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Burlesque as anything!

The Australian Burlesque Festival comes to Docklands this month, so be prepared for some delicious mayhem.

The festival has three nights of its national tour here in Docklands at the Wonderland Spiegelent, which has “popped up” next to Channel Seven on the corner of LaTrobe St and Harbour Esplanade.

Three shows are scheduled for October 28, 29 and 30 with headline act Ruby Slippers (pictured) appearing on the Saturday night.

The festival is in its eighth year and is part of a packed program of events between now and Christmas at the spiegelent.

Ruby recently teamed up with photographer Angel Leggas for this stunning shot.

Further information at www.wonderlandspiegelent.com.au

Volvo Ocean Race is coming to town

The Volvo Ocean Race is returning to Docklands later this year after 12 years.

When the yacht race last visited, the event struggled to fill our vast open spaces. This time, organisers are settling for a cut-down version because there is not enough room.

Up to 175,000 visitors are expected to join the festivities on Harbour Esplanade during Christmas and New Year as the adventurers take their only break between Cape Town

and Hong Kong. Last time, only two boats made the crossing unassisted.

Seven 65-foot yachts are competing in the round-the-world race. The craft will be tilted 26 degrees to get under the Bolte Bridge.

Race organiser Mark Turnbull told the August 30 Docklands Community Forum he wanted locals to “get on board”.

He said family entertainment would be provided daily at the race village and the public could also inspect the racing boats.

The yachts leave Cape Town on December 11 and it was expected they would arrive in

Docklands on December 27.

“It could be the 26th, or it could even be the 25th,” Mr Turnbull said.

He said the boats were an attraction in themselves. The boats will be moored in the south basin of Victoria Harbour, near the *Cow up a Tree* sculpture.

The race is having an awards night at Etihad Stadium on New Year’s Eve.

Negotiations to bring the race to Melbourne have been underway since late last year. It is hoped that Melbourne will become a regular stop-off in the biennial race.

Docklands Chamber of Commerce president Joh Maxwell said New Year’s Eve would be particularly spectacular here this year.

“Docklands is definitely the place to be this New Year’s Eve and we encourage all our businesses to make the most of the extra visitation the Volvo will bring,” she said.

Mr Turnbull said about 150 volunteers were needed and he appealed to locals.

Marketing manager Mathieu Shellard said he hoped Docklands workers would visit the race village for an after-work drink and entertainment. He said daily entertainment would become more adult in the evenings.



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Lendlease's Melbourne Quarter project team helped with maintenance of Mission to Seafarers on its community day on September 14.

A team of dozens of employees carried out painting, cleaning, gardening and general maintenance and tidy up at the 100-year-old heritage building on Flinders St, Docklands.

Lendlease's community day is held across Lendlease offices around the world every September, when more than 5000 employees and families work on more than 350 projects.

Since the initiative started in 1966, Lendlease's staff and volunteers have given more than 600,000 hours of help.

"Melbourne Quarter is the newest part of the Docklands community and we are very keen to connect with Mission to Seafarers, which is among the oldest parts of the community that been here for over 100 years," Brian Herlihy, Melbourne Quarter's project director, said.

"It's all about giving back to the communities that we are in and building the connection with our neighbours. Engaging with Mission to Seafarers is part of building that community identity and bond," he said.

Mission to Seafarers' manager, Sue Dight, said Lendlease's effort would help the mission look fresher.

"It provides our volunteers and visiting



Lendlease workers lend a hand at the Mission to Seafarers on September 14.

seafarers with a clean and comfortable space and provides the mission a reinvigorated energy that we wanted to see," Ms Dight said.

School plan delayed

The master plan for the Docklands primary school is still to be released.

A Victorian School Building Authority (VSBA) representative told the April 26 Docklands Community Forum that a high-level master plan would be developed after community engagement and would take three months.

The VSBA spokesperson told the forum: "We're currently in the master-planning phase which takes approximately three months."

Community workshops and consultations were completed on May 22.

Docklands News contacted the Education Department in July and was told the master plan was still in the early stages. The same thing happened in August.

A department spokesperson last month told Docklands News the master plan would be developed from June until late 2017, as per the VSBA's website.

The spokesperson denied the school master plan had been delayed and said: "There is no delay to the Docklands Primary School, with master planning now finalised and currently being prepared for public release."



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Locals “quite comfortable” with tram bridge

By Sean Car

The Liberal Party's new candidate for the seat of Albert Park and sitting City of Port Phillip councillor Andrew Bond says he doesn't believe Yarra's Edge residents have an issue with a proposed Fishermans Bend tram bridge.

Having served on council since 2012, Cr Bond was formally announced as the party's new candidate to compete against sitting Labor member Martin Foley in next year's state election.

With Fishermans Bend shaping as a hot election topic, he told *Docklands News* he was confident that the proposed tram bridge through Yarra's Edge would not be a divisive election topic for local residents.

He largely based his view on a Melbourne Cup weekend experience in 2013, when, he said, he and City of Port Phillip Mayor Bernadene Voss spent a day speaking with local residents and boat owners.

“At the time we knew nothing about any opposition to the proposed tram bridge. It was thrust upon us really so we thought there was no better way to find out than to go down and speak to people ourselves,” he said. “Bernadene and I stood outside the most impacted buildings and introduced ourselves to residents coming out the buildings. Most people initially said they didn't want it [the bridge] but when we

showed them the artist's impression of how it would look everyone was pleasantly surprised. People were generally supportive, particularly for improving access for trams, pedestrians and cyclists.”

