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ANZ workers for Docklands in October

ANZ will begin moving the first of 6500 staff into its new Docklands headquarters in October.

The bank expects to have all staff moved by next January when it can then begin to rationalise the number of its Melbourne properties from 13 to eight.

The building at 833 Collins Street, which is expected to reach practical completion in September, will be known as ANZ Centre. It will also serve as ANZ's registered office.

ANZ Group General Manager Property Jane Hamilton said: "In ANZ Centre, we have achieved two aims – the building is cost-effective and it creates a great work environment for our people which supports engagement and productivity."

"We didn't want a building that offended no one, but that nobody loved. ANZ Centre has quiet spaces, communal spaces and most importantly work spaces to suit a variety of tastes and work styles," she said.

"ANZ Centre has strong sustainability credentials, with black water recycling, rainwater harvesting, solar panels, wind turbines and an air-conditioning system that uses cool water from the Yarra River to reduce energy consumption. The building includes 500 bike racks and staff changing facilities," Ms Hamilton said.

On completion, ANZ Centre will be Australia's largest single-tenanted office building. It has 10 office floors, plus an upper ground floor that will be open to the public.

ANZ Centre was designed by Lend Lease design and HASSELL. Bovis Lend Lease is the project manager and builder. Jones Lang LaSalle will be responsible for ongoing building operations and facilities management.

At the peak of construction, Bovis Lend Lease will employ about 1000 subcontractors onsite, as well as about 70 of their own employees.

ANZ's building at 100 Queen Street is expected to house its Institutional Division and Private Bank.



Cirque turns it on for kids

The Mezzetti children Medvn, 9 and seven year old twins Otto and Finn were three of dozens of children who enjoyed Cirque de Soleil's 25th birthday party at Waterfront City on April 15.

The famous visitors to Docklands put on a series of events for children on April 15 and 16 including face painting, juggling displays and lessons in the circus arts.

Another 12 months to wait for wheel repair

Docklands will have to wait at least another 12 months before reaping any benefit from the Southern Star Observation Wheel.

The wheel is likely to be dismantled and will get new spokes – leaving the columns, hub and three-storey wheel building.

Southern Star chairman Fred Maybury said the decision to dismantle the wheel rather than attempt repairs onsite was favoured because it would not add any time to the process and deliver a superior result.

The \$100 million tourist attraction has been out of action since January when extreme heat was believed to have buckled bracing members.

Since then, it has been reported that poor design was to blame. The wheel's Japanese manufacturer Sanoyas Hishino Meisho is undertaking the repairs under warranty.

Mr Maybury said an offsite solution was favoured following "rigorous analysis by leading engineers from Japan, Australia and the United Kingdom".

"We are leaning towards partial replacement, rather than on-site repair, and are hoping to announce the final decision on the rectification methodology and program in the next two to four weeks," Mr Maybury said.

"If we pursue this option, the works will involve the removal of the existing cabins and wheel framing which will be replaced with newly fabricated spokes and rim leaving the columns, hub and three storey wheel building in place."

"We are committed to undertaking a rectification program that will deliver the best result, providing Melburnians and visitors with a world-class tourism attraction once more."

Docklands Chamber of Commerce President Keith Rankin said Harbour Town retailers who had negotiated favourable rental deals as a result of the Southern Star's problems would presumably carry on under the same arrangements.

"Harbour Town has to work with or without the wheel," he said.

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How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters in this grid?

All words must contain the centre letter.
 No proper nouns, foreign words or plurals ending in 's'.

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Target: 18 words - Excellent
 15 words - Very Good
 10 words - Good

Solution to be supplied in next issue

Solution from last edition

greyhound, hydrogen, hounder, roughed, roughen, dehorn, doughy, enough, gorhen, horned, hoyden, hunger, hungry, rehung, dough, hedgy, heron, honed, honer, honey, horde, horny, hound, huger, hydro, rough, herd, hern, hero, hoed, hoer, hone, hong, horn, hour, hued, huge, hung, ohed, undo, yodh, yogh.

Early birthday present for Tommy

Thomas Muscatello received an early birthday present last month and has hardly let go of his cavalier king charles spaniel puppy ever since.

Tommy turned four on May 7 but had been building a "best friend" relationship with Jack since before easter.

Parents Lisa and Vince had always thought that apartment living was incompatible with pet ownership until they visited friends in the US recently.

"They had a little chinchilla called Brutus and Tommy just spent all his time with him," Lisa said.

Brutus didn't smell or drop hair in their friends' apartment so they took the plunge when they returned to Australia.

"We work from home so the dog doesn't get left alone," Lisa said.

"It's good for us and it's good for the dog."

And Tommy's view? "I like dog," he said.



Pets Corner

This month the Docklands Community News introduces a Pets Corner Column to the paper. And we'd like to hear about your special relationship with your pet. Send your story to news@docklandsnews.com.au

\$1 million TV blitz for Docklands

In another effort to promote Docklands, a group of NewQuay and Waterfront City stakeholders is expecting to start a series of television advertisements next month.

According to restaurateur Lou Jovanovski, the group hopes to have \$1 million to spend to attract visitors during the quieter winter months.

He said six television commercials featuring different aspects of Docklands were already completed and airtime had been booked.

"They cover restaurants, retail, marina and family entertainment," he said.

"It's about location awareness and what's down there because I really feel that people really don't know enough about Docklands."

Mr Jovanovski said businesses which opted not to contribute would still benefit.

"In an ideal world we would get all the retailers from Harbour Town and on the water front down there involved," he said. "Some of them are going to get a free ride, but someone has to do it."

Mr Jovanovski's campaign will join the print ads and television campaign running as part of additional marketing efforts by ING Real Estate and Harbour Town retailers to draw visitation to the area.

VicUrban announced last edition it would extend its free shuttle service to the precinct and is also working on an access campaign. The City of Melbourne is also running an extensive Docklands brand campaign.

Meanwhile, a new marketing group for Docklands to ensure a united approach to marketing the precinct is adopted by all stakeholders, is moving closer to being formalised. Under the guidance of Tourism Victoria, a working group has been presenting its recommendations for how the group may work throughout April and May and hopes to report on details in next month's Docklands Community News.



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Violence shakes Docklands

A violent incident outside Watermark Bar last month has sent shivers through Docklands.

A security guard almost lost his thumb when a gang armed with baseball bats and machetes set upon him at 3.40 am on Sunday, April 12.

The thumb was surgically reattached at the Royal Melbourne Hospital.

Watermark Bar manager Nick Manias said the attack was unrelated to the bar which had closed at 3am.

He said a few staff members were sitting around chatting after work when the gang of 15 mostly Asian men emerged.

He said a rhythm and blues mixed-race function had been held and that rumours that an ethnically-specific event had precipitated the violence were not true.

He said police were not able to match anyone at the function with anyone in the gang.

"It was a totally random attack," he said. "They were just a gang of thugs."

Docklands Community Association president Roger Gardner said: "Apart from giving Docklands a bad name, this sort of occurrence is a threat to public and resident safety to say nothing of the personal harm to those involved."

"This latest episode also highlights the need for more police presence and security and adds to the call for greater controls to reign in the increase in drunken brawls and street violence."

May survey

Do you feel safe and what can be done about violence in our precinct?

Have your say in our online survey at www.docklandsnews.com.au/violence.

New railway line stirs local passions

The Port of Melbourne Corporation has stirred Docklands passions by laying a railway line beside Moonee Ponds from Footscray Rd to the river.

Concerned Docklanders contacted the Docklands Community News claiming that the feared low-rail bridge construction had started.

The Port of Melbourne Corporation says the rail line is part of the Dynon Port Rail Project which was designed to remove the Footscray Rd level crossing to improve existing traffic flow and rail access.

Because the new line falls outside the port's defined project area, the suspicion was that it was the start of the eight metre rail bridge which critics say will "choke" Docklands.

Defend our Docklands or ... (DODO) convenor Michael Lindell said he didn't believe the new line was part of the low rail bridge.

But he said Docklanders should not be complacent and he called on the City of Melbourne to condemn the proposal.

The City of Melbourne's official policy on this issue is to "support reinstatement of rail access to Webb Dock while wanting any associated river crossing to be sympathetic to the Docklands' residential and commercial amenity and to minimise impact on watercraft moving to and from Victoria Harbour."

In an interview with the Docklands Community News, Lord Mayor Robert Doyle admitted not being aware of the issue.

"I haven't done the hard work and the hard thinking on what my preference would be. My general rule would be to build infrastructure for the future not for the now. Sometimes the quick and the cheaper response is not the better one in the long term," he said.

