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Celebrating our waterways

Docklands waterways were highlighted last month during the annual Melbourne Day celebrations.

Around 5000 people flocked to the waterfront on Saturday, August 30 to take part in the Melbourne Regatta and Blessing of the Fleet.

The event, organised by the Melbourne Passenger Boating Association and the Mission to Seafarers, saw Docklands become the centrepiece of the city's Melbourne Day celebrations.

Vessels filled the harbour during the blessing of the fleet, which was presided over by Father Bob (pictured above), from onboard the historic steam yacht Ena.

A free ferry service allowed people to get out and explore the water, while entertainment kept those on dry land amused.

The regatta also saw a re-enactment of the

arrival of Melbourne's first settlers onboard the Enterprize in 1835.

Organiser, Bill Reid from the Mission to Seafarers, said the event was a great success.

"The weather was perfect, we had good crowds and the free ferries were very popular," he said.

He thanked the event sponsors and said next year's regatta would be bigger and better, with a stronger focus on the food and wine component.

"We'd like to see more corporate involvement next year and there will be plenty of sponsorship opportunities at the 2015 regatta," Mr Reid said.

See more photos from the regatta on page 14.

Super-sized planning problem

By Bethany Williams

Walker Corporation has been left red-faced after erecting a 56-tonne sculpture worth around \$2.5 million, without the correct planning approval.

Construction of the approximately 80-metre-long artwork "Supersonic" at Collins Square began in March, but the developer is currently seeking an amendment to the planning permit, because the current structure wasn't approved.

The bright yellow, geometric-shaped structure forms a canopy between Tower One and the Lantern Building at Collins Square and is made up of around 100 pieces.

Docklands News understands that under the current planning permit, Walker Corporation had permission to build an awning-like structure, but not to construct Supersonic.

Docklands News understands that although Walker Corporation obtained a building permit for the artwork, the structure was not allowed under the existing planning permit.

A council spokesperson said the building permit obtained from a private building surveyor was inconsistent with the planning permit.

"The artwork has not been built in accordance with the planning permit," the spokesperson said.

"To remedy this situation, an amendment to the planning permit has been lodged with the Minister. The City of Melbourne is currently assessing the revised plans and will provide comment to the department in due course," the spokesperson said.

Walker Corporation failed to address multiple questions asked by *Docklands News* about the artwork, including whether the structure was safe and if local residents and workers should be concerned about the structural integrity of the artwork.

Walker Corporation director of marketing Sarah Seddon said: "The art installation by renowned sculptor Dion Horstmans is progressing well. We are excited about the way it has already created a unique and instantly recognisable meeting place and highlights the restaurants at Collins Square."

The artwork currently appears to be suspended by temporary measures but, according to artist Dion Horstmans, this shouldn't be a cause for concern.

He said load testing was currently taking place, before glass was installed across the top of the structure.

Interestingly, Planning Minister Matthew Guy attended the launch of construction of the artwork in March, but it's unknown if he was aware at the time that the structure was not approved under the planning permit.

"Resolving this issue now rests with Walker Corporation," Mr Guy said.

Mr Guy did not provide a response when *Docklands News* asked if he was aware at the launch that the planning permit for the site did not allow construction of Supersonic.

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Village Docklands residents fear their building will become an "isolated ghetto" if plans revealed by Walker Corporation last month are approved.

According to Village Docklands owners' corporation chairperson Graham Standfield, Walker Corporation revealed plans for parcel 4E, located at the corner of Batman's Hill Drive and McCrae St, at a public information session in late July.

While residents had been aware of the development plans for Collins Square, they'd been kept in the dark about the plans for the site neighbouring their building until the information session.

Mr Standfield said Walker Corporation planned to close the western section of Brentani Way, between Georgiana St and Batman's Hill Drive, which is currently used by residents as a pedestrian thoroughfare.

He said the closure of Brentanti Way would mean the fire services for Collins Square and a loading dock would be moved into Georgiana St, opposite Village Docklands' car park entrance, potentially causing major disruptions to traffic flow.

"Even if there's a false alarm five fire trucks will have to turn up, which will mean our one and only access street will be closed," Mr Standfield said.

He said Village Docklands would also be completely overshadowed by the surrounding commercial developments, with the proposed building taller than Village Docklands and the 55-storey KPMG building to become the tallest building in Docklands.

"We have an outdoor pool on level five, which is now going to be in shadow all year round," Mr Standfield said.

He said the OC had proposed Walker Corporation pay for a roof over the pool as compensation, but had not received any commitment to do so from the developer.



Village Docklands residents fear their outdoor pool will be completely overshadowed by surrounding developments.

Mr Standfield said, apart from overshadowing, many residents would now lose access to views and sunlight, with the building to be bordered on north and west side by the KPMG building and the proposed parcel 4E tower.

A Walker Corporation spokesperson said the company was working closely with planning agencies and neighbouring residents in relation to plans for the planning permit application regarding a new tower at its Collins Square development.

"Walker will continue to consult with residents about future plans for the development of Collins Square, which is currently home to 5500 staff and due to increase with the delivery of later stages."

A spokesperson from Planning Minister Matthew Guy's office said an application for the site had been lodged and details would be available for the public on the Department of Planning, Transport and Local Infrastructure (DTPLI) website shortly.

"The Planning Minister will not be making any speculative comments about this application," the spokesperson said.

A City of Melbourne spokesperson said council understood DTPLI had referred the application to the council for comment.

"Officers have not received the referral at the time of writing. A view had not been formed on the proposal. The application will be reported to the Future Melbourne Committee in due course," the spokesperson said.

Harbour Town settlement next month

Harbour Town Shopping Centre and the icehouse are expected to change hands in October, with Sydney-based real estate investment group Ashe Morgan to take over both sites.

Ashe Morgan principal Alton Abrahams told *Docklands News* settlement was on-track for mid-to-late October and said the company was excited about the opportunity.

"We look forward to helping turn Harbour Town and Waterfront City into a key tourist destination," Mr Abrahams said.

Conditional contracts to purchase the Harbour Town, the Icehouse and surrounding land parcels from ING were signed in March this year.

In the meantime, Harbour Town Shopping Centre traders are yet to meet with landlord ING for mediation, with lawyers still negotiating the conditions of the meeting.

Le Cirque Fine Foods owner Albert Morcos said traders were becoming impatient with the process, having been waiting for more than five months.

In May, *Docklands News* reported a that group of traders had requested mediation with ING over a range of issues.

At the time, Mr Morcos said each of the retailers had different complaints, but the common thread related to promises made by ING to the retailers who had invested in the centre.

ING has appointed Titanium Property Investment as its asset manager. The director of the company, Tim Atkins, declined to comment.



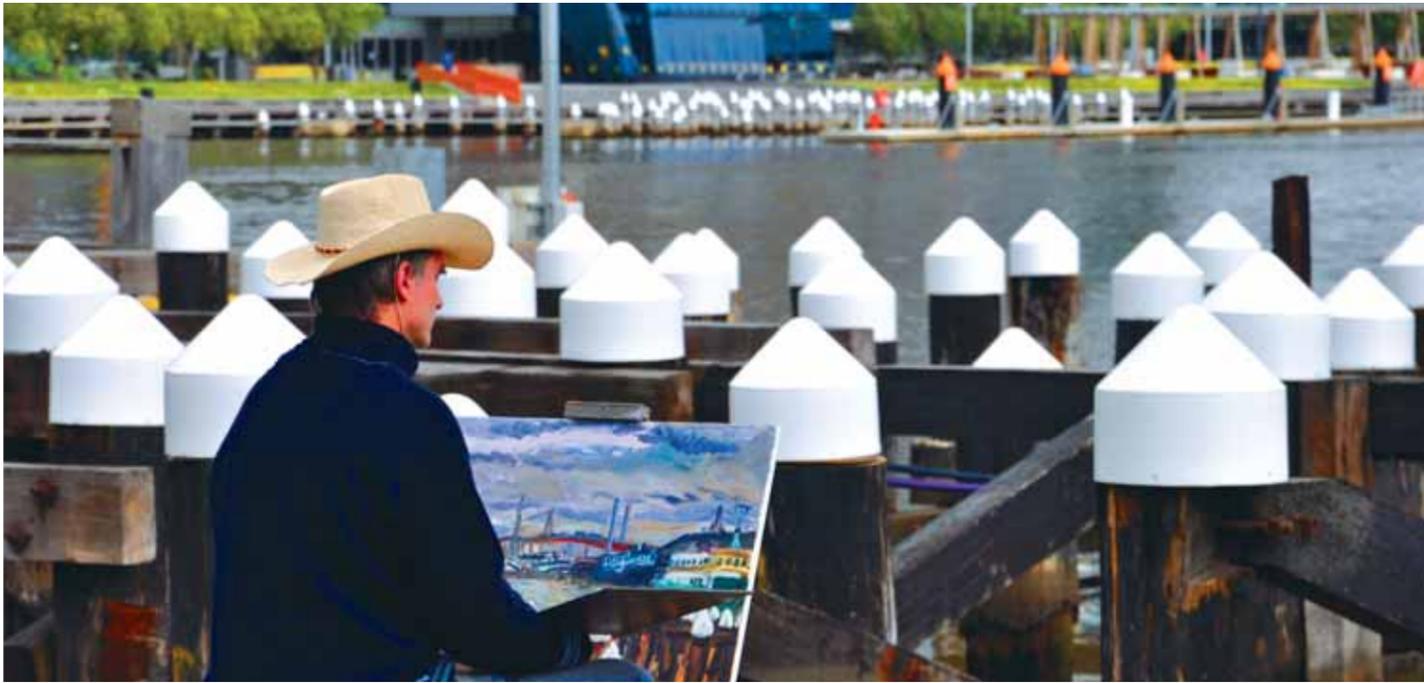
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Picture this

'Docklands News' came across painter Stephen Armstrong (pictured) last month as he worked on a piece in preparation for the Mission to Seafarers' Art Prize and Exhibition.