He said the proposed bridge would be designed so it could be opened to allow larger boats to pass through to the marina.

However, Cr Bond also claimed that, at the time, there were a very small number of boats that would not be able to fit under the bridge's proposed six-metre clearance.

“Many people expressed concerns about boats accessing the marina and those same discussions are where the draw bridge idea came from,” he said.

“At the time, we counted 15 boats parked in the marina that wouldn't have been able to fit under a tram bridge with a clearance of six metres so most boats would have made it.”

“Many owners of these boats said they might take them out once every six months.”

Yarra's Edge resident Phil Spender strongly refuted claims that local residents supported the proposal.

“Currently there is no proposal on the table to get comfortable with or otherwise,” Mr Spender said. “When the then new Planning Minister, Richard Wynne announced Fishermans Bend was to be recast. He specifically withdrew all reference to transport planning from the previously announced Fishermans Bend Framework. Presently, there is no transport plan, but a new one is anticipated, together with the announcement of the new framework and public consultation to follow.”

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Roger Gardner (right) chats with his son Matthew waiting for a crowd that failed to materialise.

No-show at DCA

The Docklands Community Association (DCA)'s annual general meeting on September 14 was met with bleak reality, with no one showing up other than the president and his son.

Roger Gardner has been the president of the DCA for seven years and said he was disappointed in the low interest.

The City of Melbourne (CoM) funded the DCA \$2500 in 2014, \$3000 in 2015 and \$2000 in 2016. This year, the DCA was in line for a \$1000 grant, but failed to return a signed agreement by the due date.

A CoM spokesperson said: “The Docklands Community Association was awarded \$1000 from the CoM in 2017 after applying under the Community Grants Program. However the signed agreement and invoice were not returned to the CoM by June 30, so the grant was not paid.”

The DCA was established in 2004. According to the Consumer Affairs Victoria website, its last AGM was held in November, 2014.

Mr Gardner announced late last year that he was standing down. However, he later denied he was resigning and still insists that there is no one active enough to pass the reins to.

And, while Mr Gardner complains that

he has had to shoulder the bulk of the work, a notice announcing the September 14 meeting pointed out that all membership applications had to be made through him, nominations of committee members needed to run by him and proxy votes for the AGM also needed to be submitted to him.

Only paid members are eligible to vote at the AGM, although Mr Gardner said he did not have a list of members.

A “prominent” guest speaker from the West Gate Tunnel project was invited to the AGM on September 14 but did not show up either.

Mr Gardner has subsequently announced another meeting for Thursday, October 5.

In an email, he said: “We urge you to make time to attend this time. As I've previously said, our committee numbers were decimated when seven committee members happened to leave Docklands at the one time. I have continued to run things myself and, whilst members have perhaps been happy with that, I can't continue to do so.”

In the email, he claimed to have “up to 350 members”.



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Hats off to Stella Barber

Docklander Stella Barber was very pleased to complete the course at the World Triathlon Championships in the Netherlands on September 17.

"Right now I am very tired," she emailed soon after completing the course in Rotterdam.

The Victoria Harbour resident was the only Victorian in her 55-59 age group and she thinks she was the only Docklander to represent Australia in the event.

Locals may have seen Stella training for the event between her place at Concavo and NewQuay. She moved to Docklands about 18 months ago and loved it so much, she bought an apartment this year.

"I love my life here. I work from home as a professional historian and am also doing my PhD, so it's great living next door to the best library in Victoria," she said.

Ms Barber wasn't well in the lead-up to the event and things got even worse as she "acclimatised" to Dutch conditions.

"I arrived and caught a cold swimming in the Maas River during practise, so have been doing everything to get better including swallowing whole garlic cloves!" she reported. "This meant any Transylvanian athletes gave me a wide berth!"

"It's been raining, cold and windy in Rotterdam for the entire five days I have been here but today the rain held off."

"It was touch and go if I would start or not,



Stella Barber training in Docklands.

but I wasn't coming all this way for nothing." "The water was sooooo cold. I had cramps in my calves the whole way, but made it." "When I went to get my bike, it was gone," she wrote. "Someone got the wrong bike and

mine had been moved to another rack. So I was searching for it with a volunteer and that took nine minutes."

"But I did well on the hired bike - slow, because of all the turns, but no panics!"

"The run was a struggle because of the knee injury, but I made it and I wasn't last and, in fact, did much better than I had hoped and was the second fastest Australian in my age group, yippee!"

"It was definitely the toughest tri I have done since the ironman and the hardest course, but the Dutch are fabulous people, so supportive, with lots of 'Aussie, Aussie, Aussie' from the side lines."

"It's such a joy and privilege to represent your country," Stella said.



A happy Stella (right) with a team mate after the race.

The rise and rise of high-rise

The number of occupied high-rise apartment doubled in Australia between 1991 and last year, the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) has found.

Last year's census also showed that there is now one apartment occupied for every five houses, up from one in seven in 1991.

And apartment living was notable at both ends of the age spectrum - 9 per cent of children to the age of four live in apartments, as do 11 per cent of 15-24-year-olds and 12 per cent of people aged 85 and over.

On the census night, there were 1.2 million occupied apartments in Australia, of which 463,553 were high-rise (four storeys plus).