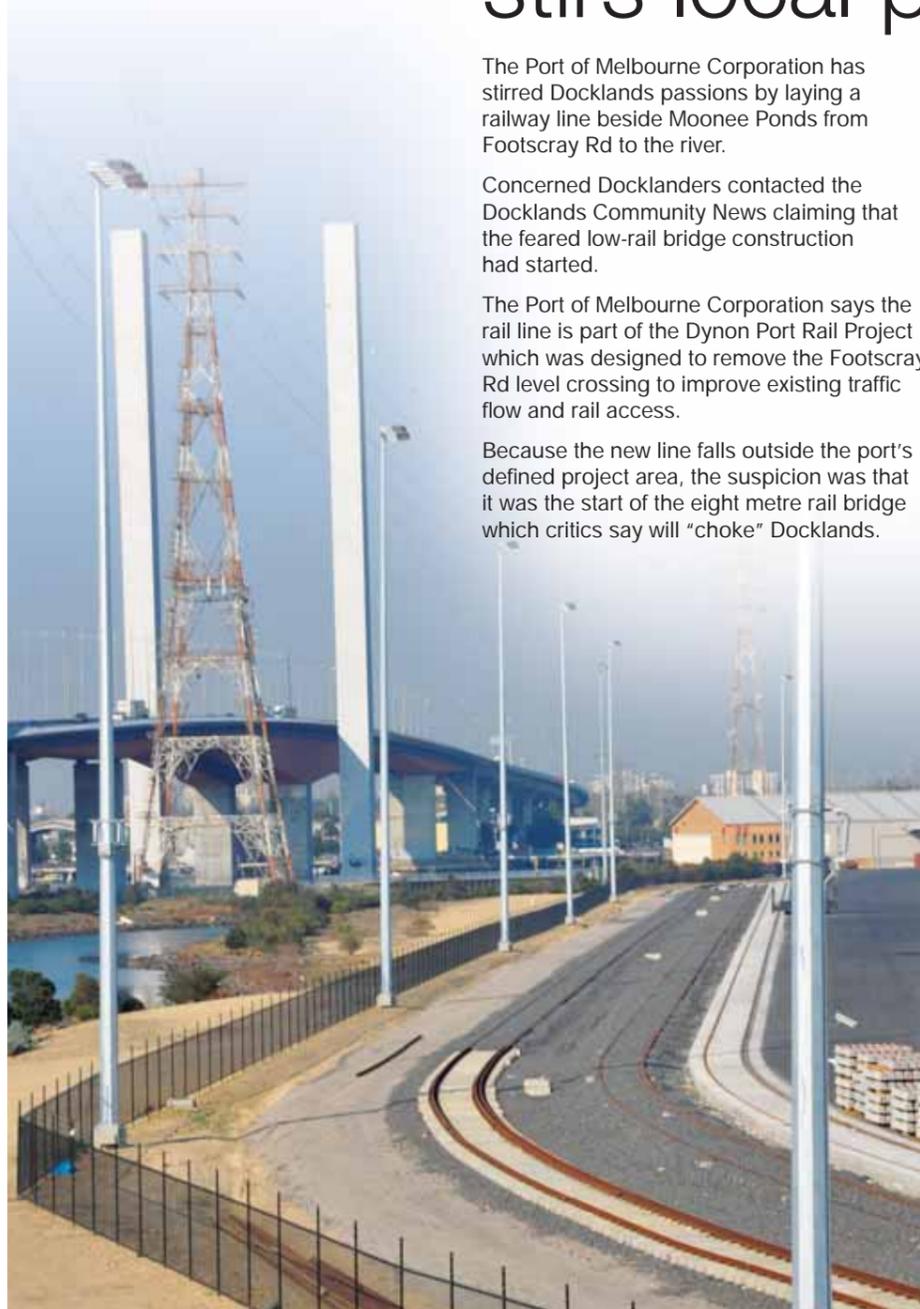
"I don't think we have a firm position," he said. "That whole aquatic marine culture I think is very important. I'd love to see some tour boats coming into Docklands. I tell you what a dream of mine would be, and that's for the Spirit of Tasmania to berth in Docklands."

In August 2007 the former Docklands and Major Projects Committee resolved that:

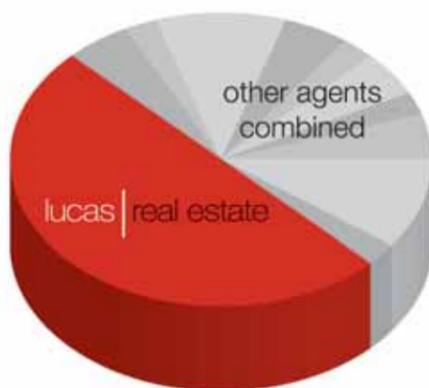
"The City of Melbourne host a public information meeting and seek support and involvement of the Port of Melbourne Corporation, on the Webb Dock Rail Link Environment Report, once it is released by the Port of Melbourne Corporation, to ensure that stakeholders are well informed of the technical issues associated with the proposal."

The Webb Dock Rail Link Environment Report has not yet been released.

DODO intends to organise a high level deputation of Docklands stakeholders and take its case to the Premier, John Brumby.



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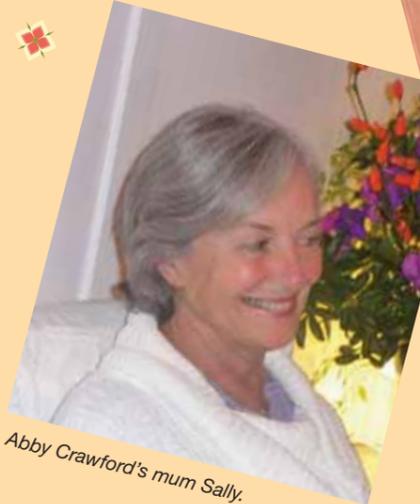
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The mums of Docklands

We all love our mums. And May 10 is their special day. Here is a photographic selection of some of the mums of Docklands.



Abby Crawford's mum Sally.



Brent Masters with his mum Jenneke and brother Will.



Hataem Saleh's mum Saba.



Glenn Donnelly with his mum Margaret.



Amanda Innes's mum Helen.

Docklands is alive

Docklands is not dead. That's what our April survey tells us.

In and almost complete reversal of The Age's survey asking the same question "Is Docklands more dead than alive?" 70 per cent of our respondents voted "no".

In March when The Age asked the same question, 79 per cent said "yes". The Age had 399 respondents. The DCN survey attracted 30 respondents.

Some 20 of our respondents left comments in response to the question "What you like to say in Docklands' defence?"

A snapshot of responses is:

- Where else can you moor your boat at your front door in Melbourne, have fantastic views, park your car on weekends and never need to drive?
- Docklands is alive and growing and is a fabulous place to live.
- It is unfair that our politicians, shock jocks and other assorted "experts" criticise an as-yet-to-be-completed masterpiece
- Who cares what outsiders think? I live here and I love it.
- People are ill-informed and don't understand the extent of growth and development.

All responses are published online at www.docklandsnews.com.au/defence.htm

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Melbourne Lord Mayor sticks to his guns

Lord Mayor Robert Doyle is unrepentant for sparking a round of “Docklands bashing” by the media in March.

Cr Doyle told the DCN it was important to be honest about Docklands and admit that some things had not worked.

He said it was crucial to raise in the minds of the statutory authorities the importance of getting Docklands right.

“We have had large scale developments that haven’t really worked and we have paid a social price for it,” he said.

“I think that there are two ways that you can look at things. You can have a ‘wagons in a circle’ approach and refuse to concede that there are any problems. Or you could have a much more ‘scales from the eyes’ approach and say here are some great things, here’s the exciting future, but here are the things that are not working that we have to focus on and fix.”

“Now I never believe in the negative without the positive. And I think both are necessary. But I do think we have to look at things very honestly and say ‘this works – why?’, ‘this doesn’t – why?’ I think both sides of the equation are necessary.”

He said the media tended to listen more to the negative side of what he was saying.

“It wasn’t meant to be an overall negative message,” he said. “It was about being a champion of Docklands.”

“I only want the best for Docklands because the best for Docklands is the best for the City of Melbourne and the best for the capital city.”

“I intend to be the fiercest advocate for Docklands and its champion in town hall. I would say that part of that is being very honest about the strengths and the short comings,” he said.

A transcript of the interview between the DCN and Cr Doyle can be found online at: www.docklandsnews.com.au/doyle.htm.

We have the vision – So let us plan, Doyle

Lord Mayor Robert Doyle believes the City of Melbourne should have planning powers over Docklands because the council was the only organisation with an overall view of Docklands and how it should integrate with the CBD.

“You actually need someone who has their eye on the whole ball. And, really, we are the only people who have that,” he said in an interview with the DCN.

“Not just of the individual developments in Docklands, not just of Docklands as a whole, but Docklands as integrated into the CBD, with its suburban neighbours, with the newer suburb of E-Gate which will be developed in time,” he said. “We are the ones who have the balcony view of all of that.”

He said the council had world-class planners and should be involved early on in the development process.

“We would like a seat at that table. Not so that we can impose ourselves but so that we can be part of the organic growth of Docklands,” he said.

He said the council would do a better job than VicUrban in the area of “fine grain community planning”.

“We’re very good at making it more human scale,” he said. “Docklands has to work not just on a vertical scale it also has to work on

the horizontal. And I think that the City of Melbourne and the people that we have here are world renowned at creating that human scale.”

VicUrban’s General Manager Docklands and Major Projects, Michael Hynes, said in a project of such size and significance, there were important roles for both local and state government to play.

“VicUrban, the State Government and the City of Melbourne all share the same vision for Docklands – making it a vibrant and diverse community integrated with the CBD that is the best place it can be,” he said.

He said the City of Melbourne was currently consulted in all design and planning matters.

“In council’s role as municipal authority for Docklands, it has important responsibilities for the community, its facilities, infrastructure, maintenance and governance,” he said.

But Cr Doyle said the current consultation was discretionary.

“At the moment we are not a referring authority,” he said. “We do not need to be consulted at any point and, unfortunately, some time ago now, the history was we weren’t and our advice was ignored.”

“More recently our advice has been sought and acted upon and we think we’ve got some very good results as a direct outcome from being involved in the process.”

