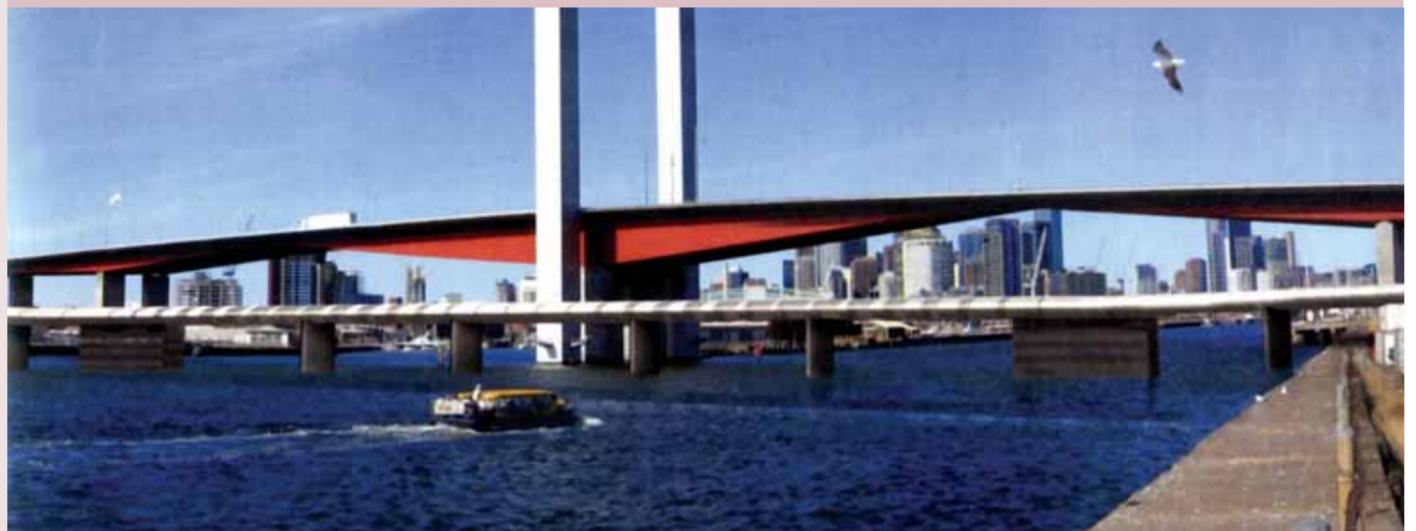
The Docklands Community News supports public debate on this issue and put Mr Lindell's claims to the corporation.

DODO has called interested Docklanders to a public meeting at Nina's restaurant (below the Southern Star Observation Wheel) at 5.30 pm on Wednesday, March 18.

The Docklands Community News put Mr Lindell's claims to The Port of Melbourne Corporation but it declined to respond.



Bridge open



Bridge closed

Artist's impression - Denton Corker Marshall - Architects

The State and Port of Melbourne Corporation (POMC) are committed to shifting container cargo from "road to rail".

The POMC preferred "low bridge" option has been designed by Denton Corker Marshall as an openable bridge.

Clearance below the bridge is 8 metres – This is 20 metres lower than the Bolte Bridge, which has 28 metres clearance.

It has been designed for up to 96 trains per day. Thus on a 24-hour operating cycle this means every 15 minutes.

At 96 trains per day it will carry 67 per cent of the Webb Dock container cargo in 2030.

The bridge has been designed for trains up to 2000m long, double loaded.

As a consequence of rail inclines and turning circles, all trains will travel very slowly.

No data is available about "train-generated" sound and vibration. No data is available about the "warning" system associated with the "opening" sections.

Watercraft waiting for the bridge to open may have to wait up to 30 minutes. Waiting craft will aggravate river and port congestion.

The proposed bridge will destroy the "buffer zone" originally recommended by MPC.

The bridge will not create 24/7 rail interactivity, a shallow tunnel will deliver 24/7 rail interactivity.

The bridge will significantly compromise watercraft movement on the river and within Victoria Harbour. A shallow tunnel will not compromise watercraft movement.

A bridge which will "open and close" up to 96 times/day is not a "logical" part of an intermodalism aspiration which promotes seamless interactivity.

The decision to select a "low bridge" must have been driven by capital cost expediency.

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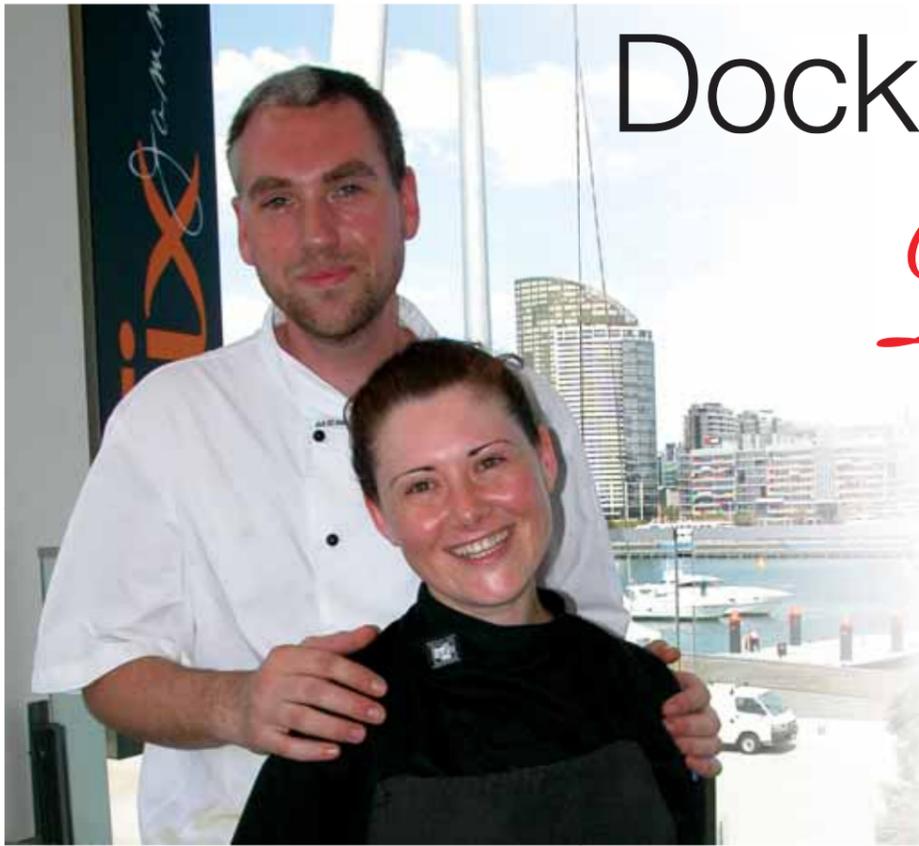
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Docklands Valentine