Key findings include:

- The proportion of high-rise apartments has doubled in the last 25 years, from 19 per cent in 1991 to 38 per cent in 2016;
- Nearly half of Australia's occupied apartments are in NSW (47 per cent);
- One in five (21 per cent) of all occupied private dwellings in NSW are apartments;
- 59 per cent of apartments were rented; and
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Fashionable Docklands

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The third show was District Docklands' Fashion Moment and featured General Pants, Forever New, Platypus, Cotton On, Valley Girl and Supre.

Our photo shows the models emerging for the show.

It was the first time at MFW came to Docklands, much to the delight of lunchtime crowds. The other two shows were Maya Hirasedo DJ and Live Fashion Moments.

Local democracy is fading away

By Shane Scanlan

City of Melbourne councillors are making only about a third of the number of public decisions they were making 10 years ago.

Between January and July this year, *CBD News* counted from minutes 131 decisions made in council and committee meetings. During the corresponding period in 2007, the number was 365.

Even Victoria's smallest municipality, the Borough of Queenscliffe, records more publicly-made decisions than Melbourne. Queenscliffe's councillors made 148 decisions between January and July this year.

As a ratio of decisions to population, Queenscliffe locals are 100 times better represented than their Melbourne compatriots. And this ratio doubles if you consider decisions per councillor numbers.

Queenscliffe may not be an entirely fair comparator but the point is that the City of Melbourne has moved steadily over the decades to a corporate model where decisions are most likely to be either taken in secret or delegated to unelected officers.

As of last month, some 760 applications for planning permits had been lodged with

the City of Melbourne. Only a selected handful came to an open meetings for determination. The opportunity for corruption has never been better.

A culture exists at the City of Melbourne where elected representatives are increasingly sidelined. Anything remotely contentious is held in confidential session. And councillors face criminal charges if they reveal what's said behind closed doors.

The council also routinely stymies freedom of information (FoI) requests and spends about \$1 million per year on spin doctors.

Lord Mayor Robert Doyle rejects any suggestion that participatory democracy is on the slide within the City of Melbourne.

Asked about shrinking agendas, he said: "The community satisfaction survey shows us at record highs in community engagement - far beyond any other council in Victoria. So I think that's a pretty specious claim. And, secondly, our agendas

are, regrettably, pretty lumpy. You know, sometimes they are thin and sometimes, to our distress, they are pretty fat. And that's just the nature of timing as things come through."

"When you make that comment, there's a little naivety of comparison in that. Most councils meet once a month. Your council meets three times a month - with agendas that are pretty full most of the time. I think in terms of meeting content, it would be difficult to find any other council in Victoria which deals with as many items as we do."

The Borough of Queenscliffe Council meets once a month, but between January and July averaged 21.14 decisions per meeting. The City of Melbourne's average is 6.89 decisions from 19 meetings.

Looking back to the same period in 2007, the City of Melbourne met 37 times and averaged 9.86 decisions per meeting. Councillors are meeting less and are making fewer decisions.



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Plenty of gems buried in the fine print

By Stephen Mayne



For ASX-listed companies, the full-year profit results each August are the most scrutinised document of the year.

For some strange reason though, the equivalent document from councils or other levels of government is often ignored, with far more attention given instead to the annual budget in May.

The budget just predicts what you'd like to do, but the annual financials actually tell you what happened.

And so it went at City of Melbourne this year when the 2016-17 financials were released, debated and then approved at a special council meeting on September 5, largely passing without comment.

Sadly, the 5pm meeting didn't even last for seven minutes – it was "long and drawn out", the Lord Mayor joked as he wrapped up proceedings at 5.07pm.

Finance chair and deputy lord mayor Arron Wood gave a brief insightful speech, including confirming that the majority of the \$98 million City of Melbourne surplus was "largely due to the asset sale of City Square".

There's yet to be a public announcement about this second biggest asset sale in the city's history – behind the \$230 million disposal of the electricity business in the mid-1990s – but the financials do disclose asset sales of \$62.7 million, which was well north of the \$20.6 million City Square book value. Indeed, note 8 on page 29 of the accounts clearly states: "The net gain mainly relates to compulsory acquisition of City Square assets by Melbourne Metro Rail."

Perhaps an announcement will come when the cash actually arrives as it is still being recorded as accrued income in the 2016-17 financial statements.

It is not yet clear what will happen when the CBD South train station is completed underneath City Square, but presumably council will manage the street level activities.

For now, council has clearly negotiated a cash windfall from the State Government which will effectively be reinvested in the \$250 million overhaul of the Queen Victoria Market. Cr Wood told the special council meeting \$75 million had now been set aside in the QVM Renewal Fund.