A transcript of the complete interview between the DCN and Cr Doyle can be found online at

www.docklandsnews.com.au/doyle.htm.



New pic for Tower 1

Mirvac has installed a new photographic billboard on Tower 1 at Yarra’s Edge as part of its ongoing urban arts program.

The new work is by renowned Australian photographer Narelle Autio and is from her series “Not of This Earth”. Titled, Untitled #15, the image was taken by Autio as she hung upside down through the guard rails of Sydney’s iconic Harbour Bridge and photographed the parklands below.

Autio’s image of people lying, lunching and playing on the grass forms an elegant snapshot of humanity. These spontaneous moments seem incredibly still but also full of life. Contemporary urban life seems viewed from afar - not of this earth.

Narelle said: “The image displays a coveted moment in time; a candid, seemingly unobserved, precious, brief moment in life.

From the height of the bridge the people who have flung their bodies onto the grass in relaxation, in exhaustion or in worship of a beautiful day, look as though they might have fallen from heaven.”

“In watching people spend time with friends, families and lovers, unobserved and therefore uninhibited, I feel a sense of freedom and spirit that is not bound and strangled by the confines of everyday worries.”

Autio’s work is the latest in the Yarra’s Edge Urban Art program, which was chosen through an independent panel of specialist art curators in conjunction with Mirvac. As part of this program, the billboard on Tower 1 (60 Lorimer Street) exhibits a new static image every 12 months and has been dedicated to contemporary Australian photographic art.

The current image is the seventh installed to date.



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Little by little for Docklands Rotary

Dockland's fledgling Rotary Club is inching closer to becoming chartered with 12 signed-up members as of late last month.

Club "mid-wife" Ann White said 20 people seemed to be the magical number when those who had been sitting back to wait and see became emboldened and finally submitted an application.

At its April 21 meeting at Moored, Waterfront City, the club was addressed by Laverton resident Barbara Irving who organised a camp for 54 bushfire-affected children following the Black Saturday disaster.

Barbara intends to repeat the feat in June and

is seeking assistance in sourcing Manchester, toiletries, games, toys and other items that the children will take home with them. She can be contacted on 0412 867 931.

The club meets formally every fortnight, with a "happy hour" social meeting every other Tuesday night. The next happy hour will be held on May 12 from 6.30 to 7.30 at Watermark Bar, Victoria Harbour.

For further information about the club, Ms White can be contacted on 0402 306 790.



Participants from the Docklands Rotary Club's April 21 meeting at Moored.

New DCA president, putting things "back on track"

By Sarah Murray

Following a period of resignations and a reshuffling of responsibilities within the Docklands Community Association (DCA), Arkley resident and chair of the Arkley Owners Corporation, Roger Gardner, has now taken up the mantle as its new president.

Roger has lived in Docklands for over four years with his wife Mary and son Matthew, and has a long history of community and local service, including being a former mayor of the City of Essendon.

With tensions within the association coming to a head over issues such as the Woolshed Pub, Mr Gardner said: "There has been controversy within and surrounding the DCA over the last couple of years relating to personalities and issues handling, which have caused committee members to resign. I am out to redress that and bring things back on track."

A motion at the March DCA meeting saw an attempt to refocus the association away from political advocacy toward providing social activities and as a conduit for resident information across the Docklands community. Despite this, an amendment ensuring the DCA will "continue to represent



residents on ordinary issues and liaise with authorities accordingly" was passed.

Mr Gardner said: "Docklands needs and will continue to have an active community association in terms of both social activities and in representing residents on general issues, just as such associations do in other areas."

"We feel that residents have come a poor second to development, with developers primarily interested in building and authorities primarily interested in promotion of business and tourism."

"People however are not happy with the lack of amenity, some issues that come to

mind are dangerous bicycle riding, adequacy of parks and public open space, event management, noise and public parking."

According to Mr Gardner, one of the problems is that no one knows when events are to be held in Docklands.

"There's no forewarning, so you can be woken by loud hailers or walk out of your building and trip over some promotion. While these events promote the participants, business and tourism, it is time that their impact on local amenity is properly considered," he said.

Following discussions with the Melbourne City Council, Etihad Stadium, ING, MAB and others, Roger hopes that this problem will be alleviated with some new systems currently being put in place including resident notification and guidelines for event organisers. He says the DCA will keep it under review.

While seeing an important role for the DCA on local issues he does draw the line when it comes to issues that have wider impact.

"Unlike local issues, we don't know how

residents really feel. This could be handled by a special interest group and maybe the DCA has a representative on that group, but we couldn't speak without knowing residents' views," he said.

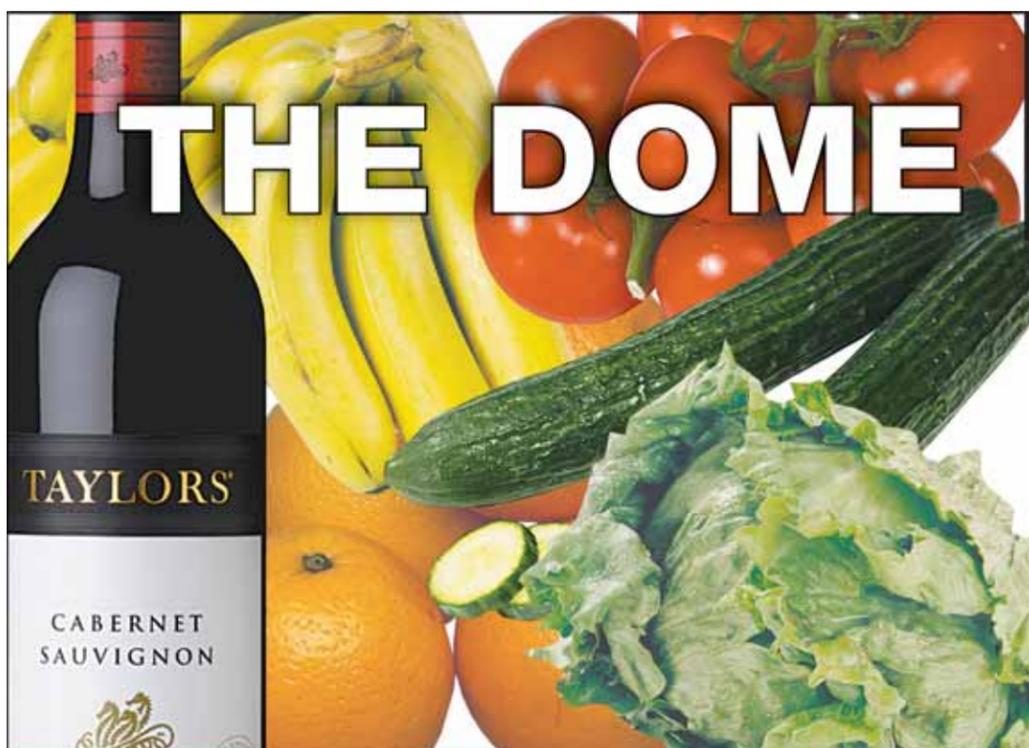
Mr Gardner agreed that Lord Mayor Robert Doyle's recent controversial assessment of the Docklands area really touched a raw nerve with people in the area.

"Whilst he was over the top, let's face it, it is rather soulless in parts, which has resulted from uncoordinated commercial development. We do need attention given to a number of things," he said.

Despite his ambitions for humanising Docklands, Mr Gardner knows that the current DCA committee and small number of active members can't do it all.

A new social committee promises to get going with events. To get things rolling, a "meet and greet residents" night will be held at the Hub from 7.30pm on Thursday, June 18.

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Art makes a splash



A display of local artists' works at The Hub last month shows that art is alive and well in the Docklands.

Some 12 local artists took part in Art Splash which ran from March 29 until April 17.

Organised by the City of Melbourne, the exhibition has had a lasting benefit of bringing the artists together.

The exhibition ran with a marketing strap line of "harbouring local art at Docklands".

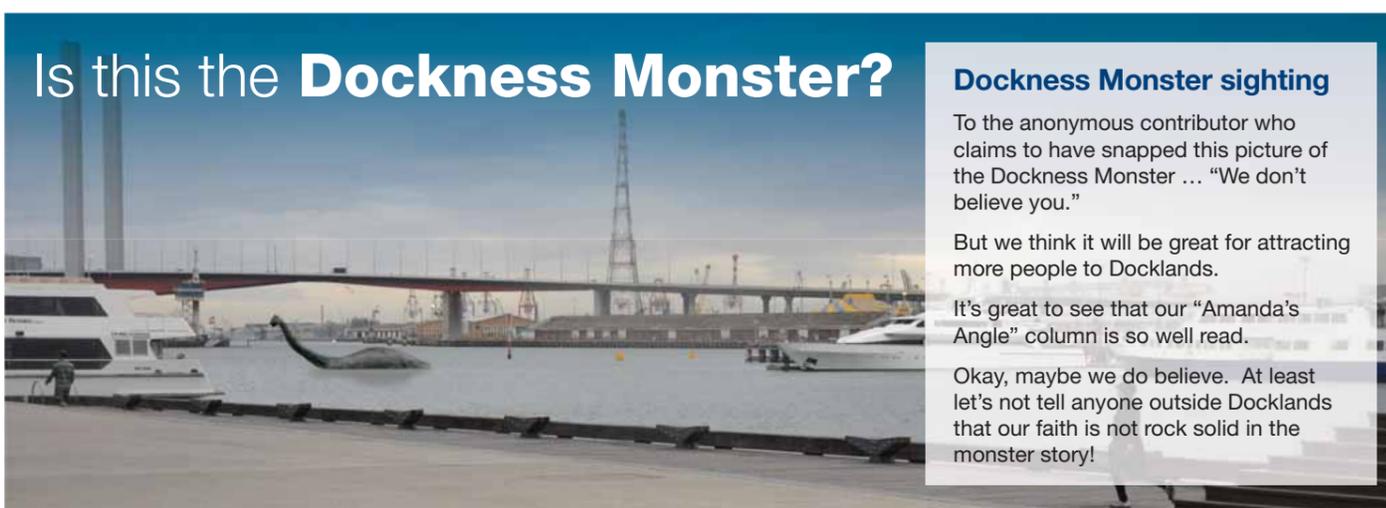
Artists Cobien Watts (*pictured left*) and Jane Morrison said the co-operation and harmony between (*right*) the participants when they first hung their works was incredible.