The exhibition, which takes place in Docklands each October, asks artists to respond to the theme "the relationship between humanity and the sea".

When *Docklands News* spoke to Stephen he had been working on his piece for two hours and said it was almost finished.

OC to take short-stay owners to VCAT

The Watergate Owners Corporation (OC) is taking owners of short-stay apartments in its building to VCAT, over alleged breaches of OC rules.

Although the short-stay case between the City of Melbourne and Docklands Executive Apartment operator Paul Salter continues at the Building Appeals Board (BAB), the OC is not content to wait on the outcome of the case.

It has been issuing breach notices to owners of apartments used for short-term accommodation throughout the year and last month filed VCAT applications against nine apartment owners.

All nine apartments are managed by Docklands Executive Apartments.

Examples of alleged breaches recorded by the OC include:

Using apartments for short-term letting in contravention of OC rules regarding minimum stays;

Using apartments for short-term letting

in contravention of OC rules regarding commercial use of apartments; and

Movement of items, such as cleaning supplies, likely to cause damage or obstruction through the common property without notifying the building manager.

While the Watergate OC was adjoined with council during the original BAB hearing it was not a part of the Supreme Court or Court of Appeals cases and will not be adjoined to the case currently before the BAB.

Watergate OC chairperson Barbara Francis said VCAT action was the only option available, outside the BAB.

"This is what we can do as a building in our own right," Ms Francis said.

"We have these tools available to us and we don't know how the BAB hearings are going to pan out," she said.

She said one of the outcomes of the first BAB hearing, in 2012, was that the major operator, Grand Harbour Accommodation, ceased operating.

She said since then, the remaining operator, Mr Salter, had increased from three apartments to nine.

When *Docklands News* spoke with Mr Salter he said owners had not yet received notification of the VCAT action and declined to comment until he had received official documentation.

The original three apartments have been the focus of the Building Appeals Board hearings and subsequent Supreme Court and Court of Appeals hearings.

The BAB case began in 2012, when Mr Salter appealed building orders issued to owners of short-stay apartments by council in 2011.

Under the Building Code of Australia, Watergate is classified as a Class 2 building.

The orders required owners to comply with building regulations applicable to a Class 3 building (akin to a hotel or boarding house) or to cease trading.

In the original case, the BAB panel found in favour of council and upheld the building orders, but in 2013 Mr Salter successfully appealed the decision at the Supreme Court, which remitted the case back to the BAB to be reheard.

Before it could return, council unsuccessfully appealed the decision at the Court of Appeals, which also remitted it to the BAB.

Having convened for directions hearing and summary hearings earlier this year, the BAB is scheduled to rehear the case on October 23 and 24.

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Residential plans submitted

Plans for a \$400 million residential precinct on the former Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre site were last month submitted to the state planning department.

A joint venture between Eureka Funds Management and Clement Lee, the proposal would see some 1100 apartments constructed across four residential buildings at the corner of Flinders and Spencer streets.

The two companies have been partners in the site since acquiring it from the State Government in 2010.

According to Asset1 WTC (a Clement Lee business) chief operating officer Gavin Boyd, the towers will range in height from 24 to 34 storeys.

He said the shorter of the towers would be situated closer to the river, while the

taller towers would be closer to Flinders St, avoiding overshadowing of the southern bank of the river.

Mr Boyd said the plan to convert the site to a residential permit was driven by a stronger "appetite" in the current market for residential buildings over commercial.

According to Mr Boyd, demolition work to remove the former convention and exhibition centre was currently underway.

He said there was no date confirmed for commencement of construction of the residential towers.



An artist's impression of the residential precinct proposed at the former convention centre site.

Tram link idea from Greens

A new public transport policy proposed by the Greens would see a regular tram service link Docklands with Footscray.

According to Western Metropolitan Greens MP Colleen Hartland, the connection is a "fairly logical" one and would provide a much-needed link.

The proposal, to extend the 82 tram 5km along Footscray Rd, would cost an estimated \$80 - \$100 million, according to Ms Hartland.

The Greens believe a tram running every 10 minutes along Footscray Rd would take 1800 cars off the road each hour.

She said there had been a good response to the policy and said it would allow opportunities for people living in Footscray and Docklands to visit their neighbouring suburbs for dining and entertainment.

"As long as I've lived in Footscray it's something people have talked about," Ms Hartland said.

"In my mind the best part of this is that it will provide an easier way for people to get to work."

She said it would be a quick service, with only few stops along Footscray Rd and would probably be a 10-minute journey.

The Docklands to Footscray tram is part of a wider public transport policy developed by the Greens, which targets "17 missing links" in the tram network, according to Ms Hartland.

Maribyrnong Council has also been pursuing the Footscray to Docklands tram idea and was responsible for costing the plan, according to Ms Hartland.

At a council meeting on July 22 Maribyrnong's councillors agreed to write letters to the State Government requesting a feasibility study and to the City of Melbourne seeking the council's support.

A spokesperson from the City of Melbourne said council supported the creation of a tram connection with Footscray along Dynon Rd.

"Council's Transport Strategy 2012 and Access Docklands Strategy both propose a tram connection along Dynon Road to directly connect Footscray into Melbourne's north to south tram network."

Minister for Transport Terry Mulder did not respond to a request for comment.

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Name Docklands' newest park

An AFL and World War 2 legend, a shanty settlement or the captain of the Enterprize?

Who or what do you think Docklands' newest community facility should be named after?

The State Government is seeking input from the community on the name of the soon-to-be developed western park site.

Construction of the first stage of the park begins this month and will see a sports field, community pavilion and playground constructed.

The Government has created a shortlist of names for the park and is inviting Melburnians to vote for their preference.

"This park will become a significant community space so it's fitting that people living in Docklands and the wider community have a chance to help decide what it will be called," Places Victoria general manager Simon Wilson said.

"By Spring next year this unused space will be transformed into a place where people can kick a ball, walk the dog and take their children to play."

The shortlist of names selected for the park is Ron Barassi Snr Park, Dudley Flats Park or Lancey Park.

Ron Barrassi Snr was a rover for the Melbourne Football Club from 1936 to 1940. He served as part of Australia's World War 2 campaign in North Africa. He was killed in action at Tobruk in 1941.

Dudley Flats was a shanty settlement which developed on the banks of the Moonee Ponds Creek at the western edge of Docklands during the 1930s depression. The camp remained there until the early 1950s.

Captain John Lancey was the captain of the Enterprize, one of the first ships that sailed into Melbourne in August 1935. His fleet's arrival is now marked each year on Melbourne Day and a replica of the tall ship Enterprize is moored in Docklands.

To vote for your preferred name visit www.premier.vic.gov.au/announcements/new-docklands-park-naming-poll.html



Kaye Lane (left) and Sue Paras (right) thanks Peter Simpson (centre) for his support of their fundraising efforts.

Trio to escape for a good cause

The Yarra's Edge community has come together to support the fundraising efforts of three local residents.

Yarra's Edge locals Kaye Lane, Sue Paras and Judy Brougham are taking part in The Cystic Fibrosis Great Escape this month and have been blown away by the generosity of local businesses and residents.

"Everyone's been so amazing," Ms Paras said.

The Great Escape will see the trio take part in a car rally from Shepparton to Hobart, covering 4000 km in 10 days, between September 8 and 18.

The team has named themselves the Y.E. Hookr's, acknowledging the support of local restaurateur Peter Simpson.

Mr Simpson owns Hooks at Yarra's Edge and, according to the team, has offered plenty of support.

Mr Simpson said he had taken part in numerous fundraising car rallies with Variety and when he heard the group was taking part in The Great Escape offered to find them a suitable car.

The decorated HR Holden he tracked down will be used by the group and then returned

to Mr Simpson.

"The ladies have got a bit of fun ahead of them, it's all off-road so it's going to be an interesting adventure," Mr Simpson said.

Hooks also hosted a trivia night to help the crew fundraise and will host a "Pluck-a-Duck" spin the wheel night on September 4, offering attendees the chance to win a range of fresh produce.

"Pete's been fantastic, we had the best trivia night here," Ms Lane said.

"Every table was full and we all had such fun," Ms Lane said. "All the beautiful Yarra's Edge residents raised \$12,000."

According to Ms Lane, many local Docklands businesses have also been generous with their support and in particular local Yarra's Edge businesses Mirvac, Lucas Real Estate and Marina YE.

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Goods Shed demolition plan refused

Heritage Victoria has refused a permit application seeking to demolish seven bays of the historic Goods Shed North.

The Equiset Grollo Group proposal would have around 32-metres of the shed, along with the existing three-storey 710 Collins St building, demolished to make way for a 34-storey commercial tower.

The permit application was refused by Heritage Victoria executive director Tim Smith, on the grounds of the significant impact the proposal would have on the structure.

The shed is the largest surviving railway goods shed in Australia and is regarded as the most elaborate structure of its kind in Victoria.

In making his decision, Mr Smith said the further erosion of the building's footprint would irreversibly impact its state heritage significance, a major component of which is the building's form and length.

"The decision reaffirms Heritage Victoria's view that the industrial heritage of Victoria is a significant component of the State's heritage places, and that a key element of these sites is their scale and form, serving as heritage landmarks for local communities," Mr Smith said.

Equiset Grollo Group executive director property Matthew O'Halloran did not respond to a request for comment before deadline.