Here are a few other interesting points from 2016-17 City of Melbourne financials:

- Wholly-owned services company Citywide has stabilised its performance after a few tough years, delivering a healthy surplus of \$9.64 million on revenue of \$241 million. About \$38 million was received from City of Melbourne on the vital "civil infrastructure contract" which expires in 2018 and will be important for Citywide to retain. Citywide's net cash held rose by \$8.15 million and the company now reports net assets of \$92.4 million with no debt. It could easily be raided to help finance the QVM project given council is forecasting a sharp rise in debt through until 2022.
 - Rates and charges revenue jumped from \$243.8 million in 2015-16 to a healthy \$262.1 million in 2016-17, which was \$5 million ahead of budget courtesy of more apartment development than was forecast.
 - The consolidated gross cash holdings at year end rose from \$88.3 million to \$104.4 million, although you need to net off the \$30.5 million debt to the Federal Government's Clean Energy Finance Corporation to get net cash of \$73.9 million. Council calls \$45.9 million of this cash "restricted", the bulk of it being the \$37.7 million from developers which must legally be spent on open space.
 - The operating result at QVM deteriorated with a \$2.24 million loss in 2016-17, including negative cash flow of \$1.03 million. This is unlikely to include any payout to former CEO Malcolm McCullough who departed in early July. Council is clearly trying to ease the pain for stallholders who paid licence fees of \$17.1 million for the year, down from \$18.2 million in 2015-16.
 - Council's WorkCover bill jumped from \$615,000 to \$1.5 million. Including Citywide and QVM, the total WorkCover bill jumped from \$2.62 million to \$4.05 million.
 - Council has \$16.4 million of intangible assets relating to software sitting on its balance sheet, whilst Citywide is still valuing \$22 million of goodwill from various acquisitions over the past decade as an intangible asset.
 - The buoyant property market saw council's land holdings revalued by \$152.8 million to \$2.017 billion, whilst the net worth of its buildings only went up from \$340 million to \$362.3 million and total infrastructure assets rose by \$34 million to \$1.446 billion.
- All up, the city remains in rude financial health and has plenty of capacity to crank up capital works over the coming decade, although the size and scale of the QVM project means that debt is on the horizon.
- Stephen Mayne is a former City of Melbourne councillor who chaired the Finance and Governance Committee from 2012 until 2016.*

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Successful winter business activations

Local businesses have hailed winter events organised by the City of Melbourne as the best ever.

Friday night fireworks were dropped this July and August in favour of a three-night Firelight festival and a longer Winter Glow event.

City of Melbourne events manager Cherie Fraser told a Docklands Chamber of Commerce “debrief” on August 30 that three consecutive nights of Firelight had outperformed nine weeks of fireworks.

She said the fireworks attracted 10,000 people to Docklands on Friday nights last year, but Firelight brought 32,000 visitors.

“We’re aiming for more visitation and extended stays,” Ms Fraser said. “There’s now a bigger reason to stay longer.”

However, calculations of pedestrian traffic by *Docklands News* found there were a total of around 58,500 pedestrians in NewQuay at 7pm on fireworks nights and a total of 45,000 people at 7pm on Firelight nights, which indicates the nine-week fireworks attracted more people than the three-day festival.

But the City of Melbourne says it assesses festival performances based on visitors’ length of stay within the entire precinct.

A spokesperson said the peak firework crowds arrived and left within 15 minutes of the end of the fireworks, whereas attendees of Firelight Festival arrived from 5pm and stayed in Docklands until after the fireworks, with an average of four hours’ length of stay.

Vanessa Muggianu from Berth restaurant told the meeting Firelight was “the best-run event we’ve ever had in Docklands”.

“Even though it was just one event, it has given people a different idea of Docklands,” she said.

Ms Fraser said the council was encouraged by the results and intended to grow the event.

“Melburnians are really up for coming out in the middle of winter,” she said. “The City of Melbourne is 100 per cent committed to growing this.”

She said the council recognised Docklands was a “priority precinct” and an extra \$500,000 marketing budget for Docklands would continue into the future.

Ms Fraser said the council was considering ways to combine Firelight and Glow next year.

DOCKLANDS COMMUNITY FORUM

The Docklands Community Forum is an open public meeting for residents, businesses and workers to learn more and have their say on local issues and projects.

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Even more government!

By Shane Scanlan

Locals were introduced to a new concept in government on September 13 with the first Inner Metro Assembly at Albert Park.

Some 200 people from the municipalities of Melbourne, Yarra and Port Phillip participated in a two-hour session that attempted to set priorities for the "region".

And while there was no shortage of ideas, many participants left the evening still not clear about the purpose of the event.

The State Government, however, seems deadly serious about establishing its new "Metropolitan Partnerships". Five ministers attended, and it would have been six had local MP Martin Foley not been ill.

In attendance were Treasurer Tim Pallas, Planning Minister Richard Wynne, Special Minister of State Gavin Jennings, Minister for Families and Children Jenny Mikakos and Minister for Suburban Development Lily D'Ambrosio.

The concept appears to flow from a desire to transplant to the city a model that has been successful in country Victoria for decades.

In opposition Ms D'Ambrosio was the ALP's spokesperson for suburbs but was without a department when the government came to power in 2014. The Metropolitan Partnerships followed the establishment of a Ministry for Suburban Development.

Special Minister for State Gavin Jennings is driving the specifics of how the partnerships/assemblies work.

Pointedly, he said, when summing up the evening, that the assembly was not intended to "trod on the role of local government".

"We believe there are issues that fall between the levels of state and local government," he said.



Government ministers (from left) Tim Pallas, Lily D'Ambrosio, Richard Wynne, Jenny Mikakos and Gavin Jennings.

An Inner Melbourne Action Plan (IMAP) already exists and comprises the three municipalities as well as the City of Stonnington. This group meets four times a year to "develop and deliver regionally-based actions".

The Inner Metro Assembly intends to meet annually for the next three years. When introducing the evening, chairman Tony Keenan said: "It is not a replacement of other processes and it is certainly not a replacement of local government."