They said the artists intuitively worked together to create the exhibition without the need for formal direction or instruction.

Cobien is a painter who works in acrylic with wax on canvas and has been painting for the last eight years.

Jane is a photographer and has a permanent exhibition of Docklands images at City Residential Real Estate, North Wharf.

The participating artists were: Sally Davis, Melanie Tsio, Cobien Watts, Helen Richardson-Collins, Alf Hickey, Vivianne Arcuri, Joel Robinson, Rhonda Favaloro, Linda Holland, Barbara Rowe, Gillian Castellino and Jane Morrison.



Is this the Dockness Monster?

Dockness Monster sighting

To the anonymous contributor who claims to have snapped this picture of the Dockness Monster ... "We don't believe you."

But we think it will be great for attracting more people to Docklands.

It's great to see that our "Amanda's Angle" column is so well read.

Okay, maybe we do believe. At least let's not tell anyone outside Docklands that our faith is not rock solid in the monster story!

Amanda challenges Docklands cyclists



Calling all Docklands cyclists, Docklands Community News advertising director Amanda Innes challenges you to race her from Mornington to Docklands on Saturday, June 13.

Did we mention that she will be driving an Audi A5? Top Gear said of this car: "The Audi A5 is a great car. Slightly divisive looks, but a great drive and superb engines make for a fantastic cruiser. Almost too quiet for some".

But to make it fair, Amanda will be driving the long-way around. She will take the car through Sorrento, across the ferry and back to Docklands via Geelong.

All the cyclists have to do is point their bikes north and start peddling home. Bike Force at Harbour Town will be co-ordinating the cyclists who will ride in Bike Force kit on the day.

DCN editor and cyclist Shane Scanlan has boasted that he can beat the A5 on his bike.

"Amanda may have all that mechanical muscle to assist her but she won't stand a chance against pedal power," he said. "If she beats me back I'll jump into Victoria Harbour."

Amanda responded: "Unless he wears his undies on the outside, I'd say Shane is dreaming."

Cyclists wishing to take the challenge should speak Matt Gordin at Bike Force Docklands on 9602 3200 by May 30 if they want to wear Bike Force kit.

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Wharf wars

There was tension in the Waterfront City Marina last month when restaurateur Lou Jovanovski berthed his Rivers Restaurant vessel Voyager at the commercial mooring for several days and refused to leave.

The City of Melbourne placed an illegal berthing notice on the vessel on April 22 and threatened to issue a fine if it wasn't moved. The vessel was moved the next day.

Mr Jovanovski said he was frustrated that after three years of talking with the authorities, he was still not allowed to berth at the marina.

"What's the point of having a marina without boats in it?" he said.

He said he had spoken to the Lord Mayor about the situation and had received a sympathetic response.

He said \$20 million had been spent on the marina, but bureaucratic red tape was preventing it from being properly used.

Mr Jovanovski said he was not looking for a fight with the council but that council officers were holding Docklands back.

Children and families – have your say in May!

The City of Melbourne is developing its next four-year plan for families with children aged up to 12 years and wants to hear from Docklands residents.

Whether you want to comment on child care, education, spaces for play and recreation, transport, health or immunisation - or any issue affecting families and children aged up to 12, the council would like to hear your views via an online survey at www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/families.

The council is also developing a children's plan, with the help of children aged two to 14 who are living, studying in or visiting the City of Melbourne.

Researchers from the University of Melbourne's Centre for Equity and Innovation in Early Childhood will be asking children in schools, early childhood services, recreation facilities and public spaces for their views and ideas.



Sara is still number one

Docklands body builder Sara Picken-Brown has been busy defending her standing as the highest ranked figure athlete in Australia.

"I have just competed in two of the most prestigious bodybuilding competitions in Australia," she said.

"I am excited to say I now hold the IFBB Australasian Figure Champion title and IFBB Elite Championship Figure Title," she said.

She said the best of the best from across Australia recently competed in

Perth and she achieved first placing in both events.

"I have now been invited to represent Australia at the Arnold Schwarzenegger Classic in the US next year," she said.

"Prior to that I am competing at the Elite Championships in Auckland New Zealand."

VCAT to hear dispute

The Woolshed Pub liquor licence matter will be heard by the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal on July 13.

It is almost a year now since the owners of the Woolshed Pub on Central Pier applied for a general liquor licence for 1445 patrons.

The Director of Liquor Licensing Sue Maclellan knocked back their application in January, but the owners appealed to VCAT.

The application is opposed by the City Council, Victoria Police and some residents.

Four days have been set aside for the hearing.

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Smart move.



Beware of discounting, says retail expert

Retail expert Steve Ogden-Barnes advised Docklands businesses against discounting when he addressed a Docklands Chamber of Commerce breakfast on April 28.

He said there were plenty of other avenues available to survive hard times.

Mr Ogden-Barnes, the program director of the Australian Centre for Retail Studies at Monash University said businesses shouldn't confuse promotion for discounting.

He said promotion meant drawing attention to yourself but cheap prices was only one avenue.

Mr Ogden-Barnes presented current overseas retail trends and outlined what the modern consumer was looking for.

"I would encourage you all to work smarter, not harder," he said.

He said 10 per cent of retail turnover came from only two per cent of customers and, if identified and engaged, these customers alone could see a business through the current downturn.

He identified a number of success strategies including: an appropriate online presence; tapping into "green" sentiment; "bundling value"; and working on backend back end systems.



Steve Ogden-Barnes ... he advised Docklands businesses against discounting

"Consumers simply want more help in meeting their expectations," he said.

The Chamber of Commerce intends to hold more breakfast meetings.

Sustainable future from chemical spill

A chemical spill in the Port of Melbourne in 2007 will fund the establishment of a new community garden in Docklands.

An \$80,000 penalty awarded against DP World Australia in the Melbourne Magistrates Court on April 16 will bankroll the garden.

The charge followed an incident in September 2007 when about 1080kg of ethyl acrylate was discharged onto the ground while a container ship was being unloaded by DP World stevedores.

The odours from the spill affected dock workers, emergency response officers and members of the public. More than 60 odour reports were received by EPA as a result of the incident, including calls from as far away as Essendon and Ascot Vale.

Future Canvas will attempt to construct the garden inside Victoria Harbour's Shed 4.

Launched in Docklands last month, Future Canvas is undertaking an ambitious reforestation project which involves creating the community garden in 350 square metre space.



The project aims to promote and advance urban agriculture in Metropolitan Melbourne.

A sustainability party is being held at 8pm on Friday, May 8 to launch the project. And then from 10 am on Sunday, May 17 there will be Garden and Space Blitz to help kick-start the reforestation project create the beginnings of the community garden.

Future Canvas says there will be opportunities to learn all sorts of sustainable day-to-day skills from permaculture, composting, clothes swapping, making bike trailers, painting canvases and designing furniture from waste materials.

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Amanda's angle



Well it's been a sad month for me as I grieve my youth. April was my last month in my 30s, so by the time you read this I will be 40, and if one more person tells me, "it doesn't hurt" or "it's only a number", I will scream ... So read this knowing it was written by a young thing and wait for next month's more sophisticated mature column.

I decided to write about my birthday as therapy and finally face up to it. You see, for the last 10 ten years I have been 29, I have lied about my age so much that I even convinced myself that my birth certificate was wrong – somehow!

Anyway, it's here and it has not come unnoticed. There have been signs of my new decade creeping up on me. I make noises when I bend now. I forget to put ice in my gin and yesterday I thought I saw a monster in the harbour. Oh god, I am going senile?

No, thank goodness, I was so relieved to see the photograph taken by a passing

cyclist. I am not mad. Dock-Nessie does exist. She is not a secret any more.

I also got an email from Mr Edwin Oribin amongst others, who also believes that there is something mythical in our waters and he suggests that buried under the silver sticks of the Bolte Bridge there are pirate graves and their ghosts wander Docklands.

He went on to say that we could charge tourist 20 bucks a ticket to climb the sticks. I love everything Edwin wrote. Is he as mad as I am or just keen to give Docklands some spirit?

So as my Mum used to say about me, "it's in one ear and out your mouth" I can never keep a secret but maybe this time my secret telling might do some good and bring in the tourists. And it keeps this old fart amused!

Le grand Docklands erection

Bringing the circus to Docklands is not easy.

Docklanders would have noticed the blue and yellow turrets of "le grand chapiteau" on the MAB land beyond Waterfront City. But few would realise what is involved in its erection.

Here's the full story:

74 trailers, 600 road cases, 900 tons of equipment are required to transport to set up the site at the Docklands.