Docklands chefs Emily O'Keefe and Arjen Zeeman are tying the knot on February 22.

The 34-year-old couple work at Fix at Waterfront City and met a few years ago when Emily was sous chef in a South Melbourne hotel and was looking to recruit her fifth head chef in four months.

The romance that ensued within two weeks of Emily appointing Arjen has certainly taken care of the staff turnover problem!

The couple has spent the last 18 months travelling the world and it was in Genoa, Italy, where Arjen popped the question in April last year.

Despite Arjen being extremely nervous and forgetting to get down on bended knee, Emily said yes.

Docklands diners raise \$20,000 for StreetSmart

Docklands restaurants raised nearly \$20,000 in funds for StreetSmart during the 2008 campaign, which ran from November 10 to December 24.

Mecca Bah topped the Docklands list by raising over \$4000 for the charity, with Livebait coming in a close second.

StreetSmart's Adam Robinson was pleased with the results.

"StreetSmart gives the public an opportunity to support very small charities who do not

usually have the resources to fundraise," he said.

"The restaurants of Docklands promoted the StreetSmart cause enthusiastically, showing a wonderful community spirit in what are challenging times for us all."

"Their diners responded generously and these funds will go a long way in assisting the homeless in the local community."

"We will be announcing the results in March/April along with the projects we are supporting."

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Tom gets birthday of a lifetime

To a little boy with special needs and his family, this year's birthday held in Docklands will be one to remember for a long time.

Tom's family were victim to an online hoax that had promised a trip to Melbourne for Tom's third birthday. When long-time Docklands resident Hedy Orosz heard about their plight she was determined to organise something special for Tom's fourth birthday. And special it was.

Driving over from Adelaide with his parents Katy and Aaron and grandmothers Anne and Lyn, Tom who suffers from epilepsy, autism and cerebral palsy, was treated to a slap up lunch courtesy of Renzo at Renzo's and mum Katy had her first ever pedicure with Theresa at Orchid Nails.

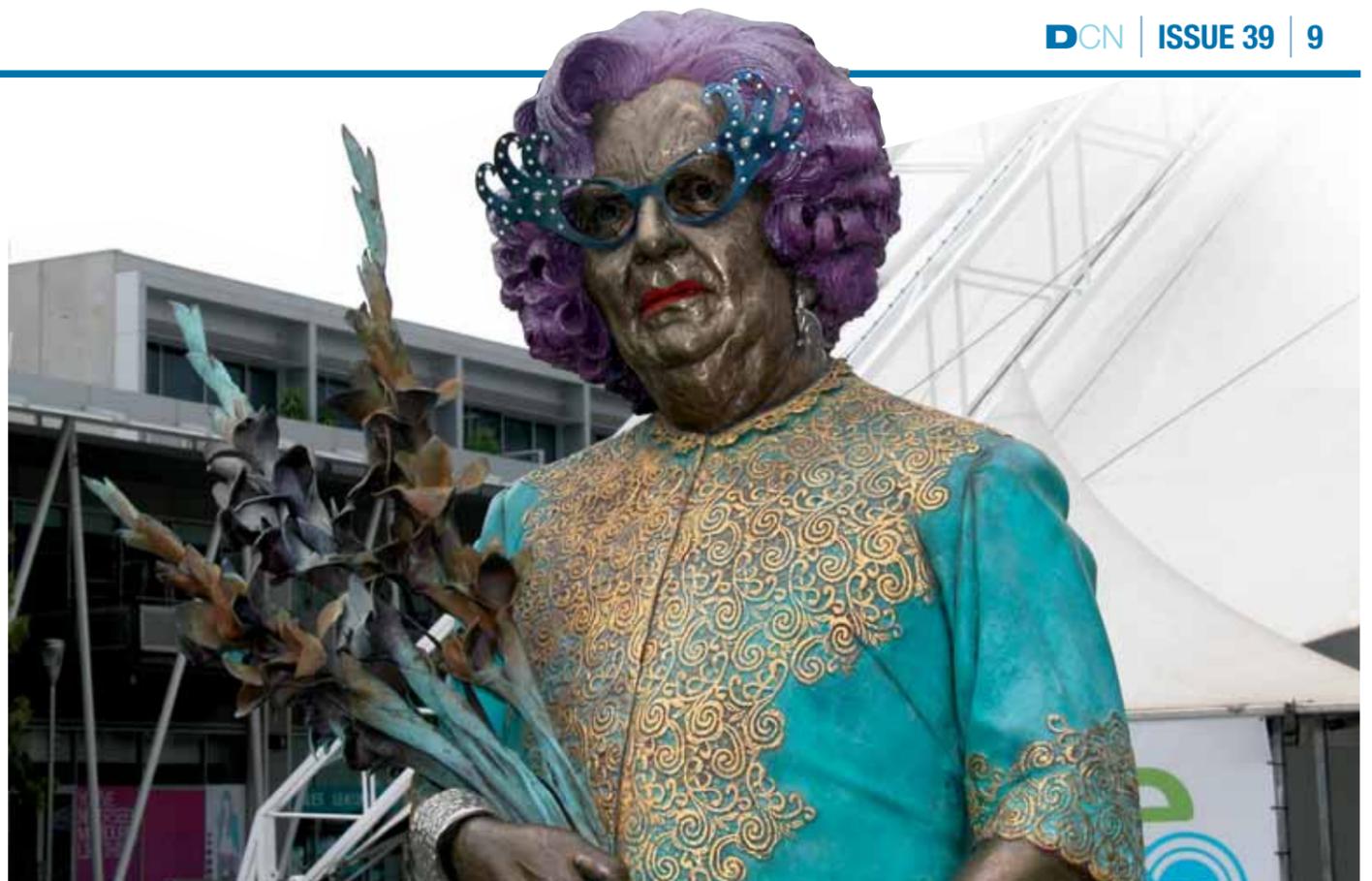
According to Anne, Katy had been a bit reluctant to try a pedicure, but is now a convert. "She now wants to save up and have them all the time," she said.