A core group of handpicked representatives comprise the "partnership". Supporting Mr Kennan are seven "community and business" representatives, a government deputy secretary and the CEOs of the participating municipalities. Municipal CEOs are traditionally servants of elected representatives, so it is interesting that they are being asked to help set a political agenda.

And, at least in the case of the Inner Metro Partnership, it is difficult to identify a "business" representative. Mr Keenan is CEO of a housing charity and deputy chair Robyn Miller is a social worker and family therapist. Among the six other community representatives are the director of Australia's

first pride centre, academics, the chair of Native Titles Services Victoria, a lawyer and the CEO of Destination Melbourne.

The "partnership" pre-prepared 11 "priorities" on which assembly members were asked to vote (on a five-unit scale).

The priorities can be summarised as: innovation; airport rail link; housing; rough sleeping; indigenous cultural centre; indigenous children; disabled access; greening; sustainability; microgrids and co-ordinated walking and cycling routes.

In the second exercise of the evening, tables were asked to nominate their own issues. These proposals were also put to the vote.

But voting was not anonymous. Participants were issued electronic devices which were registered to their names. Presumably, the government has access to how each participant voted throughout the evening.

The findings are to be presented to the State Government by Ms D'Ambrosio.

The government has a lot of work to do to establish this concept. Tellingly, more participants did not know how the partnership would work on their behalf after the session than at the start of the evening.

Innovation conference for Shed 5

By Shantelle-Ann Marquis

Docklands' rusty old Shed 5 in is set to host the world's most innovative business later this year.

The heritage-listed Shed 5 at North Wharf is owned by Riverlee and had been leased as a car park until it was chosen for the C2 conference.

"The conference has a history of being hosted at sites of cultural and historic significance to the cities in which it resides," said Kristine Lee Pratt, Riverlee's sales and marketing director.

"The conference was attracted to the unique heritage of this waterfront site and its historic significance in Melbourne."

The C2 Conference aims to bring together commerce and creativity by encouraging brands, business owners and entrepreneurs to explore new trends and opportunities.

Inspired by the historical influences of Europe and America, C2 was created in Canada and for the last six years has only been hosted in Montreal.

"Riverlee is very proud to be a part of the first Melbourne-based C2 Conference," Ms Lee Pratt said.

"At Riverlee we have a passion for innovation, therefore, a partnership with the C2 Conference team was a very natural collaboration."

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Former Docklands boss checks us out

Former Docklands Authority CEO John Tabart was back in town last month, lavish with praise for the suburb he helped create.

Mr Tabart, who served from 1995 until 2006, says Melbourne should be proud of the achievement.

"By and large, Melbourne should be very proud of Melbourne Docklands," he said. "By world standards, this is a model that is used in many places around the developed world as a good way to do things."

"Docklands has cost the state nothing and, in fact, has returned to it hundreds of millions of dollars and is still returning income from the developer agreements. There is no example in the world like that."

After leaving Docklands, Mr Tabart headed up the development of Barangaroo in Sydney and now heads a consortium attempting to build an Education City at Werribee.

He's been back to Docklands several times, but was most pleased with seeing it in action at 3pm on a Friday.

"The place was buzzing. It was fabulous. To see it on a working day with people coursing everywhere ... just fabulous," he said.

He is well aware of the criticisms levelled at Docklands. Indeed, they started well before he left in 2005. So is he surprised at how successful Docklands has already become, despite being only 60 per cent completed?

"No," he said. "I'd say more fulfilled – that the efforts of so many people who had put in had come to this."

"To ask 'is it what you thought it would be?' would be to suggest that we were prescriptive about what we intended it to be," he said. "It was always going to be what the market, the developers, the government determined it would be as it went on."

"To be prescriptive about building a city is counter-productive. It's counter intuitive to what actually happens. Cities grow organically – driven by market forces, by conquerors, by whatever. The flexibility which was built into Docklands has stood the test of time."



Former Docklands Authority CEO John Tabart.

"Hoddle just drew a fabulous grid [in the CBD]. He didn't try to predict where every building would be," he said.

And, while Mr Tabart said the vision was not prescriptive, he said it was vital to insist that developers delivered their agreed proportions of residential, commercial and retail.

"The mix is fundamental because the mix is what creates place. The beginning of 'place' is defining the mix of uses," he said.

As an example, he said Lendlease wanted to substitute commercial use for residential where the 800 Bourke St NAB campus is.

"Lendlease came to us and said GPT wanted to do the NAB building and we said they could, provided they replaced the residential buildings somewhere else," he said.

He said the mix chosen for Docklands was "Mid-town Manhattan".

"It's a mix of residential, commercial, retail, hotels, the New York Central Library, two blocks from Central Station, etc. That's harmonious. That's the mix we chose here."

Mr Tabart said negotiated developer agreements had ensured that Docklands remained on track. Without these binding contracts, he said, it would have been almost impossible to achieve the vision.

"The key to anything you are trying to do is the real world. If this had have been privately-owned land, what would have happened?" he asked.

"The precincts were, in effect, large tracts of privately-owned land. But they had controls on them which were far stricter than normal planning controls."

"Planning law is difficult, appealable, etc. Here we had a situation where, for example, if MAB won the rights to NewQuay, they won it on the basis that they actually built what was in their scheme. They could only change it by negotiation – via contract law. And they would need planning permission as well."

"But the point is that they couldn't just go top the planning minister and change a commercial aspect to residential."