The site is like a mini-city. It has its own kitchen, a mini-hospital (three physiotherapists) and a school for the children. The Chinese children are taught according to the Chinese education system.

The Grand Chapiteau canvas was made by a French company which specialises in sails and big tops, Les Voileries du Sud-Ouest. The Grand Chapiteau seats just over 2500 patrons. It is 19 metres high and has a diameter of 51 metres. The masts stand at 24 metres above the ground.

The circus is fully autonomous in terms of power. The three generators on site supply 1500 kW of power, enough energy to sustain a village of 500 people. All they need on a site is access to water and a sewer line.

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Get Warm this winter by NewQuay's Waterfront ...

Melbourne's Docklands has truly come alive over the last few years and this winter will be no different with the 'Ignite@Docklands' Festival kicking off at the end of May, a chance to win a luxurious weekend for two is at NewQuay and of course the food, wine and atmosphere that can only be found on Melbourne's stunning harbour.

Along the waterfront, NewQuay has a bustling promenade and boasts some of Melbourne's most sought after eateries including Indian, Moroccan, Cantonese, Chinese, Cambodian, Italian, Greek and Mediterranean. There really is something for all taste buds.

This winter, the City of Melbourne is proudly presenting the return of

'Ignite@Docklands' – a festival with sound and light performances and installations along the waterfront. Opening night will have a spectacular line-up of light shows, fire artistry, music, and fireworks. The harbour will twinkle as an illuminated boat procession makes its bright passage along the waterfront. 'Ignite@Docklands' will run for three weekends, with nightly performances on Thursdays to Sundays.

For a great night out, rug up and head to NewQuay for a wonderful meal and a dazzling fire and light show. For more information on NewQuay's dining and bars visit newquay.com.au/about/guide and for information on 'Ignite@Docklands' visit thatsmelbourne.com.au

Win a Luxurious Weekend at NewQuay...

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Caroline signs on for change

Change the World continues on its path to promote positive social change.

We are happy to announce that Caroline Pemberton will join us as an ambassador to spread the word of Change the World.

Caroline approached us last month and after meeting her in Sydney we believe she has the integrity, energy and drive to make Change the World an even bigger success.

Caroline Pemberton, 23, was Miss Australia in 2007 and is a television presenter, keynote speaker and model.

A keen interest in humanitarian issues led to her involvement in the Miss World competition. Her passion for working at the grassroots level has taken her around the world, from an orphanage in East Timor (which she visits regularly) to a school in Fiji and villages along the Kokoda Trail, Papua New Guinea.

She has worked in a rape and pregnancy crisis centre in Uganda and volunteered in a vocational training centre on the Sudanese border helping ex-child soldiers.

Caroline's commitment is so strong that a mere two days after the Miss World finale she was living in a mud-hut in rural Kenya helping a team of young Aussie doctors to provide medical care.

Her dedication has been repeatedly recognised with her appointment as a Goodwill Ambassador for UNICEF

as well as being named the International Patron for Wakisa.

Caroline continues to hold ambassadorships for Kenya Aid, The Kokoda Trust and The Thin Green Line Foundation. She is passionate about charity and community work within Australia and to date has lent a helping hand and voice to over two dozen Australian charities including being a volunteer at Westmead Children's Hospital.

A tomboy at heart, she is an adventure sport enthusiast who, of a weekend, you'll find outside paragliding along Sydney's ocean cliffs, canyoning in the Blue Mountains, kayaking on Sydney Harbour or scuba diving. Caroline doesn't shy from a new challenge and we are thrilled that has joined Change the World.

So look out for her through out the year!

So please remember we have full DGR (deductible gift recipient) status, which means you can Change the World with 100 per cent tax deduction. Alternatively you may wish to lend your time and experience to our project. Either way contributions are always welcome. So help us, help others to Change the World.

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Letters to the editor

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Tram changes not good for Flinders Street

I read with interest your report on the proposed changes to the number 48 tram route that will take it out its current Flinders Street / Harbour Esplanade route and into Collins Street and the new extension of Collins Street down past ANZ and Myer.

Whilst the latter part of the route change is commendable, the prospect of one less tram service in Flinders Street should be of considerable concern to commuters.

Currently Flinders Street is served by the number 70, number 48 – both continuing into Docklands – and the number 75 that turns left into Spencer Street.

In the morning and afternoon peak particularly, many of these trams are completely full and can take no further passengers.

The proposal to take the 48 tram completely out of Flinders Street (I understand it will be diverted from its current route into the city from Wellington Parade and will turn right into Spring Street and then left into Collins) will leave Flinders Street services reduced by a third.

Given the current congestion on the route, this will be totally unacceptable and I wonder what plans Yarra Trams has to maintain the number of trams along the very busy Flinders Street corridor once the number 48 service is removed.

Rick Deering

Dear Amanda ...

Loved your piece in the latest "DoGlands"?? Community News. What would be more mythical than the Botle Bridge "silver sticks" which grew so mysteriously up out of the depths of the Yarra River for no apparent purpose whatsoever other than to secretly plug up for all time the ancient pirates grave which was uncovered during excavations for the bridge. I think the spirit of the old pirate lives on and resides at the top of one of the sticks and it would be worth at least \$20 a ticket to climb up and see if you could find him.

Ed Oribin

Endorsement for waterways plan

The City of Melbourne last month officially endorsed the Docklands Waterways Strategic Plan 2009 – 2018.

The development of a community boating hub, the creation of new water based events and activities and a detailed feasibility study to assess the viability of new water transport options for Melburnians are some of the key initiatives to be rolled out for the Docklands waterways over the next few years.

The plan, developed by the City of Melbourne, VicUrban and Parks Victoria, outlines a series of recommendations that will enhance Docklands and create an integrated active harbour accessible to Melbourne and all its visitors.

Another award for The Gauge

Lend Lease's Victoria Harbour headquarters The Gauge, has won another prestigious honour, winning the inaugural Built Environment Award at the Victorian Government's 2009 Premier's Sustainability Awards on April 16.

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HE SAID WHAT?

By Guy Mason
Docklands Church Minister



Angels and demons

Do you believe in angels? If they do exist, what's their purpose? Do we have our own guardian angel? What do angels and demons have in common?

These are some of the recent questions we addressed as part of a new series at Docklands Church, called "Hot Topics".

It's an increasingly popular topic, with angels and demons featuring regularly in movies, songs, artwork, books, and websites.

Time magazine gave angels the cover after research found that 69 per cent of all Americans said they believe in angels. Australians are not so convinced. According to recent research only 28 per cent of Australians believe in angels, and just 12 per cent believe in demons.

Personally, I was amazed at the interest this topic generated. My Facebook page was

plastered with questions, we had our biggest church attendance ever, and we had a record number of questions submitted via SMS. In light of this I thought I would share with you a few insights from the bible to whet your appetite.

Firstly, angels are created beings. Just like you and me, angels have not always existed – they are God's creation. In addition angels are spiritual beings – they don't have material or physical bodies.

This means it's possible that an angel may, in fact, occupy the empty seat next to you on the tram to work! That being said, we see examples in the bible where God allows humans the ability to see angels.

We also see in scripture that angels can take on human likeness to the point that we may not even recognise them as spiritual beings.

It's quite possible that you have chattered to someone in the elevator, not realising that he was perhaps an angel on a secret undercover mission.

In addition we learn that angels possess great wisdom. This comes in part from being around a long time. Angels have seen it all. The first AFL game. The first world war. The launch of the internet. There is nothing in human history that they have not seen, making them experts when it comes to human behaviour.

Angels also have superhuman power. The bible depicts them as strong, ultimate fighters who in many cases are on the front line of war.

We then ask – what is their purpose? How should we relate to angels? Is it ok to pray to them in times of need? Who are demons? What can I do to stand against them?

These are just some of the other big questions we tackled.

If you would like to find out more about angels and demons, email me at guymason@docklandschurch.org.au.

Docklands Church meets at James Squire Brewhouse, Waterfront City every Sunday at 10.30am and 6pm.

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It's Just Life

with Abby Crawford



What women want

It started as typical girl's talk, with the girls confirming that their single status was of course not their fault but the blame lay entirely with men who were impossible to read and couldn't understand what women want – a guy to say he wanted her.

With great umbrage the only male present declared that it was women who played games and actually loved to love the bad boy - who was, by his very nature, not going to treat women well.

So that got me thinking ... what exactly is the charm and allure of a bad boy ... because, point taken, they are bloody attractive. Hundreds of movie's main theme is good girl leaves beautiful home, private school upbringing and wholesome family to fall in love with the carnival ferris wheel attendant, tropical resort's dirty dancer, or casino's drug dealer - basically the "maverick".

Why? These guys are confident. The bad guy pulls the shots and doesn't take no for an

answer. He just takes. Hmmm.

Ok, so that rarely lasts past the steamy bedroom scene in the movie. But it does reveal something quite interesting – you don't have to actually be involved in a shootout, appear in Australia's Most Wanted, have no interest in pursuing a career that makes some dosh (I mean how much does a ski instructor earn??), or be dismissive to be attractive. The main thing that bad guys have, you have too – and it's confidence.

Be confident about your career and let the girl privileged enough to be sitting in front of you know that you chose this and you love it. Be proud of everything you do. Say what you mean and mean what you say.

Take some salsa or ballroom classes – just enough to be steady on your feet – and next time there's a chance, don't ask, just take her in your arms and whisk her round the dancefloor. She'll return to her seat breathless. And surprised!