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Local businesses to benefit from Seniors program

Docklands businesses can expect to benefit from an increase in trade from the lucrative seniors market, thanks to the efforts of the Docklands Chamber of Commerce.

The chamber is one of just three precincts within wider Melbourne to be selected for the Age Friendly Partners Program, in partnership with the City of Melbourne and the Victorian Seniors Card Program.

The program aims to make Docklands more age-friendly and will result in Docklands being heavily promoted to seniors as a destination to visit.

In particular, seniors will be encouraged to explore our suburb during the 2014 Victorian Seniors Festival in October, with Docklands to be showcased during the festival.

Minister for Ageing David Davis last month released the Seniors Festival Program and launched the Docklands Seniors Card Age Friendly Partners Program at Watermark in Docklands on August 23.

"For the first time, Docklands will become a hive of activity for seniors, with traders offering discounts and special events across the precinct, including a free ferry ride on Victoria Harbour," Mr Davis said.

Mr Davis said the Docklands Age Friendly Partners Program was an exciting partnership, which would make the Docklands precinct more age-friendly.

"This program will promote Docklands as an age-friendly shopping environment, where older people enjoy better customer service, improved facilities, and access to a wide range of Seniors Card discounts from local businesses," Mr Davis said.

"More than 40 Docklands businesses have joined the Seniors Card Program as part of this initiative and are committed to creating a safe, accessible and friendly shopping and dining environment for seniors."

Docklands Chamber of Commerce President



Minister for Ageing David Davis with Docklands Chamber of Commerce President Joh Maxwell at the launch.

Joh Maxwell, has led the chamber's involvement in the age-friendly program, and said the chamber looked forward to welcoming senior members of the community, not only during the Seniors Festival, but throughout the 12-month program.

"The Docklands Chamber of Commerce will continue to work with the business community to develop services and activities for seniors," Mrs Maxwell said.

"Residents and visitors have the opportunity to enjoy Docklands with open spaces, flat walking areas, waterfront views, activities, shopping and relaxation options - Docklands is the place to be."

She said the chamber aimed to have 100 Docklands businesses engaged with the Seniors Card Program, making Docklands a

must-visit area for seniors.

The 2014 Victorian Seniors Festival is on from October 5 to October 12.

Seniors Card holders who live in or visit Docklands during the festival will be offered;

Free ferry tours of Victoria Harbour departing half hourly between 10.30am and 2.30pm;

Free tours of the Mission to Seafarers and morning tea;

Free rides for grandparents at Wonderland Fun Park's Grandparent's Day on October 5 and 12;

Free Spiegelent Spectacular Jazz Festival on Friday, October 10; and

Library at the Dock activities, including technology training sessions, tai chi, table tennis, author's talk and afternoon tea.

Final phase of Yarra's Edge

Mirvac has unveiled the final stage of its Yarra's Edge development, with a new precinct named Wharf's Entrance announced last month.

The new precinct will see the development of a 30-storey residential tower named Forge, which will neighbour low-rise riverfront homes and home offices.

The new development will see an estimated 450 residents join the Yarra's Edge community.

Mirvac Group executive residential John Carfi said Wharf's Entrance would cap off a highly successful precinct.

"Wharf's Entrance is the final piece of the puzzle at Yarra's Edge and will cement the precinct as Melbourne's premier waterfront living community," he said.

"What we have created over the past 15 years is a neighbourhood of 2500 people that value great design and embrace a lifestyle by the water, much like the world's greatest cities do."

It's anticipated construction of Wharf's Entrance will begin in 2015 and will be built in several stages, with the entire precinct due for completion in around seven years.



An artist's impression of the Forge residential tower at Wharf's Entrance.



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More reasons to laugh your arts off

The Docklands, Arts, Laughs and Blues Festival is back again next month and promises to be bigger and better than ever.

Now in its third year, the festival aims to provide a major visitor attraction according to event organiser Melissa Head from Wonderland Fun Park.

Kicking off on October 1, visitors and locals will enjoy circus, cabaret, stand-up comedy, illusion, puppetry, burlesque, art and film over the five day festival.

Events will take place at a range of venues across Docklands, but the festival will be centred on Wonderland Fun Park's "Salon de Elegance" spiegelent.

"The festival has something for everyone and the Wonderland Spiegelent is a stand-alone in Docklands, oozing with nostalgia and charm, and fun for one and all," Ms Head said.

Supported by the City of Melbourne and a range of sponsors, plenty of work has gone into making the festival a great event for Docklands.

"Our ability to present a range of events and festivals enables an event such as the Docklands Arts, Laughs and Blues Festival to build a new audience for Docklands and

multiple reasons to visit," Ms Head said.

For the first time the Wonderland Spiegelent will present a movie as part of the festival, with *The Blues Brothers* screening on the opening night of the festival.

The festival also includes a family fun day on Saturday, September 4 with a range of free events, including bubble workshops, balloon making, face-painting and puppet shows, according to Ms Head.

And the fun culminates on Sunday, October 5 with the annual Docklands Blues Music Festival.

According to Ms Head, the free blues festival will offer "a wonderland of rhythm" with 22 performances across five stages between 11am and 9pm.

And Ms Head's one tip to ensure you get the most out of this year's Docklands Arts, Laughs and Blues Festival: "Don't see one show, see them all".

For more information about the Docklands Arts, Laughs and Blues Festival see www.docklandsartsandlaughsfestival.com.au



Janet Bolitho and Pip Carroll invite you to visit Westgate Park next month.

Discover your "backyard"

Docklanders are invited to discover the "backyard" next door at Westgate Park next month.

The Friends of Westgate Park are planning an open day on Sunday, September 21 and hope Docklands residents will take up the opportunity to learn more about the park.

For those who are interested, but are not quite sure where Westgate Park is, guided bike tours will leave from Hortus at 10am and 12pm.

Once you've arrived, there will be expert guides to introduce you to the plant and birdlife of the park, children's activities and

you can get your hands dirty with planting and mulching.

Melbourne historian Meyer Eidelson, will lead a guided walk called "Exploring the Mouth of the Yarra" and David Sparks from the St Kilda indigenous nursery will lead a session on container gardening using local plants.

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Presentation perfect with unrivalled 270 degree panoramic views from the bay across the bridges to the Yarra and the city skyline, this impressive three bedroom apartment with two bathrooms on the 10th floor is the epitome of inner city living. Capturing glorious northern sun, this immaculate home enjoys open plan entertaining with balcony terrace, designer Smeg appliances kitchen/meals, hotel style main bedroom (BIRs & ensuite) & a wing of 3 bedrooms (BIRs), family bathroom. Including stone bench tops, zoned heating.



Docklands 1402/60 Siddeley Street
VIEWS AS FAR AS THE EYE CAN SEE
2 Bed 2 Bath 1 Car
Private Sale \$640,000 plus
Inspect By appointment

Perfectly located on the North bank of the Yarra is this impressive 14th floor apartment which is spacious, light filled and has an extremely functional floor plan. Consisting of 2 bedrooms, a modern and stylish kitchen with stainless steel appliances, glass splash back, granite bench tops and plenty of storage. 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.



Docklands 601 / 80 Lorimer Street
MASSIVE ENTERTAINERS TERRACE
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Docklands 204 / 80 Lorimer Street
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Private Sale \$790,000
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A performance art piece using Semaphore was performed on Victoria Harbour Promenade last month.

Fancy some art with your lunch?

That was the combination served up on Victoria Harbour Promenade last month, with a daily semaphore display at lunchtime each day.

The performance art piece by Amy Robinson is part of the annual Rising: the Victoria Harbour Young Artist Initiative.

Now in its seventh year, the public exhibition features work created by students of Melbourne University's Victorian College of the Arts.

Ms Robinson's work, *When I said "Art," the ocean understood*, uses the nautical communication system of semaphore, using flags to convey a message.

According to Ms Robinson, semaphore involves two sets of languages, single flags that represent a phrase or sentence and flag signals used to form individual letters.

Since the opening of the exhibition on August 13 either Ms Robinson or a stand-in has performed the piece each day at lunchtime.

While standing on a large semaphore flag sticker, representing the phrase "cease your intentions I wish to communicate with you"

the performer repeatedly communicates the word "art" using flag signals.

"I was trying to think about the sort of language that public art has when it's out somewhere unexpected," Ms Robinson said.

"I was looking at the history of Docklands and the water being a large feature and thought perhaps semaphore was a useful language to start with."

"Also the kind of repeated calling and sending used in the work gives people an opportunity to enquire."

Apart from Ms Robinson's performance piece, the Rising exhibition also features works by six other students, including a sculptural version of a shipping container, a rainbow lighting installation, a diving board emerging from the water and an interactive work featuring mirrored surfaces.

Rising: the Victoria Harbour Young Artist Initiative opened on August 13 and closes on September 7.

Time for action on water governance

After decades aboard a bureaucratic merry-go-round, Melbourne's waterfront communities are changing tack in their quest for a new governance regime on the water.

A waterfront forum at Federation Square on August 5 determined to seek and engage a respected "champion" with a passion for Melbourne who could open doors at the highest levels of State Government.

The Yarra River Business Association-sponsored (YRBA) forum was given a brief history since 1999 of numerous waterways reports, studies and committees which had all recommended structural change to activate the sector but had failed to stimulate any real outcomes.

And while the sector is unanimous in its desire for change, it says the State Government minister responsible for the waterways, Ryan Smith, won't meet its representatives.

Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre (MCEC)'s operations manager, Leighton Wood, told the forum the time had come to move beyond committees if anything was going to be achieved.

"We don't need another committee. You can form the 14th committee in 15 years and get nowhere," he said.