The highlight of the day though came via Michele Anderson and the Southern Star Observation Wheel, with the whole family getting a complimentary ride.

Of their Docklands experience Anne said: "We didn't know this was all here. It's fantastic. It's a hidden treasure."



About to go on the ride of his life, four-year-old Tom is with (from left to right) Docklands' Michele Anderson, grandmother Anne, dad Aaron, mum Katy, Docklands' Hedy Orosz, grandmother Lyn and Theresa from Orchid Nails.



Dame Edna is not amused

Dame Edna made her recent debut at Docklands, but like any "international celebrated megastar" she was in no hurry, keeping her fans waiting for two years.

With a facial expression not to the liking of original Dame Edna creator Barry Humphries causing the delay, the life size bronze tribute was finally unveiled at her new home in Waterfront City in January.

The gladii-holding figure, with trademark diamante glasses and alligator skin shoes joins statues of Graeme Kennedy, John Farnham, Dame Nellie Melba and Kylie Minogue. Sponsored by ING Real Estate, the five statues make up one third of Variety Australia's Entertainers of the Century project honouring Australia's greatest 100 performers.

Sculptor Peter Corlett, also well known for his *Sir Edward 'Weary' Dunlop* in St Kilda Rd, remains upbeat about the project despite Mr Humphries' disapproval.

"I did it from the point of view of celebrating Dame Edna and Barry Humphries' sense

of humour. I think he's a brilliant man and, although I do find Dame Edna a little cruel, that is also part of her charm."

According to Variety CEO, Norm Hutton, they had no direct contact with Mr Humphries during the project.

"Variety conceived the whole project and commissioned Peter Corlett to create an artistic interpretation of the subject, and we are very pleased with the results which people can now enjoy."

Mr Corlett said he believed Variety received word from Mr Humphries on the day the sculpture was finished that the project was not to proceed.

"So it sat in the studio for two years. Variety did offer Barry Humphries the opportunity to change the head, but he didn't turn up to the studio on the day it was arranged."

"I do prefer to work with the subject if possible. When making Graeme Kennedy his old colleagues, including Bert Newton, and Channel 9 were very co-operative. John Farnham came into the studio twice and I had a lot of contact with Kylie Minogue's manager, it was very collaborative.

"(The sculptures) all bring diversity and richness to the area. It lacks the history of places such as Chapel St or Brunswick St, so these help create and build that history," Mr Corlett said.

In true Dame Edna tradition the sculpture is also colourful with her green dress created with patination, her 2-Pac urethane painted purple hair, gold-leaf jewellery and nickel-plated shoes.

Mr Hutton said that the Entertainers of the Century project also encompasses "our own version of Hollywood Boulevard", with stars embedded in the concourse in Waterfront City and 6x2 metre mural, depicting each of the 100 entertainers.

February survey

What do you think of Peter Corlett's interpretation of Dame Edna?

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Amanda's angle



2009 has arrived in style at Docklands everyone is now back at work, looking fab and armed with resolutions.

I always have a list that is full of totally unreachable goals like, "look like Elle MacPherson by May", "loses some height", "drink less gin!" and of course exercise more and lose weight.

This year I decided not to put myself under this ridiculous pressure. If I needed to slim down I am sure I would be the first to notice! Then fate played its cruel hand.

I was walking along Boatman's Landing on a calm sunny day I could see my reflection ... what was that thing following me?

I stared at the water trying to figure it out and then I realised - Oh my god it was my bottom! Big enough to have its own reflection and to cast a shadow on my legs. I calmed down. It was the water playing tricks.

Then the next day I was travelling around Docklands with Shane collecting pictures and stories for the paper. We used the company vehicle. You might have seen our

moped! I realised that not only did the seat feel small but the rear tyre seemed to flatten and the bike struggled to pull us up hill!

Again, I convinced myself that it was not me. No, Shane had a big bum and took up the entire seat and the tyre was only soft because of the heat. I was still in denial.

It would take something big to get my attention. And then along came Pete Bethune from Earthrace, the boat that went round the world using fuel made from human fat. He and his crew underwent liposuction to produce 7 litres of biofuel.

After the interview I walked away. But as I did so I was conscious that the crew from Earthrace was staring at me. I smiled back cheekily with a knowing grin.

But then the horror of it sunk in. I'm sure they were looking at my bum and trying to figure out how many litres it was worth and whether they could get back to New Zealand on the biofuel it produced!

I have joined a gym. So your support is appreciated in my battle of the bum!

Living it up in Docklands

By Walter Wall

Life in Docklands has its ups and downs. In fact, sometimes it can literally drive you up the wall.

This is not a criticism of our community – rather it is an observation that most Docklanders depend on elevators to get to and from our homes. There is one attribute of Docklands that NO other suburb can claim – EVERY Docklands residential building has an elevator.