Be sure of yourself, in everything. If you know what you want in life, don't be afraid to go for it and don't be afraid to say it. Equally, if you don't know something, don't be afraid to say it either – that just shows strength of character! Being a man doesn't mean having to know everything, but it does mean being true to yourself.

Gentlemen, to be truly sexy and desired, you only need have the confidence in who you are, the power to pursue your choices, and the strength to say what you truly want. If you want to date a girl – tell her. There's sexiness to the truth told with confidence, and you never know, you just might get exactly what you asked for. Go on – break the rules, be honest about what you want. It's very powerful, and THAT's what women want.

Don't forget to email me any questions you have about What Women Want at life@docklands.com.au! - Abby x







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Liz Jones, 54
Information Desk, DFO Spencer St

Liz has been helping shoppers and tourists at DFO since it opened in 2006.

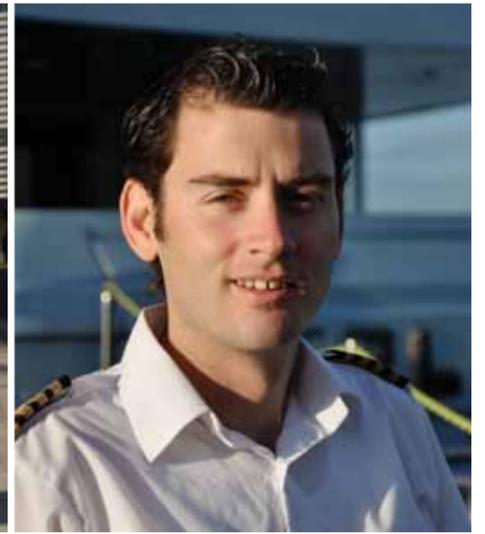
She loves Docklands. "I feel like I am working in a brand new city," she said.

"One side of Spencer St is the old city and our side is the new city."



Karen Woo, 40
Community Development Manager, Lend Lease

Karen has been with Lend Lease for eight years, the last two and a half at Victoria Harbour. She said Docklands had now reached a point of critical mass and will just keep getting better and better.



Matt McDonald, 28
Master Platinum super yacht

Matt is a modern-day Captain Cook having been drawn to ships and the sea from an early age and subsequently succeeding at the highest level.

Matt grew up in rural Pakenham but started his love affair with Docklands when he was 14.

He'd get the train to Spencer St Station and make his way through a series of holes in fences, across the wasteland and through the working port to the youth training ship Alma Doepel where he had established himself as a leading hand.

Matt was sponsored to do his initial 10-day training experience on the Alma. This enough for the bug to bite hard enough that he couldn't consider any other life but a life at sea.

The sailing ship had seduced him.

Matt recalls "high-fiving" the construction workers putting the Bolte Bridge together from the top of the Alma Doepel's mast which is just a metre lower than the bridge.

He has captained many Dockland's boats – the Lady Cutler, the tall ship Enterprize and now he has the enviable job as master of Platinum.

On May 8, Matt and his wife Alena and a crew of six are taking Platinum to the Whitsundays in Queensland for the winter.

Talk about living the dream! We'll see you in the spring Matt.



Kerrie-Ann Watts, 45
Property Department Manager, Andrews Corporation

Kerrie-Ann's involvement with Docklands goes right back to the beginning when the first apartments were built. She has managed property in other parts of Melbourne since but returned six months ago to work with Andrews.



Nandani Bose, 43
Admin Officer, Docklands Chamber of Commerce

Nandini has been part time with the chamber for two and a half years and is the chamber's face at its new office at The Hub. The former lawyer is returning to the workforce after nine years full-time mothering of three children.

"The community is great here," she said.

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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 1208 / 60 Siddeley Street

ENTERTAINERS DELIGHT

2 Bed 2 Bath 1 Car

Price Private sale \$599,000+
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 105/55 Victoria Avenue

DOCK 5 GEM

2 Bed 2 Bath 1 Car

Price Private sale \$710,000
Inspect By appointment
Contact Glenn Donnelly

Imagine yourself living in this luxury two bedroom apartment located on the 10th floor at Dock 5 known as Docklands premier, award winning development.

Boasting 2 spacious bedrooms (all with ensuite's) and an expansive open plan kitchen / dining / living area, surrounded by floor to ceiling windows. This prestige apartment features white marble bench tops and stone floors.

Enjoy the sunsets from your balcony and the sweeping panoramic views extending from the city and across Port Phillip Bay.



Docklands 3702 / 90 Lorimer Street

JUST ENJOY THE VIEWS

3 Bed 2 Bath 2 Car

Price Private sale \$1.5m
Inspect By appointment
Contact Glenn Donnelly

Presentation perfect with unrivalled panoramic views from the bay across the bridges to the Yarra and the city skyline, this impressive apartment on the 37th floor is the epitome of inner city living. Capturing glorious northern sun, this immaculate home enjoys open plan entertaining with balcony terrace, designer Miele kitchen/meals, hotel style main bedroom (BIRs & ensuite) & a wing of 3 bedrooms (BIRs), family bathroom. Including stone bench tops, zoned heating/cooling, video intercom & two security U/C car spaces & a storage cage, it's pure excellence complete with lift access, and use of the pool, gym & BBQ facilities.



Docklands 1206 / 60 Siddeley Street

ENTERTAINERS TERRACE

2 Bed 1 Bath 1 Car

Price Private sale \$500,000
Inspect By appointment
Contact Glenn Donnelly

Consisting of 2 bedrooms, a modern and stylish kitchen with stainless steel appliances, glass splash back, granite bench tops and plenty of storage. The lounge opens up to a large terrace and the two bedrooms have built in robes, perfect for entertaining family and friends before heading into the City for a night of fun. You have the option to use the impressive facilities which include a fully equipped gymnasium, steam and sauna rooms, spa and swimming pools. Close to public transport, Crown Casino and all that exciting Melbourne has to offer. The property also comes with one secure car park.



Docklands 613 / 60 Siddeley Street

ON THE WATER

2 Bed 1 Study 2 Bath 1 Car

Price Private sale \$630,000
Inspect By appointment
Contact Glenn Donnelly

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 1308 / 8 McCrae Street

TERRIFIC CITY VIEWS

1 Bed 1 Study 1 Bath 1 Car

Price Private sale \$390,000
Inspect By appointment
Contact Glenn Donnelly

No earthly reason to accept second best when you can live in this fabulous apartment which includes one bedroom plus separate large study. With the City at your finger tips, combined with facilities including an outdoor. This apartment offers everything to the owner occupier or investor. Village Docklands is situated very close to the Southern Cross station, Crown Casino and Telstra Dome. The building is positioned less than 3 minutes drive from the freeway entrance and has a tram stop directly in front of the building.



Docklands 314 / 67 Spencer Street

RECEIVERS SALE

3 Bed 2 Bath 2 Car

Price Auction 2nd May @ 1pm (ON SITE)
Inspect By appointment
Contact Glenn Donnelly

Located in one of Melbourne's finest and most sought after Italianate heritage buildings is this east facing apartment in need of some cosmetic work. The unit is split level comprising of 3 bedrooms with built in robes. Ensuite in the master bedroom. Light filled lounge and dining with original Victorian window setting and unique high ceilings, creating a real feeling of space and style. Add 2 secure undercover car parks and you have the perfect unit in a most sought after building. Amenities include pool, spa, sauna, gymnasium, barbeque area and a Parisian style court yard.



Docklands 1505 / 5 Caravel Lane

STYLE, AMBIENCE & LOCATION

2 Bed 2 Bath 1 Car

Price Private sale \$600,000
Inspect By appointment
Contact Glenn Donnelly

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 1606 / 50 Lorimer Street

VIEWS A PLENTY

2 Bed 1 Bath 1 Car

Price Private sale \$550,000
Inspect By appointment
Contact Glenn Donnelly

A stunning property where you not only get water views from every room of this home, you also get 2 bedrooms with built in robes and a large living room. But wait there's more! Timber floors, balcony, stone bench tops and the use of the stunning leisure centre that Lorimer Street has been renowned for. The facilities include access to Mirvac's Rekdek which includes indoor heated lap pool, spa, steam and sauna room, and fully equipped gymnasium.



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COMMUNAL PIZZA CLASS HITS THE SPOT

A small group of Docklanders learned the art of authentic Italian pizza making at Va Bene pizzeria on Central Pier late last month.

As the Docklands Community News found out, there's more to pizza-making than meets the eye. And who could have imagined it would be such fun?

Some 20 participants elbow deep in flour, yeast, semolina, oil, salt and water followed chef Marisa Travain's instructions with varying degrees of success.

The wine flowed, the flour flew and spirits soared as a result of the communal nature of the exercise.

Va Bene's long tables and benches worked to unify the group and everyone knew everyone else in no time.

And by the end of the evening, everyone had a pizza to take home – again, some more edible than others!

Quality and flavoursome ingredients – simply used in modest proportions – seems to be the key to success.

While the dough was covered and left to rise, wine importer Sabino Matera supplied and explained the life force within two wines – Negroamaro Rosato and Primitivo igt both by winemaker Cantele from the Salento wine region of Puglia. Sabino conjured up rich mental pictures with his passionate descriptions and explanations.

Va bene proprietor Anthony Jaye said the evening was a way of contributing to the Docklands community.

"We want to be here for years to come. We want to be part of this community," he said.

Contact the team @ Va Bene Pizzeria and make your cooking class enquiry – Ideal for corporate functions. eat@vabenepizzeria.com Ph: 8623 9690.