"You need an ear at Premier level and you need someone with real status around this city to take this on - someone with a passion and a sense of civic duty for enlivening the waterways. And they might not be a boat owner, they might not even care about the river, but they care about the city."

Examples of an appropriate "champion" included former Premier Jeff Kennett and Sir Rod Eddington.

The forum adopted Mr Wood's approach of finding a "champion", devising a strategy and, finally, developing a new umbrella

organisation which could replace or enmesh with the current unmanageable mix of 17 authorities with jurisdiction over the waterways.

Forum guest speaker Gold Coast Waterways Authority CEO Hal Morris outlined a lean and effective model that is returning significant financial returns for Queensland.

Mr Morris said Gold Coast waterways contributed \$4.5 billion to the local economy and was responsible for 2500 direct jobs.

In contrast, the forum heard from Melbourne Passenger Boating Association president Jeff Gordon who outlined an "undernourished" industry with limited patronage and massive excess capacity.

Mr Gordon said Melbourne's 26 "heritage-style" boat had a capacity to carry nearly a million passengers per year if they each did only one cruise per day, but were currently only attracting around 265,000 passengers per year.

"An industry exists in Melbourne, but unfortunately due to lack of recognition as to what the industry could deliver for the city, it has been largely ignored and like a tree planted with so much potential has been left to wither by the authorities," Mr Gordon said.

"We feel the City of Melbourne is sympathetic to the industry. However other state authorities have little desire to liaise with the industry. We have been trying unsuccessfully since July 2012, to meet with Ryan Smith, re berthing and other issues."

Mr Morris said his slim-lined authority with the status of a government department was achieving great outcomes for the Gold Coast waterways.

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More workers near stadium

The stadium precinct will receive a population boost over the next few months with staff moving into the new Medibank building at 720 Bourke St.

According to a Medibank spokesperson, around 1500 staff from five sites across Melbourne will move into the new building progressively through until mid-October.

“Medibank is continuing its commitment as a major tenant in the local community and we hope our new building will bring soul, passion and a needed green space to the Docklands,” a Medibank spokesperson said.

The unique building features green walls along Bourke St, with native plants climbing the exterior. It also offers a new public space to the community through a newly-planted public park, according to the spokesperson.

“The reintroduction of nature into this highly urbanised precinct will help improve local air quality, entice birds and help manage temperatures in the summer,” the spokesperson said.

According to the spokesperson, each element of the new building has been designed with health at its core.

“From the bike ramp spiralling up into the heat of the building, to the multipurpose sports court and kitchen garden, the building delivers considerably more than the average workplace and is designed to encourage movement throughout the day,” the spokesperson said.



Medibank workers Rebecca Mein, Marco Costanzo, Mik Simons and Waudi Tahche moved into the new building at 720 Bourke St last month.

Miss Wonderland arrives

Imagine growing up surrounded by the carnival atmosphere of a fun park.

That's the exciting future that awaits little Tayla Patricia Davis, born last month to Wonderland Fun Park proprietors Colin and Melissa.

Colin and Melissa welcomed the arrival of their very own “Miss Wonderland” at St Vincent’s Private Hospital at 10.13am on Tuesday, August 12, weighing 3775 grams.

Melissa sent her thanks to Dr Miranda Robinson and Dr Joel Sadowsky at St Vincent’s and said mum, dad and Tayla (pictured) were home and enjoying walks at the beach during the recent spring days.



Visual connections with the water

A new exhibition opening at the Maritime Porthole Gallery in Docklands this month will explore connections to the water.

Curator of the gallery Robert Lee Davis has paired with photographer Min SimanKevicius to create the exhibition “New Ports New Shores New Works”, in what will be their first collaboration.

Although they work across different mediums, Mr Davis in painting and collage and Mr SimanKevicius in digitally manipulated photographs, the pair say there are connections between their work.

“We both manipulate images to tell a story,” Mr Davis said.

While the exhibition will predominantly feature work created independently, the pair will also collaborate on a piece throughout the exhibition.

“I’ve provided Robert with a background image and he will then do some collage

work,” Mr SimanKevicius said. “That’s going to be an interesting process at the exhibition.

Mr Davis said he hoped the exhibition would bring some more life into Docklands.

“We’re trying to bring that art focus down there,” he said.

“I think for me I try to find a story in the location I am in, so seeing things tossed around, thrown on the floor, perhaps a ticket stub from a ride on the wheel or other bits and pieces I’ve found combine to create my imagery of the place, which you’ll see in the exhibition,” Mr Davis said.

“New Ports New Shores New Works” opens on September 5 and can be viewed at the Maritime Porthole Gallery on Docklands Drive until December 5.

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Docklands' children to share their stories

Forget simply reading a book. A new project at the Library at the Dock will allow local children to create their very own storybooks.

The Docklands Children's Story Trail project is an initiative of Kids' Own Publishing and will see kids create their own eight-page books, which will then be placed around Docklands for others to enjoy.

Kids' Own Publishing executive director Victoria Ryle said the aim of the project was to engage with the growing population of families in Docklands.

"The aim of the project is fundamentally to support children and families to have the opportunities to create and to connect with a sense of place," she said.

"The idea of publishing is to get your message out there. By publishing these books we're bringing the message of the children and families living in Docklands out to the broader Docklands community."

The project includes the development of a custom-built app called WePublish, which is used to create the books, alongside traditional handmade art techniques.

According to Ms Ryle, books published through the project will give an insight into the world of a child.

"Something as simple as a saying to a child, 'this is your book, it can be about anything you like,' is really powerful," she said.

The Docklands Children's Story Trail project was made possible through a \$20,000 City of Melbourne Community Grant and Kids' Own publishing has partnered with council and Playgroups Victoria for the project.

Councillor Richard Foster said the reading trail project was an opportunity for children and families to come together and build a sense of community.

"It utilises state-of-the-art technology to



Kids' Own Publishing executive director Victoria Ryle with local children Rishaan Khandelwal and Aletheia Wong at the Docklands library.

enable a book creating and publishing hub that can be accessed at any time," he said.

"City of Melbourne library staff are working in collaboration with Kid's Own Publishing to enable the Docklands community to create their own stories, in their own voices."

Kids' Own Publishing will be running two sessions over the upcoming school holidays.

The first session, on Friday, September 26 from 10.30am until 2pm, is suited for children aged three to eight.

Children are invited to drop-in and create a book under the guidance of a Kids' Own Publishing artist.

The second school holiday session is on October 3 from 10.30am to 12 noon and

is suitable for kids aged between four and seven and bookings are required.

Kids will use an exhibition on the history of Docklands currently on display at the library to inspire their own stories.

Books created at both sessions can be printed out, emailed and will be distributed around Docklands as part of the Docklands Children's Story Trail.

Kids' Own Publishing is also running make-a-book workshops for local playgroups throughout October and November, which can be booked through Eventbrite, under the title "Docklands Children's Story Trail - Make-A-Book Workshops".

For more information visit www.kidsownpublishing.com

Tick for Batman's Hill

The City of Melbourne has expressed conditional support for the first of the Batman's Hill buildings.

The planned commercial buildings came before the Future Melbourne Committee meeting on August 5 and councillors unanimously agreed to support the proposed development subject to a few conditions.

The two mid-rise commercial towers were discussed at last month's Future Melbourne meeting and are proposed to be built over a raised ground plane, fronting Collins St.

Construction of the two buildings would also see the development of a new east-west pedestrian lane called Market Place Lane, the first stages of a new public road running north-south and a lift providing access from Aurora Lane to the western end of Market Place Lane.

Conditions outlined in the officer's report included concern about the design and appearance of the proposed buildings and redesign of the lift entrance and lift setback from Aurora Lane which, according to the report, creates an "awkward entry space" which was considered to be unsafe and disconnected from Aurora Lane.



An artist's impression of the proposed Batman's Hill development.

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Dockland is the inner-city's most expensive apartment market, according to RP Data.

Figures collected by RP Data show Docklands' median apartment price is \$600,000.

In contrast, North Melbourne's median apartment price is \$450,000, the CBD's median price is \$400,000 while Southbank's median price is \$550,000.

But RP Data's Victorian housing market specialist Robert Larocca warned that Docklands' median price was affected by the sale of a high number of expensive properties.

Over the past year there have been 67 dwellings in Docklands sold for more than \$1 million.

"In Docklands there's that market at the top of the towers that's like a Toorak in the sky effectively," Mr Larocca said.

"Docklands does have the highest median sale price, but that's obscured by a high volume of very expensive homes."

Mr Larocca said it was important to consider this factor when looking at the inner-city apartment market.



Happy birthday Sally

It was the party that just kept going.

When Docklander Sally Hewitt turned 60 last month, the celebrations went for a week.

There was a suite at Crown with husband

Bill, family dinners, no end of well wishers and finally a cruise on the harbour.

In our photo, Sally is cutting her birthday cake following the cruise on Quest III.

Following all that, the intrepid couple had to fly back for a rest to their other life on the road in Queensland as "grey nomads"!

Marina upgrade

The City of Melbourne is upgrading Melbourne City Marina after corrosion and structural defects were discovered during an annual inspection.

According to a council spokesperson, onsite work began in mid-July and involved the removal and replacement of the eastern and western floating pontoons and pile sleeves, along with minor structural repair work.

"Significant corrosion in the pontoons and connecting steel brackets and structural defects in pile sleeves were identified through our annual asset inspection program," the spokesperson said.

The spokesperson said council approved funding for the project as part of its 2013/14 capital works program and work is expected to be completed by early September.

Council and Places Victoria have also funded around \$1.5 million worth of landscaping work at the Docklands interface with the Jim Stynes Bridge, according to the council spokesperson.

Work is currently taking place at the site and is expected to be completed in December.