Daily travel in elevators is part of living in Docklands. As well as being a means to get to and from our apartments, it is where information is gathered, acquaintances are made, news is shared and relationships are maintained.

Since the average Docklander who has lived here for a few years has probably made something like 5000 elevator trips and in that time spent the equivalent of more than one continuous week in a lift, it is little wonder we all have stories about our elevator experiences.

For example, remember those earlier days when wind load would interrupt the lift services. A friend from a 19th floor NewQuay apartment told me about an afternoon when both lifts were inoperable and of the long climb home after an afternoon coffee.

Many NewQuay residents will recall Bruce, the little white dog who had a fall from an 8th floor Arkley balcony. Although he had one paw in doggie heaven Bruce made an unlikely but complete recovery to become part of Docklands folklore.

It is hoped that this column becomes a regular feature, and we invite you to share your elevator stories or your stories of living on high in Docklands. If you have a great tale, send it in to news@docklandsnews.com.au.

Fix wants your feedback

The new management at Waterfront City's Fix Bar wants Docklanders to tell them how they can "fix" the venue.

The new team wants to transform the sometimes-controversial venue into a place that local residents can enjoy.

Although the Showroom caters primarily for private functions and conferences, some of the plans for the Harbour View

Room include sophisticated speed-dating nights, quiz nights, comedy nights and live entertainment six times a week with soul/groove/jazz duos and trios and acoustic artists performing in a relaxed atmosphere.

Food will be tapas style and new luscious cocktails will be available. The management says they know they are heading in the right direction to create a great local lounge for the 30+ age group, but is seeking local input.

If you have some ideas of what you would like to have in a local venue, please email functions@fixdocklands.com.au and help them fix up Fix Docklands.

Free tickets to see Australia's newest international rising star, comic illusionist, PIP, at the venue during the Melbourne Comedy Festival will be awarded to the residents submitting the best ideas.

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LONG SECURE LEASE

Studio 1 Bath 1 Car

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This sensational 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment is superbly located in the Boyd building. Located on level 15 you can enjoy fabulous views overlooking New Quay Promenade, Port Phillip Bay, Victoria harbour and the marina below. Superb modern style kitchen with quality stainless steel appliances, large bench tops and ample storage. Floor to ceiling windows compliment the generous living/dining area leading to the outdoor balcony. Two generous bedrooms both with BIRs, large main bathroom offering shower over bath, and a separate Laundry.

Docklands 1505 / 5 Caravel Lane

STYLE, AMBIENCE & LOCATION

1 Bed 2 Bath 1 Car

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Presentation perfect with unrivalled panoramic views over the parks and gardens, this impressive 1 bedroom apartment on the 9th floor is the epitome of Docklands living. Capturing glorious western sun, this immaculate home enjoys open plan entertaining with a balcony and designer kitchen. Finished with marble bench tops, zoned heating/cooling, bathroom with bathtop and video intercom. It's pure excellence with its flawless presentation that is complete with lift access, and use of the pool, gym & BBQ facilities.

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Docklands 1308 / 8 McCrae Street

TERRIFIC CITY VIEWS

1 Bed 1 Study 1 Bath 1 Car

Price Private sale \$440,000
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An exceptional residence located in Flinders Wharf offers a lifestyle that is uncompromising in lavishness and quality. The apartment features an open plan living, gourmet kitchen with stainless steel appliances and stone bench tops. Its large bedroom, balcony, quality fixtures and finishes, this north facing home is bathed in light and a great sense of style and space day and night.

Docklands 516 / 60 Siddeley Street

WILL NOT LAST LONG

2 Bed 1 Bath 0 Car

Price Private sale \$380,000
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With unimpeded views of Victoria Harbour and the City, this spacious fully furnished two-bedroom apartment located on the doorstep of the vibrant Docklands restaurant precinct, offers approx 100 square-metre's of luxury living that will appeal to families and entertainers alike. Floor-to-ceiling panoramic windows bring the world inside however has the tranquility of a library. Functionality and design come together in the kitchen where the combination of generous cupboard space and quality European appliances.

Docklands 1303 / 5 Caravel Lane

STYLISH WITH FANTASTIC VIEWS

2 Bed 2 Bath 1 Car

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Here is a spectacular one bedroom apartment directly facing the water and Crown Casino that provides you with full convenience due to its great location. Flinders Wharf is situated at short walking distance to the CBD, Southern Cross Station, the Melbourne Crown Casino, Entertainment Centre and Melbourne's new Convention. Located less than 3 minutes drive from the freeway excess and the convenience of the Good Shed tram stop located right at the door step of the building. This apartment provides the excitement and convenience of inner city living with the intimacy of a village atmosphere.

Docklands 923 / 60 Siddeley Street

DIRECT WATERFRONT

1 Bed 1 Bath 1 Car

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This beautiful 5th floor apartment is located in the Village Docklands complex. Location is perfect with the water-front at your front door, restaurants, cafes and bars galore and minutes to the city centre and easy access to all Melbourne's free-ways. The apartment consists of 1 bedroom with BIR's, 1 bathroom, a hostess kitchen with stone bench tops, stainless steel appliances and dishwasher, an adjoining spacious living room which opens onto a large terrace perfect for entertaining. Other features include one secure car space and the use of a lovely outdoor BBQ area and swimming pool.

Docklands 511 / 8 McCrae Street

RESORT STYLE LIVING

1 Bed 1 Bath 1 Car

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Perfectly located on the North bank of the Yarra River is this impressive 6th floor apartment which is spacious, light filled and has an extremely functional floor plan. Consisting of 2 bedrooms and 1 large study (the master with walk through robe and private ensuite), a modern and stylish kitchen with stainless steel appliances, glass splash back, granite bench tops and plenty of storage. The lounge opens onto a large balcony overlooking the Yarra River and the bay and is perfect for entertaining family and friends before heading into the City for a night of fun.