Stopped in their tracks

Three Yarra's Edge residents last month met Melbourne Water and sewerage tunnelling contractors John Holland over continued blockage of the South Wharf path under the Charles Grimes Bridge.

Residents Cobien Watts, Peter Wynne and Jane Morrison are frustrated that the pathway has been already closed during construction of the convention centre and could remain closed for three more years due to the Melbourne Main Sewer Replacement Project.

The residents say they are forced to run the gauntlet of 10 lanes of traffic if they want to walk or cycle to the city. They say the situation is also having a negative effect on local businesses.

"We are all dismayed that our safe walking and cycling access has been cut off," Cobien Watts said.

"It is impossible to get across in one cycle of the traffic lights, leaving people exposed and vulnerable waiting on precarious traffic islands. People risk life and limb with every crossing."

"Yarra's Edge residents feel they are an endangered species while there is a simple solution."

Ms Watts said a suggestion by the residents that a pontoon or narrow temporary pathway be constructed along the length of the works was well received at the meeting.

"This option would ensure little disruption to both the works and pathway and would be safer for all concerned," Ms Watts said. "We hope for a favourable outcome for all stakeholders."

For more information contact Ms Watts at cobiendocklands@gmail.com.





Fresh at Harbour Town.

The Market

Now open, The Market at Harbour Town shopping centre brings together fresh fruit and vegetables, fresh flowers and convenience stores. Located on Star Crescent on the ground floor of Harbour Town, The Market promises to be a modern and exciting retail outlet.

Here's just a taste of The Market:

TVG – The Village Grocer

Nestled in the Market, The Village Grocer is a full range supermarket for all your grocery needs. With an excellent product range and fresh produce, the store has a distinct village vibe. TVG has a strong continental range, a full-service delicatessen and an extensive liquor department.

Nutty n Nice

We stock a wide range of nuts, dried fruit, coffee beans and confectionery plus wedding gifts and hampers. Cold drinks also are available.

Whisked

You'll be whisked away by our free range organic eggs, our pure honeys from Mornington and New Zealand, our delicious homemade jams and our wide variety of gluten free products.

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WHAT'S ON AT WATERFRONT CITY THIS MAY



Mother's Day is just around the corner, so grab your Mum and show her a good time on May 10th. There's plenty to do - pull on your skates and hit the ice rink, collect an antique treasure at the Collector's Sunday Market or marvel at the Cirque du Soleil acrobatics - you're spoiled for choice with so many fabulous activities to choose from.



Wonderland Park

Mondays – Wednesdays and Sundays 10:00am – 7:30pm
Thursdays and Saturdays 10:00am – 9:30pm
Harbour Town Shopping Centre, Waterfront City.
Cost: See website for pricing details

Don't miss Wonderland Park's 2 for 1 skating offer. Buy one skating session and a second person skates free! The offer is redeemable Mondays to Thursdays, excluding school and public holidays. Conditions apply, visit www.wonderlandpark.com.au for more details.



Cirque du Soleil - Dralion

Thursday 9 April – Sunday 14 June
435-507 Docklands Drive, Docklands
Cost: Children from \$35, Adults from \$55

Experience an astonishing journey through an inspirational, mythical and unforgettable world under the trademark blue and yellow Grand Chapiteau, located at Docklands Drive.

Dralion is the fusion of ancient Chinese circus tradition and the avant-garde approach of Cirque du Soleil. Dralion is a dynamic performance that transcends the boundaries of the imagination and leads us into a dreamscape with a new and sparkling perspective. Visit www.cirquedusoleil.com for ticket details.



Collector's Sunday Market

Sundays 10:00am – 6:00pm
Waterfront City Piazza and promenade

Discover treasures at the ultimate eco-friendly market and be amazed at what you will find, with everything from art and jewellery, to clothing and vintage books on offer.

The Collector's Sunday Market boasts unique and original products from some of Melbourne's finest antique and pre-loved specialists.



Action Zone

Wednesday - Sunday 10:30am – 5:00pm
Waterfront City Pavillion
Cost: \$2 - \$10

Promising some of the coolest, most exciting activities you have ever seen, Action Zone is an adventurous collection of the latest in inflatable amusement products and stunt bags.



Designers' House

Mondays - Thursdays 10:00am – 6:00pm
Fridays 10:00am – 9:00pm, Saturdays 10:00am – 6:00pm, Sundays 10:00am – 5:00pm
Level 1, Harbour Town Shopping Centre, Waterfront City

Experience a bygone era of refined elegance at Melbourne's most luxurious new shopping destination, Designers' House.

A collaboration between exclusive Australian and international fashion labels including Tim O'Connor, JETS, Christensen Copenhagen, Little Joe and Kenzo to name a few, Designers' House houses a collection of individually run fashion concept stores.

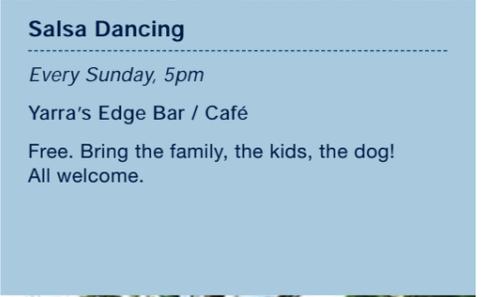
Offering services akin to a Parisian couturier salon, Designers' House customers will enjoy personalised attention from experienced sales staff as well as a dedicated concierge desk.

What better way to spend a day out - indulge in some retail therapy at Harbour Town Shopping Centre in one of the many Brand Direct Outlet and Specialty stores, and the new Designers' House!

For further information visit www.waterfrontcity.com.au or call 8628 6000
 Waterfront City, Docklands Drive, Melbourne Docklands. (MEL REF 2E D4)

Docklands Community Calendar



<p>Storytime</p> <p>Every Monday at 11am</p> <p>The Hub, 17 Waterview Walk</p> <p>Storytime is a special time for children (aged 2-5years) and their care-givers to share time together enjoying stories, songs, rhymes and simple craft. No bookings required</p>	<p>Toastmasters</p> <p>Second and fourth Mondays (except public holidays), 7pm</p> <p>The Hub, 17 Waterview Walk</p> <p>E-mail docklandstoastmasters@yahoo.com.au if you wish to speak to someone about coming, otherwise feel free just turn up on the night</p>	<p>Fox Classic Car Collection</p> <p>Every Tuesday, February to November, 10am to 2pm</p> <p>Cnr Batman's Hill Drive and Collins Street, Docklands. Entrance off Batman's Hill Drive</p> <p>Vehicles include the Porsche, Mercedes, Jaguars and high-powered Ferrari's. Door entry charges assist charity. Further information at: www.foxcollection.org</p>	<p>Kickboxing</p> <p>Every Tuesday, 6pm to 7pm</p> <p>The Hub, 17 Waterview Walk</p> <p>First class free during April. To book your place, email Kacey Chong at info@corporatetikboxing.com.au</p>
<p>Community Walk</p> <p>Every Wednesday at 5.30pm</p> <p>YMCA Docklands, Level 4, 100 Harbour Esplanade</p> <p>In conjunction with the Heart Foundation, a great opportunity to meet new people, walk and talk.</p>		<p>The Hub Walking Group</p> <p>Every Wednesday at 6.30pm</p> <p>The Hub, 17 Waterview Walk</p> <p>For details contact The Hub on 8622 4822</p>	
<p>Yoga</p> <p>Every Wednesday at 6.30pm</p> <p>The Hub, 17 Waterview Walk</p> <p>Stretch and relax into Autumn with a breath-centred hatha yoga class. It's suitable for all ages and levels of ability. Call Nadine on 0450 634 589 or visit nadinefawell.net for more details</p>	<p>Kickboxing</p> <p>Every Thursday, 6pm to 7pm</p> <p>The Hub, 17 Waterview Walk</p> <p>First class free during April. To book your place, email Kacey Chong at info@corporatetikboxing.com.au</p>	<p>Trivia Night</p> <p>Every Thursday, 6pm to 8pm</p> <p>The Nixon Hotel, 757 Bourke St</p> <p>To register or find out more, email to info@nixonhotel.com.au or phone 9642 3272</p>	
<p>Community Walk</p> <p>Every Friday at 12.30pm</p> <p>YMCA Docklands, Level 4, 100 Harbour Esplanade</p> <p>In conjunction with the Heart Foundation, a great opportunity to meet new people, walk and talk.</p>	<p>Yoga</p> <p>Every Friday - 7 weeks from April 24. 12.30pm to 1.30pm</p> <p>The Hub, 17 Waterview Walk</p> <p>Stretch and relax into Autumn with a breath-centred hatha yoga class. It's suitable for all ages and levels of ability. Call Nadine on 0450 634 589 or visit nadinefawell.net for more details</p>	<p>Collector's Sunday Market</p> <p>Every Sunday, 10am to 4pm</p> <p>Waterfront City Docklands Drive</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Salsa Dancing</p> <p>Every Sunday, 5pm</p> <p>Yarra's Edge Bar / Café</p> <p>Free. Bring the family, the kids, the dog! All welcome.</p>
<p>Try Sailing Day for the Community</p> <p>Second and fourth Sundays of the month, 11am to 3.30pm</p> <p>Docklands Yacht Club, Shed 2 North Wharf Rd</p> <p>No booking required. Contact: Terence O'Donnell 0425 737389 or visit www.docklands.yachting.org.au</p>	<p>Docklands Dinner Book Group</p> <p>First Wednesday of the month</p> <p>The Hub, 17 Waterview Walk</p> <p>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</p>	<p>Residents night</p> <p>First Thursday of the month</p> <p>Alumbra, Central Pier</p> <p>RSVP is essential. Please contact Mia via email on mia@alumbra.com.au or phone 8623 9669</p>	
<p>Action Zone</p> <p>Every Saturday and Sunday. 10am to 5pm</p> <p>Waterfront City piazza</p> <p>Weekends at Pavilion, Waterfront City, Docklands. Cost varies for each activity. Call 8628 6000 or visit waterfrontcity.com.au for details.</p>	<p>Dralion - Cirque du Soleil</p> <p>April 9 - June 12</p> <p>Under the Grand Chapiteau, Waterfront City</p> <p>Prices range from \$35 to \$270. Visit www.cirquedusoleil.com or call 1300 130 300</p>	<p>Future Canvas launch party</p> <p>Friday, May 8 8pm to 12am</p> <p>Future Canvas, Shed 4, North Wharf Rd, Victoria Harbour</p> <p>There will be a fashion show, DJ, sustainable catering and a lot of wonderful and interesting people to mingle with! www.futurecanvas.org</p>	<p>The Victorian Secondary Schools Team Racing Championship Final</p> <p>Saturday, May 16 and Sunday, May 17 10am-4pm</p> <p>Docklands Yacht Club Shed 2 North Wharf Rd Melway Map 2E B6</p> <p>Contact: Terence O'Donnell 0425 737389 or visit www.yachtingvictoria.com.au</p>
<p>Future Canvas Garden and Space Blitz</p> <p>Sunday, May 17, 10am to 4pm</p> <p>Future Canvas, Shed 4, North Wharf Rd, Victoria Harbour</p> <p>www.futurecanvas.org</p>	<p>Ignite@Docklands</p> <p>Saturday, May 30 from 6pm</p> <p>Opening night party</p> <p>Waterfront City and NewQuay</p> <p>The opening night party on Saturday 30 May will blast the chills away with a spectacular line-up of light, fire artistry, performances and fireworks to celebrate the start of winter in the city.</p>	<p>Ignite@Docklands</p> <p>Saturday, May 30 and Sunday, June 1, then Thursdays to Sundays through to June 14</p> <p>Waterfront City and NewQuay</p> <p>Ignite at Docklands is a free event and features performances twice nightly from Thursdays to Sundays. Proudly presented by City of Melbourne</p>	<p>Community Association Meet and Greet Night</p> <p>Thursday, June 18, 7.30pm to 9.30pm</p> <p>The Hub, 17 Waterview Walk</p> <p>For all Docklands residents. Meet as neighbours, leave as friends. Refreshments provided. Door Prizes. RSVP by June 1 to DCA2009@live.com.au</p>