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Desserts/platters

Mini lemon curd tarts

White chocolate and strawberry panna cotta with almonds and strawberry caviar

House made sponge, Frangelico cream, dehydrated raspberries, honey caviar.



Jackie Karin will share tales of migratory birds and colonial women at this month's storyteller session.

Flock to the library

By Tina Thorburn

Take a trip across seas and sky in the third of a series of free storytelling events at the library this month.

Storytellers Jackie Karin and Teena Hartnett will weave folktale, myth and history in their story *The Way of Winged Ones and Women* at the library on September 18.

The tale will take listeners to the wings of migratory birds and the shoulders of colonial women. Based on the deep connection between their sisters of the sky, the tale describes the journeys of colonial women

who crossed the oceans for a new life.

The event is part of a series of Storytelling Australia Victoria events running each month at The Library at the Dock through to December.

The Ways of Winged Ones and Women is on at the Library and the Dock on September 18. Doors open at 5.30pm and the show begins at 6pm.

Docklands heroin bust

Police arrested a parolee in Docklands last month after \$70,000 worth of heroin was found in his possession during a roadblock operation.

"Operation Roller" on August 5 saw 2800 cars driving city-bound on Footscray Rd, checked by Automated Number Plate Recognition (ANPR).

The male was arrested with 200 grams of heroin in his possession, which carries a street value of \$70,000.

He was charged with trafficking heroin and has been returned to jail.

The operation also saw 167 sheriffs' warrants executed, while 10 drivers received tickets for driving an unregistered car, three drivers for driving without a licence and five for driving on a suspended licence.

The previous month, police carried out a two-week traffic operation across Footscray Rd, Dynon Rd and Wurundjeri Way.

Over two weeks in July, "Operation Nimrod" saw 1800 vehicles checked, 200 penalty notices issued, 23 drivers sent to court over driving offences and three arrest warrants executed.

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Melbourne Day Regatta and Blessing of the Fleet

As reported on Page 1, Docklands was centre stage during the Melbourne Day celebrations last month, hosting the annual regatta and blessing of the fleet. With a range of events on and around the water, there was plenty to keep the 5000 visitors to the celebration occupied.



Even four-legged boaties got in on the regatta action.



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MELISSA CRANEELL, 42
Visiting from Mt Gambier

As a single mum frustrated by the welfare system, Melissa would like to meet Abraham Lincoln to ask him about how to get our politicians to lead by example. She'd pick his brain about how to bring passion back to the politicians of the current day.



ROB DANIEL, 27
Working at Woolshed Pub

According to Rob, Steve Jobs saw the world in a different light. Rob would like to pick Steve's brain about his contribution to Apple and how he's managed to touch everyone's lives. Rob believes Steve lives on in the Apple products we use today.



TRACY FOSTER, 40
Visiting from Perth

Tracy would like to meet Ned Kelly because he's an Australian Icon. Although he was a troublemaker, Tracy would like to ask him about his hard life. Tracy is fascinated with the era and Ned Kelly's circumstances and wonders if he would have made different choices if the circumstances were different.



MARK ANDERSON, 33
Fundraising for Fred Hollow Foundation

Sir Donald Bradman was a cricket legend who lived and played through wartime and the depression. Mark would ask Sir Donald about the hardships of the time and what it was like to play cricket for Australia during a turbulent time in history.



SEAN KOLDERS, 25
Lives in Docklands

As a fan of mixed martial arts, Sean would like to meet Bruce Lee to ask him about spirituality and his mindset. Sean admires Bruce's philosophy, dedication and athleticism and believes Bruce has a lot of great qualities.



GENA MAXWELL, 66
Visiting from South Australia

Gena would like to meet Mahatma Gandhi to ask him about the point in his life when he changed. Having read a lot about Gandhi, Gena is fascinated by Gandhi's philosophy and life. She would like to know at what point in Gandhi's life was he changed by what he thought.

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Melbourne's hip maestro

Rohan Leppert is very inner Melbourne.

The hipster councillor would not look out of place on a fixed-wheel bicycle with brightly-coloured rims and hand-grip-only bars.

But he also has intellectual substance and capacity which goes way deeper than his youthful, male-model good looks might suggest.

Cr Leppert is one of only a few city councillors who can persuade his colleagues of the merits of his point of view using extremely well-articulated, deeply researched and reasoned logic – despite their political differences.

As the younger of only two Greens councillors, one might expect a degree of vocal outrage or at least some political grandstanding.

However, Cr Leppert is successfully navigating the consensual politics mandated by Lord Mayor Robert Doyle, even if this does raise suspicions within his natural constituency.

And it's not as if Cr Leppert doesn't feel like rattling the bars of the cage. He just knows that to get the right outcomes, you have to at least play the game.

"If I was to take the 'boost the profile' / 'attack the conservatives' line then I would be achieving less because there would be no reason for the other councillors to listen to my ideas, to consider my amendments and motions if all they saw was someone blocking what they were trying to do." Cr Leppert said. "It's a difficult balance and I get very nervous that a lot of the really hard work being done is not recognised. I think that Cathy (Oke) and I have achieved a lot, so there are good reasons why we have chosen this style of politics."

Cr Leppert's German grandparents (all four) came to Australia post World War II to work on the Snowy Mountains scheme. His father and mother met in Canberra where he grew



up, coming to Melbourne to study music the moment he graduated from high school. He bypassed student politics but when he did become politically active based on his desire to save the planet, he jumped into the deep end – advising and guiding Adam Bandt to becoming the nation's first Greens lower house member in 2010.

He had earlier put his hand up at the 2008 City of Melbourne election, losing by a slender margin to ALP candidate Jennifer Kanis. Between then and the 2012 election, he shadowed the council's activities, so there were no surprises when he was ultimately victorious in 2012.

Although grateful for the relative harmony between all 11 councillors, Cr Leppert is far from happy with the current electoral system which discriminates against residents in favour of non-resident business and property owners.

He blames this system for the relative ease in which non-resident councillors can avoid becoming immersed in the detail of the council's operation.

"I think that the councillors who live within the City of Melbourne interpret their responsibilities differently to the six that live outside. Certainly I think that some of the non-leadership-team councillors who work

the hardest are those living inside the City of Melbourne," he said.

"I do occasionally resent that I am caring so much about an issue and a majority of councillors don't even know what language I am speaking."

"This is not a criticism of councillors but more a reflection on the system that we have got, that the councillors can get away with not being on top of the detail.

It's easy for councillors to read a report, say 'yes that looks pretty good' and put their hand up."

He is also pained by the flip-side of this situation, that unelected officers get to run the council largely without regard to the views of elected representatives.

Being such a bright, young prospect, it would be easy to expect Cr Leppert to harbour political ambitions beyond local government.

In answer to where his apprenticeship on council was leading, he said: "I don't know. I've worked in Parliament House for Adam Bandt and have seen how MPs work and I

don't like it. It's been suggested to me that I look at something other than council and I don't think that I ever will."

"I am not seeking to become a career politician or anything like that. I would like to go back to music at some stage."

The demands of being a councillor dictate that he has capacity at the moment for only 16 private music students. And, despite music being a major passion, Cr Leppert can no longer play.

He severed nerves, tendons and arteries in his right hand in an accident several years ago and now lives his musical life vicariously through others.

Of this major setback he said it was "a little bit" tragic but it meant he had more time to devote to politics.

"The arts and culture portfolio (which he chairs) really is a lot of fun. I'm having an absolute ball and, if I can't play, the best I can do is to go along and see the best on offer and it's absolutely wonderful," he said.

Next month's Councillor Profile looks at Cr Arron Wood

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The original Docklander

Most people who work in Docklands today wouldn't be able to imagine what the area looked like before it was developed.

But for Brian Tanti, the image of pre-development Docklands is still clear in his mind.

"It was in a classic tumble weed, frontier kind of state," Mr Tanti said. "It had been sitting idle for many, many years."

Mr Tanti began working in Docklands around 20 years ago as curator of the Fox Classic Car Collection and today is CEO of the AutoHorizon Foundation, the not-for-profit organisation behind the FR-1 concept car.

According to Mr Tanti, when he first began working in Docklands the only other presence in the area was the Mission to Seafarers on Flinders St and an old 1950s caravan was the only place you could buy lunch.

According to Mr Tanti he wouldn't have seen more than a handful of people regularly, but "there were always interesting characters floating about".

He recalls a man who used to live in the historic crane next to Shed 5 on Flinders St and a "Steptoe and Son" style operation called The Old Tin Shed, where a man used to sell second-hand building materials.

According to Mr Tanti, the first development to cause significant change in the area was the establishment of physical corridors to the city via the Bourke St and Collins St extensions.

"I think that was the first big step in creating a connection with the city," Mr Tanti said.

"It was only when those two bridges and connections started happening that people from the city would start to wander down on their lunchbreak."

As Docklands grew both residentially and commercially a small community also began to emerge.

"I got involved at a community level



through the likes of Peter Crowley and Peter Anderson at the Docklands Authority, who were trying to build community out of what was a greenfields development," Mr Tanti said. "It was pretty hard going back in the early days."

Mr Tanti eventually became involved with the Docklands Chamber of Commerce, serving as an executive member for five years.

He was the chamber's second president, and took on the role for two years.

"It was a period where the chamber was looking for some direction," Mr Tanti said.

"One of the things I was able to bring to the chamber of the time was that I wasn't politically aligned to any developer or group and I called things as I saw them," he said.

"There was an opportunity to work with both the small and big businesses in trying to advance the precinct."

Having watched Docklands grow from the ground up, Mr Tanti is in a unique position to reflect on its development.