Docklands 613 / 60 Siddeley Street

ON THE WATER

2 Bed 1 Study 2 Bath 1 Car

Price Private sale \$640,000
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Contact Glenn Donnelly



Presentation is perfect with unrivalled panoramic views over the water, this impressive 2 bedroom and 2 bathroom apartment on the 19th floor is the epitome of Docklands living. Capturing glorious sun, this immaculate home enjoys open plan entertaining with balcony terrace, designer kitchen/meals, hotel style main bedroom (BIRs & ensuite). Finished with stone bench tops, zoned heating/cooling, over 100 sqm of space, video intercom & 1 undercover car space. It's pure excellence with its flawless presentation that is complete with lift access, and use of the pool, gym & BBQ facilities.

Docklands 1905 / 39 Caravel Lane

WATER WITH CBD BACKDROP

2 Bed 2 Bath 1 Car

Price Private sale \$610,000
Inspect By appointment
Contact Glenn Donnelly



Perfectly located on the Northbank of the Yarra River is this impressive 12th floor apartment which is spacious, light filled and has an extremely functional floor plan. Consisting of 2 bedrooms (the master with walk through robe and private ensuite), a modern and stylish kitchen with stainless steel appliances, glass splash back, granite bench tops and inbuilt coffee machine and wine fridge. The lounge opens onto a large terrace which overlooks the Yarra River.

Docklands 1208 / 60 Siddeley Street

ENTERTAINERS DELIGHT

2 Bed 2 Bath 1 Car

Price Private sale \$630,000
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Our launch party was a humbling experience. In the midst of all the Christmas parties we managed to get over 160 people to attend. This is testament to all the goodwill that exists in Docklands.

Our large office, which was donated to us last year by Harbour Town, was filled with people eager to assist us in "changing the world".

Special thanks must go to the Rivers Group, whose fine restaurants spoiled us with lots of delicious food. We had lovely wines supplied by Zema Estate, carbon friendly beer from Lion Nathan topped with exotic vodka mixes from ASM Liquor.

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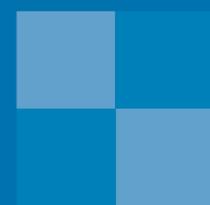
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Letters to the editor

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Dodgy figures

As a resident of Docklands I appreciate the DCN and think it is quite a good source of information.

However, the issues and the information needs to be accurate and reliable.

This does not seem to be the case regarding the article on page 3 in the November issue: re ... The Wheel ... and the associated figures quoted: ... "40,000 passengers are expected per day."

If each cabin accommodates 20 people and there are 21 cabins, one "load" is 420 people. If one divides 40,000 by 420 the number of trips are almost 100.

If one "trip" takes approx 30 minutes it means that the day requires 50 hours to accommodate the number of trips!

Even if there is a mistake of 10 to one, having 100 per cent loading for 5 hours appears to be a "dream" for the people running it.

If other [bus] people are starting to crunch figures for their businesses, they might base things on wrong assumptions if only 10 per cent "turn up".

Dieter Buchhorn

Oops. Yes Dieter the 40,000 figure resulted from some bad arithmetic on my part. Should be more like 4000. Well picked up.

Editor

Pat on the back

All Docklands residents should give Peter Henderson a big pat-on-the-back for objecting to the liquor licence application for The Woolshed Pub (DCN Issue 38). The waterside location is actually a very poor place for any licensed premises as all noise that comes from the building or crowd outside travels very easily over water and upward to residences.

Thank goodness the police and council are also objecting. What a pity Paul O'Halloran (Docklands Liquor Licensing Forum) and Michele Anderson (Docklands Community Association) are so out of touch.

Any licenced premises that causes detriment to the amenity of the surrounding area is breaking the law and the directors of the premises should be held to account.

A person's ability to enjoy their own home at any time of the day is paramount and has been under recognised in Docklands for too long.

Certainly the "developer friendly" behaviour of VicUrban has led to this situation also.

While Duncan Laidlaw (manager of The Woolshed) may lay claim to a responsible server of alcohol, he could depart tomorrow and a new owner may not be the same.

It's time residents got vocal - 1am is too late and 1445 people is too many!

W. Ramsey

Docklands address withheld

Owners denied vote

We own and operate a charter boat business in Melbourne.

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Last August the Government of Victoria passed a Local Government Amendment Elections Bill that excluded charter boat businesses from voting in the local council elections.

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Marina Notes

by Allan Cayzer, Manager Marina YE



Waterfront developments around the world such as what we are experiencing here in the Docklands have helped grow marinas and marina management to new levels of design, service and efficiency.

Billions of dollars have been invested and continue to be invested on major and minor waterfront developments featuring marinas both large and small.

From the resort marinas emerging in the Florida keys areas to waterfront

developments in Europe the accent today is on quality in all aspects of the marinas associated with the projects.

The docks themselves are becoming larger and more stable and able to accommodate larger vessels. Simple service pedestals that once contained a single 15 amp power outlet and garden tap are now required to supply not only the 15 amp outlet but also 3 phase power for anything up to 200 amps.

The increase in vessel sizes in marinas has led to a piping, cabling and ducting revolution with concepts such as in-berth fuelling and sewage pump-out, ever more powerful service pedestals with cable

TV and communication services and a greater dependency on computer-based communications, security and management systems.

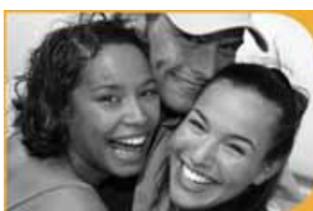
The management of the modern marina facilities has also undergone revolutionary changes with staff requiring constant training to meet the needs of this highly regulated and capital intensive industry.

There is a constant desire by marina managers to demonstrate that marinas and the environment are both complementary and compatible. This has seen the introduction of environmental management plans such as Clean Marinas Australia and

the Carbon Reduction Institute's Low Carbon Marina Program.