New businesses in Docklands

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

Emin hopes to clean up



After Emin Osmani reached the top of the corporate ladder two years ago he jumped off into the insecurity of self-employment.

But within months, his new business Tailored Cleaning was cleaning up as far as new contracts were concerned.

Now with 35 staff and four sub-contracted agencies working for him, Emin moved to the Aqua Vista building in NewQuay last December and is keen to establish a presence in Docklands.

He started his working life in the graphics department of a cardboard box maker and

took a part time job cleaning in what was then the State Bank building in the CBD.

Before long, he was full-time and then followed a 12-year career which culminated as contracts manager for Victoria and New South Wales for one of the largest cleaning firms in the country.

"I realised then that I was not happy anymore ... and there was nowhere else I could go in the firm," he said. "I learned about myself. Who I was, where I was and where I needed to go."

Emin puts his almost instant success down his approach as a good listener. He said he also learned many years ago that being upfront, honest and realistic was central to business success.

He is also able to say "no" to jobs that are not a good match for his service. Tailored Cleaning operates in the commercial realm and in high-level residential.

It can be contacted on 1300 887 841.

For further information, see www.tailoredcleaning.com.au

New agent on the block



There's a new real estate agent on the block and he plans to carve out a market share by using a personal approach.

Bob Wright has been in the real estate business all his life. His father was an agent in Canterbury and young Bob followed in his footsteps with agencies in the eastern suburbs.

What he didn't know about the business there, he picked up on the Gold Coast from where he returned two years ago.

Now with Century 21 in Bourke St, Victoria Harbour, Bob plans to bring what he calls the "Queensland approach to real estate" to Docklands.

This means relaxed, personable service where vendors and buyers can feel confident, comfortable and secure.

"You simply have to be sincere," he said.

Bob's qualification as a stress counsellor is reassuring too!

Mr Wright is the officer in effective control and brings his own licence to the business. He is one of the few agents who are Fellows of the Institute of Australia.

He said he was attracted to Century 21 as it had 2600 agencies world wide and could offer local, national and international recognition.

He said Docklands real estate had an international flavour and it was particularly important to have sound Asian connections.

Century 21 Waterview Docklands is located at 831a Bourke Street. For further information, phone 9620 5888 or go to www.century21.com.au/waterviewdocklands

It's gotta have sole

In a neatly symbolic career move nearly 20 years ago, Chris Thomas moved from saving souls to saving soles.

Harbour Town's resident shoe repairer started out studying to be a Christian minister but changed tack in 1990 when he first got into shoe sole business.

He found that repairing shoes, cutting keys, fixing watches and doing engraving was a very rewarding career.

"This is what I like doing," he said. "For some reason I just took to this. You're helping people and meeting their needs."

Chris operates a chain of five "Yes We Do" outlets. He says Docklands branch will be the final store. He has a presence in shopping centres in Sunshine, Airport West, Richmond and Moonee Ponds.

His Docklands operation is located within the Harbour Town Market, which can be found in Star Crescent.

The name of the business came from the most common reply he and his staff were making to customer inquiry.

"They would say 'do you change watch batteries', 'do you cut keys' and we would say 'yes we do'," Chris explained.

"I didn't like the first business name we had, so my wife said one day 'why don't you call it 'yes we do'," he said.

Chris said Yes We Do offered suburban prices in a city location at Harbour Town.

"We do everything on the spot," he said. "Drop your shoes off, go and have a shop and they'll be ready when you get back."

Contact Chris on 9602 4295 or email yeswedo@three.com.au



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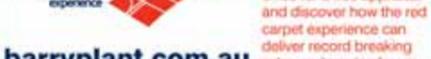
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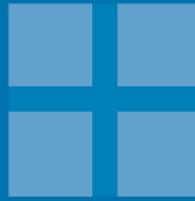
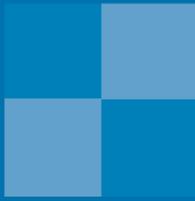
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The Wooden Boat Centre at Shed 2 in North Wharf Rd, Victoria Harbour is creating the launch.

The traditional launch will act as a work/patrol boat for council in management of Docklands waterways.

All aspects of the construction of the workboat have been carefully considered to ensure the creation of a cost-effective, practical and environmentally friendly sea craft.

The Wooden Boat Centre will use re-milled wharf timber to construct the keel and packers for the work boat. The boat will be constructed in clinker lap fashion with an inboard 15hp diesel engine and a maximum speed of 10 knots.

The centre turns 20 this year and owner Brian Atkins says that among its achievements are assisting around 150 boat-lovers in handcrafting their own, custom-designed vessels; producing around 20 handcrafted boats under commercial commissions; and restoring several historic vessels back to their former glory.

The Wooden Boat Centre offers three key services in the centre of Melbourne's boating community. It provides space and tuition to help people design and handcraft their own boats, facilities for Brian and his team to produce boats commercially and space for other professional boat builders to do the same.

A tour through the centre is like walking through a giant boating showroom, only the products are works in progress. On display are canoes, retro-style 1950s speedboats, sailing boats, restored and historic boats and rowing skiffs.

Originally located on Central Pier, the centre moved to Victoria Harbour five years ago. It's an apt location given the precinct's long history with sailing ships, which were almost all made of wood and carried cargo and people to Melbourne via Bass Strait. The precinct includes the north bank of the

Yarra River that was, from the 1850s, one of the busiest sections of Melbourne's port until the 1970s.

Brian says it's this rich boating history and sense of community in Docklands that has contributed to the success of his Wooden Boat Centre over two decades.

"Our customers range from judges, barristers and art curators to financial advisors, journalists and plumbers. Many customers have grown up around boats and so they continue their involvement into adulthood and with their families," he said.

"It creates a wonderful environment, where everyone is learning from each other and sharing their passion for boating and crafting their dream by hand."

While 'homemade' boat building is the purpose of the Wooden Boat Centre, it has still moved with the times and boasts a CNC machine (computer numerical control) to 'computer cut' each boat in miniature. The data is then sent off to an outside supplier so that each section of wood for

the boat can be computer cut at its real-life size – saving an enormous amount of hours.

Brian, of course made the Centre's CNC machine himself. He began his career as an industrial designer, before enjoying a professional 'sea change' to open the Wooden Boat Centre in 1989 alongside his son, Danny.

"There has always been a demand for custom made items, such as Bentleys and Ferraris, and custom made boats are no different. In recent years especially, people understand that a stock boat may not meet their criteria, it's why we always have a couple of years of work ahead of us," Brian said.

Through his work restoring historic wooden boats, Brian has gained a reputation as a true craftsman. Boats aside, his skills were called upon to restore the face of St Kilda's iconic Luna Park and many of its original rides..

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