He acknowledged that Docklands had gaps between some developments.

"There's another part of the model which states that the precincts should radiate from the stadium outwards in each direction," he said. "Broadly, that's happened. Probably the best example is Yarra's Edge where it's gone progressively along the waterfront."

"Think about the CBD. It's not perfectly managed. Photographs from balloons in 1894 show very nicely-finished buildings on street corners and rubble in between, except in Swanston St and Collins St. Hoddle was visionary, but it took 150 years to fill the grid."

So, could Docklands have been done better?

"Yes. But, by and large, it's a great success by world standards. Sydney would love to have it," Mr Tabart said.

So why has Docklands been attacked?

"I think it was because Docklands was west of the city. It was embraced by Footscray. They love it. It was shunned by the east and the south-east."

Mr Tabart also stands by his vision for wide waterside boulevards.

"The reason Docklands has 30 metre setbacks was because Docklands was to generate a 250,000 person event space," he said. "Melbourne had no such waterfront space. Sydney Harbour's got ample space. So this gave a space where something big involving the water could be held. If you had narrow edges without the space, this wouldn't be half the place it is."

And would the state have recovered from recession without the birth of Docklands?

"Yes, but I think this was an important catalyst," Mr Tabart said. "This project kept the banks in Melbourne."

"They were very strongly consolidating in Sydney during that period and it was really the cost of doing business in Melbourne, because of Docklands, that kept them here."

"If you can take space in a ground-scraper at \$450 per sqm but it's going to cost you \$750 per sqm in the CBD (or \$1000 today) and in Sydney it's going to cost you \$1500, (also travel time, traffic issues, etc). At the end of the day, it was the lower cost of doing business that attracted ANZ, NAB and AXA."

Mr Tabart said people generally lost sight of Docklands' achievements.

"Public projects usually take a lot of money to start them up. Kennett made it clear there wouldn't be any," he said.

"It's good to be critical to improve things. It's bad to be critical to say we did it wrong. And, there's more to do."

"If one has a strong view about how to fix something, speak and get into it. But I'm far more interested in the views of people who live here and work here than those who turn their nose up at it from afar."

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Theatre translates student stories

A group of international students are telling their unknown stories at a theatre program at Library at The Dock on October 24.

In an authentic storytelling performance on stage, the international students will show the audience who they really are beyond the common stereotypes.

Behind the “international student” tag, the *She’ll Be Right* cast includes a doctor working where drug dealers rule, an engineer now cleaning toilets, a good girl taking off her mask, a teacher passionate to share her language, a banker questioning real value and a volunteer translating for Syrian refugees.

Part of the *Act of Translation* program, a diverse group of Melbourne’s international students worked over the past few months through creative workshops that explored their studying and living experiences and shared stories with each other.

Through the workshops they devised the *She’ll Be Right* theatre performance featuring real-life individuals and the stories that they would tell their friends – but not their parents!

Artistic director Catherine Simmonds said the program aimed to open up a conversation between international students and the local community.

“It’s about building a culture in the city where international students feel welcomed and comfortable to share their ideas and feelings and explore their issues,” she said.

“Theatre is a language, learning to express yourself through physical movement, translating your emotion through action and speaking up without having to be correct.”

“The students can build the connection and create in-depth conversation to express themselves,” Ms Simmonds said.

Ms Simmonds described the program as “created by, with and for students”.

Program manager and participant Feifei Zhao said *Act of Translation* could build a bridge of understanding between students who come from different cultures.

“It’s about us having the connection to the community,” she said.

“The program is also very reflecting for the students, who can also gain more understanding of their own experiences through sharing with others.”

Act of Translation and *She’ll Be Right* is a collaboration between Study Melbourne, the City of Melbourne, RMIT University, the Australian Federation of International Students and Ms Simmonds.

Free tickets to the performance can be booked on Eventbrite.

Participants Lynne Ling and Yiling Huang, artistic director Catherine Simmonds and program manager Feifei Zhao.



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Push for school on old hospital site

Inner-city parents are lobbying for a school to be built on the old Peter MacCallum Hospital site in East Melbourne, which is earmarked to become a mix-used development site.

The site at 2 St Andrews Place was scrutinised by the State Government in a series of reports that aim to change the public use zone into a mixed-use zone.

If successful, residential or commercial towers up to 12 storeys could be built on the 8200sqm site.

Parents lobby group City School For City Kids (CS4CK) sees the site as a potential new city school.

“Now is the time for the government to step up and reserve this irreplaceable taxpayer-owned land to build the schools so desperately needed in (inner-city) communities,” the group said.

As reported in the September *CBD News*, inner-city state schools continue to overflow, with more than 2000 students zoned to the 1200-student capacity University High School.

The City of Melbourne is experiencing an unprecedented boom in families, and the current 3269 school-aged children is set to more than double to 7500 by 2026, according to data by Grattan Institute.

The parents argue the CBD’s only school, Haileybury College, was converted from an existing office building on King St, so a school could easily be built within the existing hospital building.

CS4CK estimates the number of inner-city children unable to be enrolled in a school within a 20-minute journey from their home will be in the “thousands” in 2021.

Pete Goss from the Grattan Institute told the media the Peter MacCallum site could be helpful to relieve stress off city schools.

“There is a looming boom. It could be smart to hang onto this site for the future. We’ve got to keep the option open,” he said.