All of these issues are reflected in the Docklands marina developments as they keep pace with the world wide changes we experience today, none more so than the soon to be built extension to Marina YE at Mirvac's River Edge Development.

This extension will have berths starting from 18 metres in length, reflecting the demand for larger berths requiring every modern convenience. As Melbourne's Docklands leads the way with all of its many land-based activities the same can be said for its marina facilities.



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A FABULOUS EVENING...

Peer to Peer's last event was a unanimously described by all who came as "fabulous" and was the perfect way to wind up Peer to Peer for 2008.



Hosted by the Atlantic Group [V] On Site, who plied guests with their award-winning gourmet delights and the luxury super yacht Platinum, it was no wonder no-one wanted to disembark when the event wound up!

And we didn't make it easy as members and guests, including plenty of new faces, were pampered with massages by Spa Angels in between drinking, nibbling and enjoying the amazing sunset... networking is obviously harder than it looks!



February Event

Peer to Peer's upcoming event on February 26th is going to set the tone for an exciting schedule of monthly events in '09.

One of the most prevalent issues remains both companies and individuals becoming environmentally sustainable and, as much as the economic downturn is on everyone's minds, the focus needs to stay on maintaining a long-term vision for our relationship with the environment.

Held at Fix, a fantastic Docklands venue with some of the most amazing views in Melbourne, members and guests

will learn from guest speaker Pauline Walker, of PK Walker, how to go green by becoming carbon neutral.

Pauline is passionate and knowledgeable about the environment and has aligned herself with Carbon Community, who can assist with anything from an individual or company's commitment to go carbon neutral, to running carbon neutral events.

When: Thursday, 26th February
Time: 6.30-8pm
Where: Fix, Level 1, Suite 119/439 Docklands Drive, Waterfront City, Docklands

Cost: \$20 for members, \$35 for guests.

(An extra \$2.00 will be charged at the door to carbon offset the event)

RSVP by the 19th of February to rsvp@peertopeerclub.com.au

For more information call 0437 388 896 or go to peertopeerclub.com



Pauline Walker is an entrepreneur who has worked in the tourism and retail industries, created her own brand of leather accessories, men's and women's fashion using fine Australian wools, marketed and presented Broome pearls and mentored and coached young women entering the fashion industry.

Pauline is passionate about the environment and uses her knowledge to work with individuals and organisations establishing carbon reduction programs which are designed to accommodate everyone's unique awareness and understanding.

By applying a series of easy steps, and supporting those with education, coaching and mentoring, Pauline can lead you through a process of developing a sound understanding of how your actions can minimise the impact of climate change.



New businesses in Docklands

Docklands-based businesses wishing to be profiled in this section should email: news@docklandsnews.com.au

Man to the people



Harbour Town retailer Michael Kastis has been meeting plenty of interesting people since Man to Man opened late last year.

The 33-year-old bachelor says plenty of Docklanders have been visiting the menswear store.

"We've had an interesting mix," he said.

"About 50 per cent have been from Victoria and the same number from interstate and overseas."

"It's great meeting all these new people," he said.

And Michael himself is no stranger to international travel. The flamboyant retailer has travelled to Europe seven times in the last 10 years to catch up with relatives in the Greek Islands.

"In order to know who you are, you must first know where you come from," he said.

After his last trip in 2006, he was recruited by Man to Man from his role with a Highpoint menswear outlet where he had worked since he was 15.

He said there were 90 Man to Man stores Australia-wide.

"We're family-owned and Melbourne-based," he said. "We're constantly growing and our focus is on providing value."

He said Harbour Town offered more than just shopping.

"With our outdoor approach, entertainment, restaurants and bars, we are offering a lifestyle experience," he said.

One stop building shop



New Quay residents Ron and Kathy O'Neill are channelling their professional and general life experience into a new business aimed at making life easier for apartment owners.

The Condor couple have established One Apartment Maintenance. The O'Neills are offering a single point of contact for an almost exhaustive range of building-related services.

Ron has enjoyed a successful career in the building industry – both as a consultant commercial contracts manager and as a registered builder in his own right. Kathy administers a creative agency and has a talent and passion for interior design.

As apartment dwellers, the O'Neills know how frustrating it is to find, contact and co-ordinate tradespeople for repairs, renovations and maintenance. That's why they have established One Apartment Maintenance.

"It's not like renovating a house where you can leave a rubbish skip in the driveway," Rob said.

Kathy said: "From our end, it's really all about managing sub-contractors. People really just want to make one phone call and know that everything will be done professionally, promptly and reliably."

They are hoping to work directly with building managers but are also very interested in hearing from individual owners. They are starting in Docklands but hope to expand to the CBD, St Kilda Rd and Port Melbourne.

Ron said: "There are plenty of good tradesmen out there doing their bit. But few companies offer the complete package."

"Our work covers all trades and may include projects from total internal renovations, joinery installation, refurbishment and regular maintenance attendance."

One Apartment Maintenance can be contacted on **0458 111 100**.

It's Just Life

with Abby Crawford



Valentine's Day date tips

Valentine's Day is upon us and women everywhere are being reminded of their unattached status – meaning they have their eyes peeled for someone to spend this holy-dating day with. And guys, this is your chance to go for your Scarlett or Angelina.

Strap yourselves in boys, because I'm going to help you win over the girl of your dreams.

First and foremost, I need to let you in on a secret. To single women, the lead up to Valentine's Day is exciting, nerve-racking and most importantly gives us a reason to be as optimistic about love as Charlotte York.

This is the time to be approaching your starlet because even if you do make a small mistake (like high-fiving her when she agrees to go out with you) chances

are she'll let it slip in the sea of cherubs and hearts coming up to the sacred day. So even if in the past you have thought she's out of your league, give yourself a chance and ask her out for Valentine's Day!

The goal of Valentine's Day is to set yourself apart from her other suitors (and previous dates) and this is where I come in. By using these simple ideas you'll give yourself the best shot of reaching date number two.