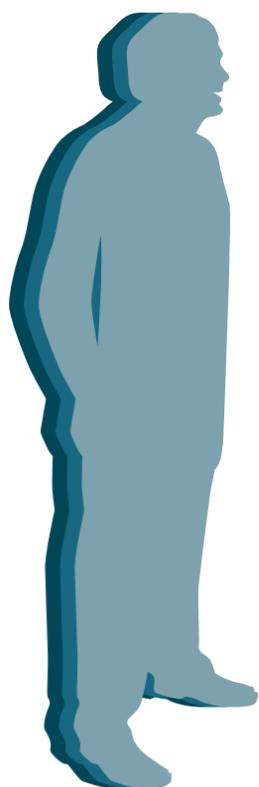
So does he think anything should have been done differently?

"I'm not an urban planner so I can't answer that question with any degree of expertise, but at a smaller level, at a personal level I think more events down here," he said. "Street events and events that engage with the residents."

"I don't think there's much I'd change. It would be great to see more usage of the water and a connection with Southbank perhaps."

But for the most part he thinks Docklands development has gone in the right direction.

"The place has changed dramatically, for the better."



DOCKLANDER

Profile by
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DOCKLANDS FASHION



Letters to the Editor

Library hours 1

I write in response to the letter in the August edition of *Docklands News* that incorrectly stated that Library at the Dock is not open on weekends or after 5pm on weekdays.

Library at The Dock has extended opening hours so the community can make the most of our extensive collection and facilities.

The Library is open from 8am to 7pm, Monday to Friday, 10am to 5pm on Saturday and from midday to 5pm on Sundays. For information on public holiday opening hours, services, events and activities please visit www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/melbournelibraryservice

Paula Kelly
Manager Melbourne Library Service

Library hours 2

I totally agreed with the letter to the editor I read in the newsletter that the library should be open during weekend.

Otherwise what is the whole point of building a library? That is right, it can close two weekdays, we don't mind at all, library is a place when we have time during weekend we can go and read book/magazine.

Every other professional work from 9-5, transport to and from work would take a normal professional one hour each way, so why build a library to cater to no resident is able to use?

I hope you can kindly voice the concern to the library management board.

Sieh

Send your letters to
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Shuling Wong, 21

WHAT ARE YOU WEARING?
Wittner boots, Cheap Monday jeans, Kookai belt, Fossil watch, Tiffany & Co earrings and a Nine West bag.

LOCATION: Harbour Esplanade.

DESCRIBE YOUR OUTFIT:
Monochrome, casual, comfy and that slouchy look like it's almost Sunday.

WHERE ARE YOU FROM? Perth.

WHAT BRINGS YOU TO THE DOCKLANDS? Shopping for shoes at Harbour Town.

FAVOURITE CLOTHING ITEM:
Tiffany & Co silver bracelet that I got for my first anniversary.

WHAT MAKES A GOOD OUTFIT?
Anything that makes you feel comfortable. Everyone has a different style, so wear what you want and go for it!

Michelle Lowe, 63

WHAT ARE YOU WEARING?
Square-lined, grey pin-striped pants and a red wool vest under a black wool jacket and scarf.

LOCATION: Spencer Outlet Centre.

DESCRIBE YOUR OUTFIT: A smart winter outfit of business attire.

WHERE ARE YOU FROM? Mornington Peninsula.

WHAT BRINGS YOU TO THE DOCKLANDS? A work meeting.

FAVOURITE CLOTHING ITEM:
Outdoor clothes because I live on a farm.

WHAT MAKES A GOOD OUTFIT?
Quality and style with clean lines that are not too busy.

Dane Scotcher, 34

WHAT ARE YOU WEARING? Mishka jacket, Electric sunglasses, Nobody jeans and Blundstone boots.

LOCATION: Harbour Esplanade.

DESCRIBE YOUR OUTFIT: All-purpose casual.

WHERE ARE YOU FROM? St Kilda.

WHAT BRINGS YOU TO THE DOCKLANDS? Working as a videographer on new development.

FAVOURITE CLOTHING ITEM: This Mishka jacket because it's versatile and simple. I also have one in black.

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IT'S A GOOD REID

REPORTING FROM THE DOCKLANDS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Spring is in the air and there is a spring in our steps as the cold weather packs its bags for another year! Sunshine abounds in Docklands with winter coming to an end.

A happy little seal paid the Mission to Seafarers a visit recently – he is a seafarer after all – and his presence is testimony to the health of our waterways. The seal was chewing on a large fish he had caught and was having a great time in the spring sunshine under Seafarers Bridge.

And so it is that August comes to an end and Docklands enters into spring and some great times ahead!

Seniors program
Docklands involvement in the Seniors Program was officially launched on Saturday, August 23 at Watermark with Minister for Ageing David Davis making the announcement to an eagerly-assembled audience of enthusiastic Docklanders.

With the Docklands precinct being part of the Aged Friendly Precinct Program, our area will attract many more seniors, especially during the Seniors Festival when public transport is free for seniors.

Our seniors are the Baby-boomer generation who changed the way of life back in '60s. In came flower power, pop music, liberal attitudes, emancipation, Woodstock and many more things – so watch this space as our senior Baby-boomers are set to change the way seniors live – have you seen *The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel?*

To capture this market, Docklands businesses need to increase their seniors business profile and become a member of

Aged Friendly Partners Program. See the Docklands Chamber of Commerce website for more information.

Docklands Arts, Laughs and Blues

Docklands Arts, Laughs and Blues Festival 2014 returns to Docklands from Wednesday, October 1 until Sunday, October 5, winding up with a Carnival of Blues, offering a day of free blues entertainment at various locations throughout the Harbour Town area.

Now in its third year, the Docklands Arts, Laughs and Blues Festival aims to continue to support the local Docklands community and provide entertainment for people of all ages whilst highlighting the fantastic area that is Docklands. All this brought to you by Mel and her team at Wonderland Fun Park. By the way, please join me in congratulating Mel and Colin on the safe arrival of baby girl Tayla – yet another great attraction at Wonderland Fun Park!

Melbourne Regatta and Blessing of the Fleet
As we go to press we are poised for the greatest show on earth! The Melbourne Regatta and Blessing of the Fleet. As you read this, so it will have come to pass. The weather will have been glorious and the harbour packed with vessels of all kinds.

Crowds gathered at the shoreline to watch the ceremony as Father Bob blessed the assembled vessels. This was followed by a formal sail-by with whistles flares and water canons.

The Enterprize then broke away from the assembly and commenced the first landing re-enactment and raising of the flag to proclaim Melbourne! The crowd were then entertained by Geoff Achison and Jimi Hocking performing blues on the harbour, Lindi Jane entertaining people of all ages with her puppetry, whilst over in the new Docklands library, a performance of Shakespeare by the Melbourne Shakespeare Society and story telling by Anne Stewart took place. Also present was the First Fleet Fellowship exhibition. What a great day to be in Docklands! Thanks to all our generous sponsors!

Networking Lunch

Seats are selling fast, and you will miss out if you do not act now. On Friday, September 12 the Docklands Networking Lunch takes place at the Wonderland Spiegeltent in the shadow of the Melbourne Star observation wheel at Harbour Town. Melissa is planning some special entertainment to make the day memorable and she has already come up with a knock-out menu.

For bookings email lunch@docklandsnews.com.au or ring Docklands News on **8689 7979**.

As always, the cost is \$60 and must be paid in advance of the day.

PAXAus

PAX is the largest consumer videogame and tabletop festival in America and, for the

first time, it has expanded internationally to Australia!

PAXAus was first held in Melbourne in July 2013, with tens of thousands of people attending the three-day event.

Your chamber is engaging with PAXAus organisers and Tourism Victoria to help the precinct engage with the thousands of visitors who will attend the exhibition before, after and over the course of the weekend. For more information see the Docklands Chamber of Commerce website.

Subscription renewals

Your Docklands Chamber of Commerce works tirelessly on your behalf. To be effective we need you all to be members. So if you haven't already done so, please join the chamber today – it does not cost very much!

For those businesses who are members, we thank you for your continued loyalty and support. If you have paid your membership renewals recently we thank you. For those who are still yet to organise payment, please take this as a gentle reminder.

So there you have it. Docklands is coming alive and you can rightly expect better things to come. Be a part of the Docklands community and support your chamber and make a difference. Here comes the summer!



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A smile forming that twitches the corners of your mouth for unseen reasons. There's an interesting contradiction of softer images, yet focused vision ... Clarity of the unknown... How can this be?

I am walking with a lightness, a happiness, a sense of conviction that everything is going to be OK. I have no idea why nothing extraordinary has happened. Nothing has dramatically changed the environment in which I live. (Although I do have six new palm trees which are making me immeasurably happy).

But aside from that, I am still a single mum, I'm still working two jobs and I'm still committed to my long distance travels to balance my country living with my city meetings. I'm still driving my 10-year-old 4WD, and I am wearing boots with a broken zip. Life hasn't got easier, yet, somehow, it has.

As human beings we possess extraordinary

skills and a mind with unfathomable powers. Whilst we often view our lifestyles, assets and physical attributes as less than ideal, the reality is we constantly harness our energy and power to create change, create drama, create peace, create wealth, create spaces to improve and duplicate our existence.

We grow families, gardens, businesses, buildings, communities. We fight for environmental rights, health rights, equality, refugees, whales and tip ice cold water on our heads for charity. We make a million choices every day, we have a power we often underestimate.

What I think we need to do more often, is make choices for us, for our own lives, for our core being. Whether you need to create a dream board (goal board, mood board, vision board - there's loads of names for them, I love a good old dream board!), or do an audit of your own personal life (good things on one side, things that are

unbalanced on the other) just work out a way to look at what it is you want, for you.