Stone & Chalk leads FinTech Hub

Stone & Chalk has been announced to anchor the newly-established FinTech Hub at Goods Shed North.

FinTech Victoria’s former founding CEO, Alan Tsen, is spearheading the operations of the new hub, which will provide free office and in-kind support for start-ups in the finance and technology industries.

Stone & Chalk says the first phase of the hub will link start-ups to the national and international marketplace, offer mentorship, talent and investment across Melbourne and Sydney.

Stone & Chalk has corporate partners including ANZ, NAB, Findex, Genworth and Liberty Financial.

Mr Tsen said the hub would be a helpful boost for start-ups to tap into the national and global FinTech space.

“Melbourne FinTechs have found it hard to access affordable space, as well as mentorship, talent, business programs and capital,” he said.

“As an ecosystem, we’re emerging as a real centre of excellence in a number of FinTech verticals, like wealth, blockchain technology, and cyber security, and by launching Stone & Chalk in Melbourne we will help local FinTech start-ups feel part of a bigger FinTech movement, connecting them with potential investors, and customers nationally and globally.”

Alex Scandurra, Stone & Chalk’s CEO, said the hub could facilitate the development of the local FinTech ecosystem.

“By global standards Australia is a very small market so we need to find more ways to enable collaboration between Australia’s major economic hubs which are our major cities and regions.

“Our Melbourne hub will help to further accelerate an already fast-moving industry that’s integral to Australia’s future,” Mr Scandurra said.

Agricultural technology expert SproutX will also occupy the FinTech Hub.

Andrew Lai, SproutX’s director, said co-locating with Stone & Chalk would help leverage the two companies’ competitive advantage.



Michael Graeve gets underway with *Sounding Histories* on September 11.

Mission celebrates 100th

Sounding Histories, with its music performances and artworks, marked the Mission to Seafarers’ 100th birthday on September 11.

The heritage-listed building on Flinders St was established on September 11, 1917 and has been the home away from home for the thousands of seafarers who visit the Port of Melbourne each year.

A joint initiative with Deakin University and created by Anne Wilson and Cameron Bishop, *Sounding Histories* incorporated a variety of performances, installations, sound and participation.

Artists who joined the celebration included Maree Clark, who crafted the River Reed Canoe, Catherine Bell, who created the “Seafarer Sex” with 26 mugs each telling the story of a female seafarer, Michael Needham with his anchor and rock sculptures, Michael Graeve with his acoustic performance and the iconic Painters and Dockers band.

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City of Melbourne councillor first-term report card

This month the Melbourne City Council will be one year into its four-year term. Docklands News gives councillors a report card on their performance to date.

Lord Mayor Robert Doyle

Staked his lord mayoralty on tackling rough sleeping and succeeding with the Queen Victoria Market (QVM) redevelopment.

Started the year with a clumsy attempt to modify a local law to tackle rough sleeping which provoked universal outrage. Set aside 28 days for public consultation in February. Proposal has only just resurfaced, with Cr Doyle managing to save face with support from police and state government.

Also doing better now on QVM. Has all but one councillor on-side and, more crucially, has the support of Premier Andrews. Should achieve this.

If he can stay healthy, should have a successful term.

Deputy Lord Mayor Arron Wood

An ascending star. Thriving in the role and growing in confidence. Would be a different story if Team Doyle did not command a majority in the chamber, as he's not prone to subtle persuasion or diplomacy. Critics say he's too stretched with a young family and a business to put in the required time. Should be well positioned to make a call on potential future political roles by the end of the term.

Cr Susan Riley

The former deputy was a late inclusion, being called out of (forced) retirement by VCAT president Justice Greg Garde at the conclusion of the (former councillor) Brook Wandin saga. Working hard as usual representing the council at functions (one of the few!). More independent in thought this time around. Loving the opportunity to extend her career.

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Cr Kevin Louey

Another long-term player, Cr Louey continues to quietly work in the shadows for constituents. Not to be underestimated.

Cr Nicholas Reece

Getting the hang of it. Has come a long way since being thrown in the deep end as chair of planning. Skilled at getting by at a highest level, but not putting in the required time to truly master the portfolio. Still to reveal why he bothered becoming a councillor.

Cr Tessa Sullivan

Yet to make a contribution - unless you count the \$50,000 she donated to Team Doyle at the beginning. This number jumps to \$130,000 if you join the dots between Cr Sullivan and her Linlithgow Rd, Toorak neighbour Ting Li, who stumped up \$80,000 for the campaign.

Cr Philip Le Liu

Another newcomer finding his way, Cr Le Liu is making slow but steady progress. Naturally cautious, he is not yet comfortable in the spotlight. As the former Liberal candidate for Melbourne, at least he is upfront about his motivation.

Cr Nicholas Francis Gilley

An accidental councillor, he's a fast learner. Wears his heart on his sleeve and will make plenty of friends when articulating the injustice of any number of social causes. Seems determined to stay above the detail and trust the officers implicitly. Along for the ride.

Cr Rohan Leppert

The brightest and hardest working. Disciplined and focused, Cr Leppert continues to impress. The master of detail advances his Greens manifesto by sheer weight of intellect. Principled, rather than populist, Cr Leppert often finds himself explaining unpopular planning decisions to angry residents. Here for the long haul.

Cr Cathy Oke

A three-term veteran, Cr Oke maintains her cheerfulness and never misses an opportunity to advocate for the environment. Steady and reliable.