Get the basics down – What's her favourite restaurant, wine, flower? Arranging the date around things that already make her happy means you've got the hardest thing (the enjoyment of the date) in the bag!

If you can't get the information out of her, call her friends. Ask them to dish the dirt and keep

the fact you asked a secret (they won't, but them telling her you asked will win you more brownie points).

Make a little compliment about the person she is. Women everywhere have heard the line "I think you're beautiful" or a slightly more slurred version of it. And while all women like to know they're beautiful we go weak at the knees when a guy notices something specific about who we are. So, tell her why you have chosen her and only her to be your valentine. And for a little extra, hold her hand while you say it.

Finally, once you've pulled off the date it's time to walk her to her front door. Here is where you lock in the next date. Firstly, use the tips in last month's column to give her a

melting kiss. Then, tell her how much you enjoyed the night, ask to see her again and go home.

Wait, you ask - no getting lucky on Valentine's Day? That's right boys. You need to pack the testosterone away and look at the bigger picture. You want this one to last so hold out for just a little longer. This will let her know that you actually care. If you don't believe me, follow my instructions and as you walk away from her home watch her float inside, not walk.

So gents, pluck up the courage to ask out the girl of your dreams. The lead up to Valentine's Day is your best chance so take it! Best of luck and happy Valentine's Day.



FACTS OF DOCKLANDS



Joe Yu, 34
Owner, Promenade Café,
Yarra's Edge

Joe has only been in Docklands for a few weeks but says it's "beautiful". "With more and more people coming, it is only going to get better," he said.



Desi Psomiadis, 33
Sales manager, Mono
Menswear, Harbour Town

Before joining Mono's Richmond store five months ago, Desi sold exotic cars. She says Docklands just keeps getting better.



Mark Harrison, 24
Camera operator, video editor
Non Breaking Space

Mark has worked in Docklands for a year now and says it feels like home. "Docklands is really coming along now," he said.



Kim Khanna, 26
Shop Assistant, Village
Docklands Convenience Store

The new convenience store is proving to be extremely convenient for the 190 apartments at Village Docklands and is one of the first signs of commerce in the precinct. Kim has been working in Docklands for about a month and loves its proximity to the CBD.



Shane Purss, 24
Business Development
Manager, AFL Photos

A self-confessed sports nut, Shane has landed the dream job here in Docklands. He left Shepparton for the big smoke a year ago and his work colleagues say he hasn't stopped smiling.



Jo Taylor
Marketing Manager –
Docklands, VicUrban

Welcome back Jo, who has just returned to her position after 10.5 months maternity leave after having her second child, Indi.



HE SAID WHAT?

By Guy Mason
Docklands Church Minister



Happy 2009 Docklands! Hope you are all doing exceptionally well, and are seeing some progress with your New Year resolutions.

In 2009 I plan to do something revolutionary: it's called listening. A preacher who listens? Surely not! Yes its true. The average Aussie bloke speaks about 7000 words a day (women 20,000 – no surprises there!). I estimate that on Sundays' (with both services now) I'm hitting close to the 25,000 mark!! Yikes.

To balance things out I plan to hit the streets of Docklands through the week to hear what you have to say. Yes that's right, armed with a question and a notepad you will see me in and around our great community listening to what you have to say about life, Docklands, God, spirituality, sex, relationships, church, sport, to name a few. I'm not great at listening, so just give me a nudge if I butt in!

As the pastor of the growing Docklands Church I'm really keen to breakdown some barriers and see bridges built in the community.

To this end I want to hear what your thoughts are so that we can continue to build a church that best serves Docklands.

So if you see me wondering around do come and say hi.

The topic for next month is – "The Economy". How are we feeling with the change in the economy? How do you see this impacting the local community? What do you think God thinks of it all? What's the best response in a time like this?

If you wish to post a topic for a month email info@docklandschurch.org.au

Until then, take care and God bless.

Guy Mason
Pastor – Docklands Church

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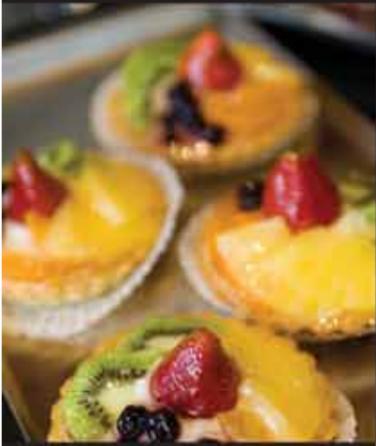
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Docklands Community Calendar