And then do something about it, decide what you think will make you happy (er).

I've done some personal development recently, and loved every second of it. I've done lots of personal development courses over the years, at corporate conferences, at sales seminars, as part of counselling studies, and as part of meditation and relaxation strategies. They all come down to the same thing. The power of your mind.

Clear the clutter and the noise, work out what you truly desire, and start to focus on the powerful positivity that it is possible. Be open to it happening - take the steps that need to be taken.

Do what you know has to be done. If you want to get fit, start exercising, but visualise achieving the goal, picture the result whilst you focus on taking each step.

Whatever your dream or your goal is, make sure it isn't you who is standing in the way of making it happen. Believe in yourself.

I am walking around with an incredible feeling of positivity. Calm, but focused. I have no idea what is going to happen, but it feels like things are starting to happen ... a few more successful business meetings, fitness creeping in, all deliciously coinciding with the feeling that spring really is approaching ... I realise that I'm in love with the POSSIBILITIES my life holds, it's not that something wonderful has happened, it's that it could.

Have a great month, smile, be positive and see what it brings. What a woman wants is to achieve her goals, but all a woman needs is to believe in herself.

Abby xx

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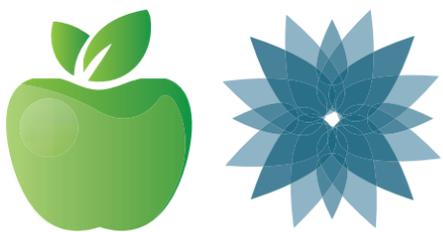
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By *Andrew Ward*,
YMCA Docklands manager

Running vs walking

Both walking and running are great ways to exercise your cardiovascular systems.

The Department of Health recommends that adults accumulate 150 minutes of vigorous or 300 minutes of moderate activity per week.

This works out to be 30-60 minutes per day everyday. Generally speaking, walking would be considered a moderate intensity activity, and running would most often be vigorous.

Results will come sooner if you can increase and maintain exercise intensity over time. If you are just starting out, your aim should be to build up your strength and stamina so your body can eventually handle the higher levels. Don't start out too fast; you may end up back where you started! As the saying goes, "learn to walk before you run".

One of the great unknowns in favour of running versus walking is the latent effect of higher intensity exercise. Not only will you burn (slightly) more calories while running versus walking, your real benefit actually comes after you stop.

Your body and its increased metabolic functioning will consume 30-40 per cent more calories for two to four hours after your workout if you run rather than walk. That should be a great motivator to get out tomorrow for a run!

Stay hydrated

Unlike camels, we humans cannot store water within our bodies.

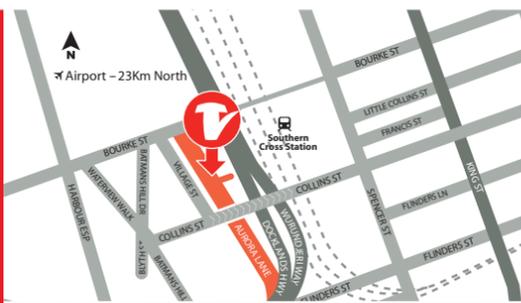
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With spring and summer fast approaching, we all launch back into our exercise routines, often not paying enough attention to our nutritional and water intake. This year, make an extra effort to get your fluid levels right. Consuming water helps flush sodium from your system which, in turn, will reduce water retention, not the opposite.

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Spring into spring, Docklands style

Spring is in the air...there's no doubt about it...as the days lengthen and people start to talk about things that would have seemed impossible and a little bit dangerous a month ago, like daylight saving, I ponder whether I've achieved the goals I set for myself in the depths of winter.

And, more importantly, whether my body, mind and soul are equipped for spring – that gentle, ever so delicate entrée into the warmer months, which really brings out the best in Docklands.

Think sitting by the water having a sneaky lunchtime glass of wine and an even sneakier plate of salt and pepper calamari and fries. Think walks by the glassy surfaced waterfront, that, when you get closer, reveals translucent white jelly fish floating

gracefully in the still water, as if coming up to say hi. Think walks in the sunshine along the weathered wooden piers, quiet times at the meditation space on Victoria Harbour, and, let's get simpler still, sitting on the warm rough grass by the water and eating a sandwich.

I am one of many people who believe in enjoying the simple things in life, even the tiny little things that happen in a split second, gone in two and often forgotten once you hit the next red traffic light.

My 11-year-old son's kiss when I drop him off at school in the morning (I have a 14-year-old who would rather swim Bass Strait than do that) – is one of those fleeting, precious moments which fly by and you so wish you could bottle. Bottle it and every time you were feeling lonely, displaced, out of sorts, you could whip out that memory that made you feel so loved, and honoured, and use it to ward off the sadness.

When I was on the tram coming down Collins St the other day, there were people, stopped in the street, looking upwards, smiling and chatting. The object of their

attention? Two gorgeous red parakeets perched on the edifice of the building doing that special twirling thing they do when they pivot on one leg and talk to each other, all cheeky grins and raucous laughter. Where else but Melbourne?

Here at Docklands, simple pleasures abound. There's the new library to trawl through and enjoy, coffees to be had, bowls of pho to be eaten, sushi to be devoured, wine to be quaffed or sipped, and beers by the water to be had.

What I'm most looking forward to is the lift in mood. As the weather improves, people expand, start to look outward and lift their gaze so that it encompasses the widest possible horizon. No longer hunkering down against an icy, frigid wind, the body feels and moves with more freedom, and less compression from layers of winter clothing. And that's lovely to behold.

So bring on summer, but lets not forget to enjoy the spring, the winter and everything in between, lest we miss out on something really precious.



With Maria Doogan



Watch out for this fearless feline

You certainly can't call six-year-old Gunner a scaredy cat.

He thinks nothing of risking one of his nine lives by taking a stroll on the ledge outside his tenth floor NewQuay apartment.

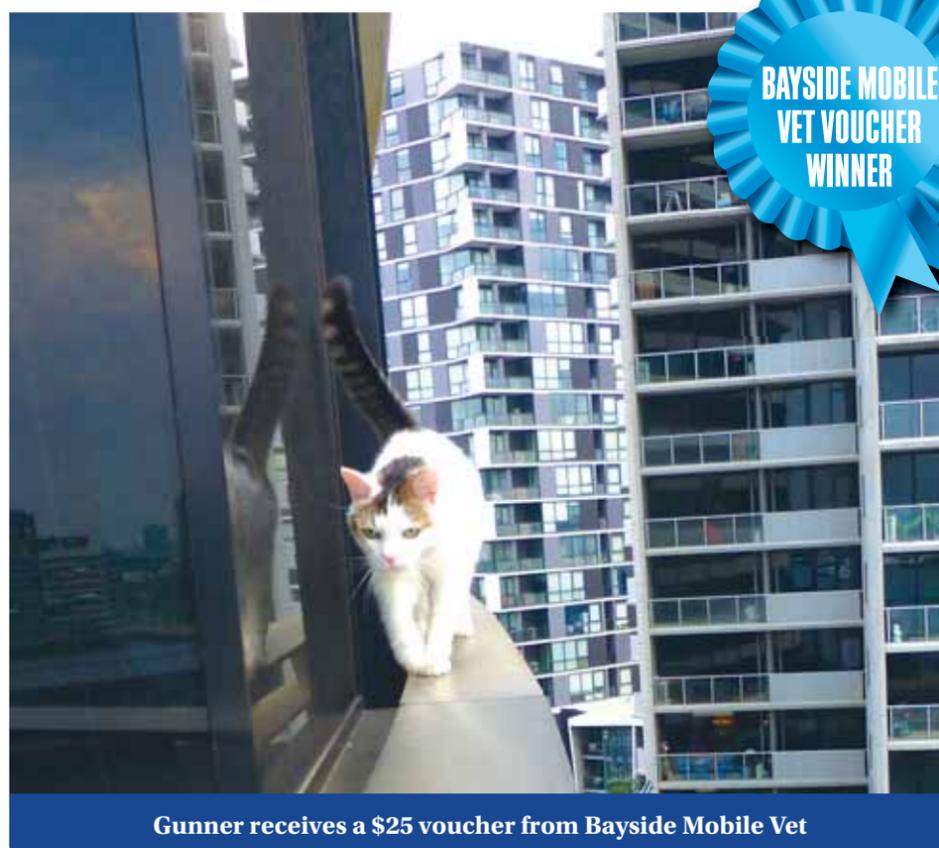
While Gunner is a bit of a lone ranger, according to this owner, he certainly isn't lonely with plenty of friends in the building.

Neighbours regularly spot Gunner casually walking past their balconies and he often pops in to visit residents in neighbouring apartments.

And his aerial escapades aren't a concern, with Gunner yet to test the theory that cats always land on their feet.

While Gunner is quite independent and isn't overly affectionate, he doesn't mind a quick tickle under the chin.

So next time you're looking out your apartment window, keep an eye out for Gunner. You never know, he might just be passing by to say hello.



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GREETINGS FROM THE DOCKLANDS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



Greetings everybody

On August 4 the Inner Melbourne Planning Association [IMPA], on which the DCA is represented, held a public forum in Federation Square of eminent speakers concerning design quality of new housing and public space in Melbourne.

The overly-small apartments and lack of open space were criticised. It was stated that a high proportion of new high-rise apartments are only one bedroom, largely bought by Asian investors. Clearly there needs to be a policy review by governments.

Regarding the Esplanade re-development, our own DCA online survey resulted so far in 76 per cent of 80 respondents voting for a linear park. Only three people agreed with the plan to put old cargo sheds on the Esplanade. Will this cause Places Victoria (PV) to modify its plans?