Date and time	Event	Venue and location	Description & contact details
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Every Tuesday at 6.30pm	Trivia Night	BCM, Waterfront City	Form a team and join the fun. Prizes and glory on offer.
Every Tuesday 5.30pm to 6.30pm	Kick Boxing	The Hub, 17 Waterview Walk	To book your place, email Kacey Chong at info@corporatetikboxing.com.au
Every Tuesday 7.30pm to 8.30pm	Yoga	The Hub, 17 Waterview Walk	Term 1 runs from February 3 until March 24 (eight sessions). \$132. Contact Nadine on 0450 634 589 for more details.
Every Wednesday 10.30am to 11.45 am	Off-Ramp café	The Hub, 17 Waterview Walk	Hosted by Docklands Church. Participants are encouraged to come and have conversations concerning issues that are relevant and important to their lives. All welcome. Morning tea provided.
Every Wednesday at 5.30pm	Community Walk	YMCA Docklands, Level 4, 100 Harbour Esplanade	In conjunction with the Heart Foundation, a great opportunity to meet new people, walk and talk.
Every Thursday 5.30pm to 6.30pm	Kick Boxing	The Hub, 17 Waterview Walk	To book your place, email Kacey Chong at info@corporatetikboxing.com.au
Every Friday at 12.30pm	Community Walk	YMCA Docklands, Level 4, 100 Harbour Esplanade	In conjunction with the Heart Foundation, a great opportunity to meet new people, walk and talk.
Every Friday 12.30pm to 1.30pm	Yoga	The Hub, 17 Waterview Walk	Term 1 runs from February 20 until March 21 (five sessions) - Cost \$80. Contact Nadine on 0450 634 589 for more details.
Every Sunday 10am – 4pm	Collector's Sunday Market	Waterfront City Docklands Drive	Discover treasures from the depths of some of Melbourne finest antique and pre-loved specialists, including art, jewellery, retro clothing, vintage books and car boot sales.
Every Sunday at 5pm	Salsa Dancing	Yarra's Edge Bar / Café	Free. Bring the family, the kids, the dog! All welcome.
First Wednesday of the month	Docklands Dinner Book Group	The Hub, 17 Waterview Walk	Sample a variety of restaurants in Docklands whilst discussing books with like-minded people. Contact CAE Book Groups at 9652 0620 or email bookgroups@cae.edu.au
First Wednesday of the month	Residents night	Alumbra, Central Pier	RSVP is essential. Please contact Mia via email at mia@alumbra.com.au or on 8623 9669 or or
Second and fourth Sundays of the month 11am to 3.30pm	Try Sailing	Docklands Yacht Club, Shed 2 North Wharf Rd	Try dinghy sailing on the magnificent Victoria Harbour
Until February 24	Summer Fun in the City	Various Docklands venues	For more information including a full program of events visit thatsmelbourne.com.au
Thursday, February 19 12-1pm	Free physiotherapy assessment	The Hub, 17 Waterview Walk	10 minute sessions from the staff at Back in Motion. Call 9670 1377 for queries.
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Give blood this year

2009 has been declared the Year of Giving Blood and that opportunity exists in Docklands this month.

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E-mail docklandstoastmasters@yahoo.com.au if you wish to speak to someone about coming, otherwise feel free just turn up on the night. Guests are always welcome.



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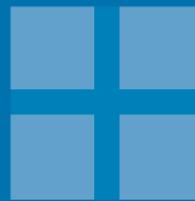
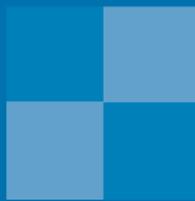
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Wild weather disrupts invitational

The Skandia Docklands Invitational was disrupted by wild winds with day two being postponed and eventually cancelled.

The two-day event on January 21 and 22 got off to a great start with people flocking to enjoy the free activities, which included Come Try Sailing and the radio-controlled yachts for the Audi One Metre Challenge.

However most were there to watch the Audi King of the Docklands, with close racing right in the heart of Victoria Harbour.

Three heats were staged between 6 and 9pm and the competition was tight, with three winners ready for the chance to compete in the final on Thursday evening.

The big yachts endured a solid day of racing for the invitational event, with Loki winning both races of the day. The crews enjoyed watching the King of the Docklands event and post race drinks at the Melbourne Yacht Club Hotel.

Day two however was a very different story, with strong winds forecast which postponed racing. Whilst racing was delayed crews sought refuge in the many

restaurants and bars at Waterfront City, patiently waiting for the wind to die down.

However, there was no such reprieve and the decision was made to cancel the whole day of racing.

With two wins from two races, Loki was declared the eventual winner of the Skandia Docklands Invitational and the Audi King of the Docklands event with only three heats staged was declared a non-event.

Channel Ten weatherman Mike Larkan, recording an afternoon weather cross from Docklands, described the adverse conditions as "unbelievably hot and windy with dust blowing down from the north west of Victoria" adding "it's too windy for sailing even if you're good because we've had gusts of 100km at Mt Dandenong and 60-80 out on the bay".

For more information and to watch a video wrap of the event visit www.docklandsinvitational.com.

Alma Doepel at home in Docklands

Long a familiar site around Port Philip Bay, but more recently at home in Port Macquarie NSW, the 105 year old Alma Doepel is now back in Melbourne and has taken up residence in Docklands for a major refit.

Built in 1903 in Bellingen NSW, the Alma Doepel is the last surviving coastal trader which, along with hundreds of others known as the "mosquito fleet", used to "buzz" up and down the coast servicing the smaller ports.

Since then she has led a colourful life including been commandeered by the army in WWII to ferry ammunition and troops to New Guinea, working as a jam trader and a limestone carrier.

Now, with the support of VicUrban, the City of Melbourne and Lend Lease the three-masted top-sail schooner is expected to be housed in Shed 2 Victoria Harbour for at least 12 months while she undergoes her transformation.

Owned by not-for-profit organisation Sail and Adventure Limited, company director Peter Harris said: "The company bought her in 1976, but she was just a hulk and it took till 1988 to fully refit her. She was ready in time for the bicentennial celebrations and was part of the tall ships fleet."

She then operated as a youth sail training ship for more than 10 years in Port Philip Bay, during which time Mr Harris estimates that around 50,000 people sailed on her. More recently she has been a floating, static exhibition in Port Macquarie.

"We now need to do an upgrade and refit. Unfortunately the board back in the late 90s

didn't do what they should have and she lost her commercial survey. With this refit we will have a return for survey, then it is important to have a planned maintenance program for the next 10 years."

While Docklands and the City of Melbourne are providing Alma Doepel with a berth free of charge and VicUrban is providing the shed, Lend Lease is working out how to get the ship into the shed.

"We need a shed big enough that can work as a community access and refit site. We want people to be able to come in find out about its history and see what's happening by providing ongoing education programs as the refit evolves," Mr Harris said.

Mr Harris estimates the refit will cost about \$1.5 million and, despite being ready to begin work within the next two months, Sail and Adventure is still looking for funding and further major sponsors as well as more volunteers.

"We are currently supported by about 200 volunteers, many of who sailed on her. But were also looking at providing opportunities for people from a range of other areas, such as young offenders programs, to get involved," he said.

Of course, the Alma Doepel is also available for private functions of up to around 150 people.

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