As we've already said, people want an open stretch to offset the cramming of buildings, with open space being at a premium in Docklands due to most land having been given to developers. The opinion is that Places Victoria / council geared their survey to support their pre-determined plans to cram in some 12 sheds along the stretch.

They have been touting their plans at times over the last two or more years and then gave four weeks to answer their survey after which their survey website was removed. Their plans and survey were criticised at the community forum on August 26. The council planning manager said at the forum that they would review the plans later in the year.

The DCA continues to liaise with other community groups to whom building development planning is a major issue, as well as infrastructure planning. These groups are from various areas including Carlton, Southbank, North and West Melbourne and South Yarra.

I attended the Docklands security meeting on August 6. These are attended by police, security, businesses, council and resident representatives. Crime stats are presented. A drug bust in NewQuay was referred to. Combating drug distribution would be helped by bringing the problem to the attention of building committees and building managers asked to report any suspicious activity. Police stated that short-stay apartments were main places to watch.

On a lesser note I again raised the issue of cyclists racing along the Esplanade and promenades.

The recently-formed Owners Corporation Network Victoria [OCNV] is looking forward to progressively addressing significant issues affecting apartment owners, initially in inner Melbourne. President Roger Gardner stated they will be liaising closely with counterpart bodies interstate.

With the committee having been formed actions to be taken include arranging the canvassing of memberships, with a website to follow, after which major issues will be addressed such as weaknesses in owners corporation legislation and high-rise development planning, in order to make submissions to government.

I am pleased to report that the DCA won the most votes in a monthly competition in July to see which worthy community cause was the most popular. The competition is run by the Grill'd eatery located in the Southern Cross Station and customers enter votes progressively throughout the month.

Western Park development is under way.

That's the 2 ha site adjoining Bolte Bridge at the end of Docklands Drive. It's unfortunate that it's not within close walking distance but it will provide a small recreation area. They plan to put a children's playground there which should be located closer to the residential precinct.

The place of worship to be located off Footscray Rd near the pink car park, for which tenders were called some months ago, still has negotiations to be finalised. We are told it will be awarded to one religion.

If any reader would like to become a member of the DCA or has any suggestions they wish to put forward regarding activities or issues, they are welcome to contact us on docklandscommunityassociation@gmail.com

If you would like to talk to me about any aspect you are welcome to call me on **0412 097 706**. You can also keep up with things on our website www.docklandscommunityassociation.com

Regards to all

Roger Gardner
President DCA



OWNERS CORPORATION LAW

With Tom Bacon

Enforcing rules and achieving compliance

Owners' corporations and committees have enough on their plate in maintaining common property and attending to the financial management of the building without getting involved in matters where owners and occupiers are breaching the rules of the owners corporation.

However, adopting a rigorous grievance process will at least ensure that only the most serious disputes will be unresolved and later ventilated at VCAT.

When advising owners' corporations on these matters, if the offending involves a tenant or occupier of the unit, I advise owners' corporations to issue a breach notice against both the owner and the

tenant/occupier. Often, the owner (being a landlord) will have little or no idea that their tenant is causing grief to other residents within the building.

Most rules available to the owners' corporation will use wording such as: "A lot owner or occupier must not, or must not cause to permit ..." which gives an owners' corporation the discretion to take enforcement action against either or both the owner and the tenant/occupier.

By issuing a breach notice to both parties, and offering to meet with the parties in a meeting with the grievance committee, it is usually the case that the owner will step in and regularise the matter before the

meeting, either by taking steps to evict the tenant or making sufficient reparations on behalf.

There ought to be no place for warning letters or "quiet words" by the building manager in enforcing the rules of the owners' corporation. Either there has been a breach or there has not. If the offending party can be positively identified, the owners' corporation should always issue a breach notice, otherwise the offending party might conclude there are no consequences to their bad behaviour.

Other owners and residents have the right to live in their units and to traverse the common property without suffering acts of

nuisance from other owners and residents. There ought to be no second chances given. Rules should be seen by all residents as no more than minimum community standards.

True enough, a person issued with a breach notice does not have to participate in or attend a grievance committee meeting, however if they breach the rules again, then a final breach notice ought to be issued straight away. For recidivist offenders, sometimes the only way to enforce compliance is to burden them by taking their time away to attend meetings and tribunal proceedings, and in appropriate circumstances, ensuring that financial penalties in the form of VCAT fines are imposed against them.



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DOCKLANDS SPORTS PAGE

Fairytale ending to Mustangs' season

The Melbourne Mustangs are the 2014 Australian Ice Hockey League champions after scoring a 6-1 victory over crosstown rivals Melbourne Ice to secure their inaugural Goodall Cup win.

The Mustangs lead at every change and went on to record the comprehensive victory in front of a packed-out crowd at the Icehouse.

The victory was fitting after Melbourne had played outstanding all year and finished the home and away season on top of the ladder.

Although the Mustangs finished on top, the win was still considered an upset.

Ice had won three of the four clashes between the two teams this season, including the most recent one 5-1, but none of that mattered come finals day.

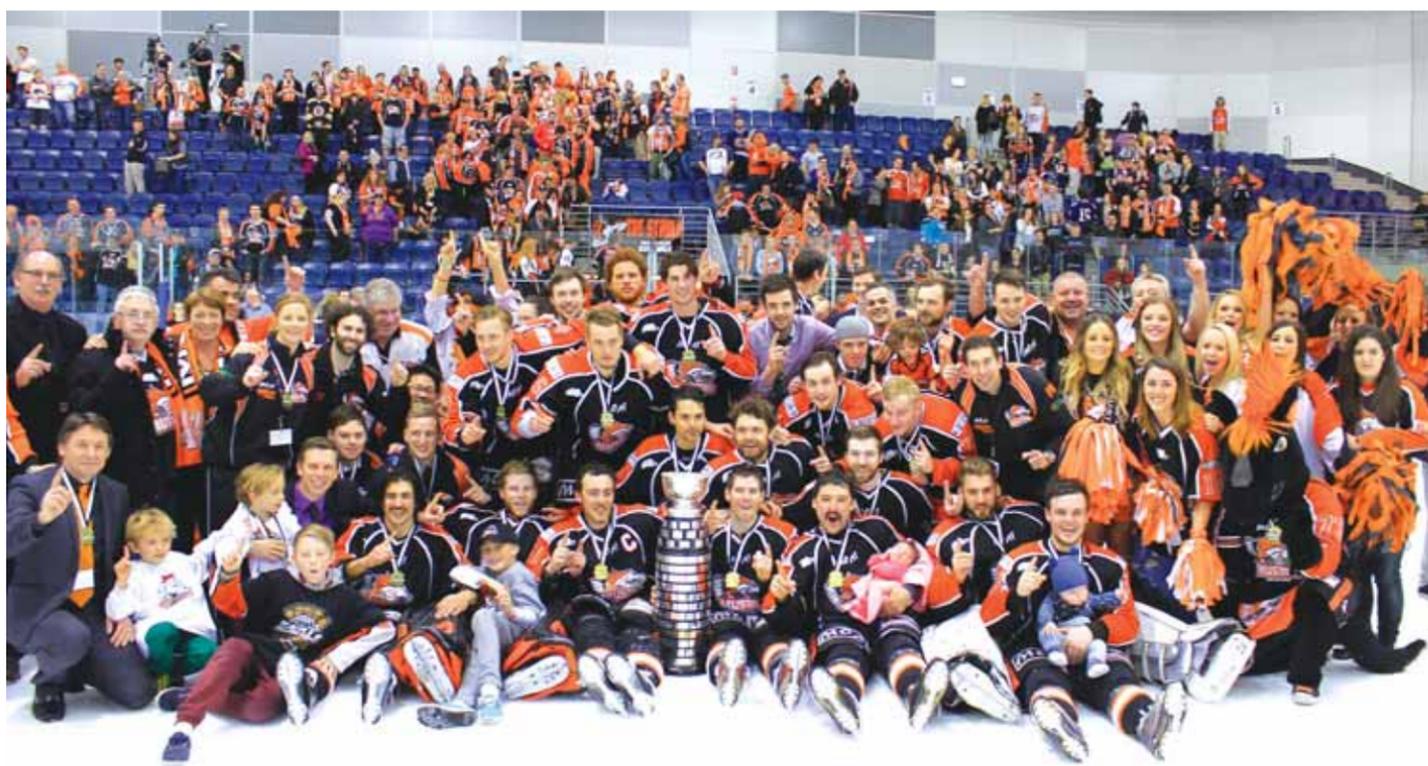
The Mustangs were on their game and looked sharp from the outset. They were also cleaner and had a better accuracy on the day.

Both teams had 30 shots on the goal each in the match but it was the Mustangs who regularly found the back of the net.

Ice didn't manage a successful shot until the final third but by then the Mustangs were already up 5-0 and the damage was done.

In addition to their win, a couple of Mustangs players picked up other awards.

Mustangs player Viktor Gibbs was named most valuable player during the finals series with five goals in his two games and Jack Wolgemuth won Defenceman of the Year, while Sydney Ice dogs player Simon Barg was the winner of Most Valuable Player of the season.



The Mustangs celebrate with friends, family and supporters following the victory.

Photo by: Andrew Mercieca

It was a dream come true for Melbourne ice hockey fans with both clubs making their way through the semi-finals.

The Mustangs had the harder path to the final game overcoming a determined Sydney Ice Dogs outfit, knocking them off 6-4. While

Ice was able to cruise through CBR Brave, accounting for them 6-1.

This year was the first time Mustangs had made the playoffs. In the four years they have been in the competition they have gone from last to first, an extraordinary effort.

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