Cr Jackie Watts

Cr Watts often finds herself in the "naughty corner". Bereft of allies, she tries hard but has limited capacity to be effective. Makes it look hard.



There was no sunset views for the local owner of this motorcycle.

Docklanders behaving badly

Docklanders were in a hurry last month, which didn't go down well with Victoria Police.

Highway Patrol officers in Victoria's high country were left shaking their heads on September 17.

Police intercepted a car on Mt. Buller Road in Merrijig after it was allegedly detected travelling at 164kmh in a 100 zone shortly after 10am.

The driver, a 25-year-old man from the Docklands, had two passengers with him.

The BMW X6 was impounded for 30 days at a cost of \$1280.

And Footscray police put the brakes on a motorcyclist who was allegedly riding almost 50kmh over the speed limit in Yarraville on September 9.

The Docklands man was detected travelling at an alleged speed of 107kmh in a 60kmh zone on Hyde St about 5.30pm with a female pillion passenger.

He was promptly intercepted, telling police he was in a hurry to catch the sunset in Williamstown.

Unfortunately the pair didn't get to ride off into the sunset, with the man's wheels of choice impounded for 30 days at a cost of \$932.

The 30-year-old is expected to be charged on summons with speeding.

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Jeff Gordon (left) and Alan Maxwell have been recognised for 10 years of business in Docklands.

Recognition for businesses

Three Docklanders were recognised on September 27 for being in business for 10 years.

Jeff Gordon as well as Johanna and Alan Maxwell were recognised with a Lord Mayor's Commendation at Melbourne Town Hall.

The award recognises small businesses which have traded continuously within the City of Melbourne.

Mr Gordon operates The Melbourne Showboat, former Sydney ferry Lady Cutler.

Mr and Mrs Maxwell operate Tours on Trike. Both businesses started in Docklands in 2007.

Diwali is here

By Shantelle-Ann Marquis

Docklands is set to celebrate the Indian festival of Diwali with a number of free events.

Diwali is the festival of lights that lasts five days, with the main festival falling on the third day. The festival is observed by Hindus, Sikhs and Jains who celebrate new beginnings, the triumph of light over darkness and good over evil.

The world Diwali translates as "row of lighted lamps" and is a time to recite prayers, share gifts and sweets, help the needy and decorate homes with candles and colourful lights.

From October 18 to 24, Docklands' "Light House" will be displaying a 10-minute light show every hour, on the hour, for the whole family to enjoy.

Located at 888 Collins St, the building's facade will display a state-of-the-art lighting installation from 6pm to midnight.

Library at The Dock is also hosting two free events.

On October 18 at 4.30pm, there will be a sweet-making workshop.

Participants will make Doodh Peda, a traditional Diwali sweet made from



888 Collins St will light up for Diwali.

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On October 20 at 1pm, there will be a one-hour Bollywood Dance workshop for all ages.

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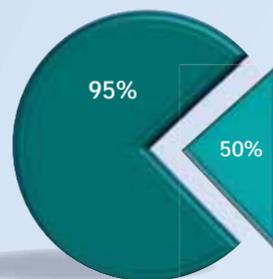
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Stop press: The Southbank Docklands Airport Express service will commence in the near future and not on 8 October as stated in the article. To receive updates about the new service, please visit skybus.com.au/southbankdocklands

SkyBus now direct to airport from Docklands

Locals will be able to catch SkyBus directly from Docklands to Melbourne Airport from October 8.

The service will pick up passengers from Harbour Eplandade every 30 minutes between 7am and 7pm on weekdays and hourly on weekends.

SkyBus says the service provides travellers an efficient and affordable option of commuting without the hassle of travelling into the CBD first. SkyBus has also added three new pickup locations in Southbank.

The new service was due to be launched by Lord Mayor Robert Doyle as the October *Docklands News* was published on October 4.

Cr Doyle said: "The addition of Southbank and Docklands to SkyBus's Airport Express service is great news for visitors, residents, hotels and businesses in those areas as they enjoy improved access to Melbourne Tullamarine Airport."

Commenting on the benefits and potential of the new service, SkyBus co-CEO and director Michael Swards, said: "We believe that our Southbank Docklands Airport Express

is the smarter way to go on all fronts as it aims to bridge the gap between existing airport transfer options in this area and local community demands. This announcement not only provides better connectivity for the community but creates job opportunities for Victorians and Australians alike."

"We are committed to providing a world-class airport express that is reliable, convenient and affordable for all. To achieve this, we are working closely with relevant stakeholders and partners to continue expanding our services to benefit a wider community," Mr Swards said.

The Southbank Docklands Airport Express is SkyBus's sixth express service launched in Victoria. It joins other successful airport express services from Southern Cross Station, St Kilda, Frankston, Avalon-Geelong and Avalon-City.

Passengers can now visit Crown Casino, Melbourne Convention Centre, Eureka Tower, Etihad Stadium or the Melbourne Star with the new service.

In the future, other places of interests such as District Docklands (formerly Harbour Town) will also be easily accessible from a Docklands Drive stop.

For more information visit www.skybus.com.au/southbankdocklands



Waterways operation officers Angus Craig and Mathew Snape at Melbourne City Marina.

Docklands marinas awarded

Docklands' Melbourne City Marina and Marina YE have both been awarded the highest accreditation at the Marine 17 International Conference and Trade Exhibition.

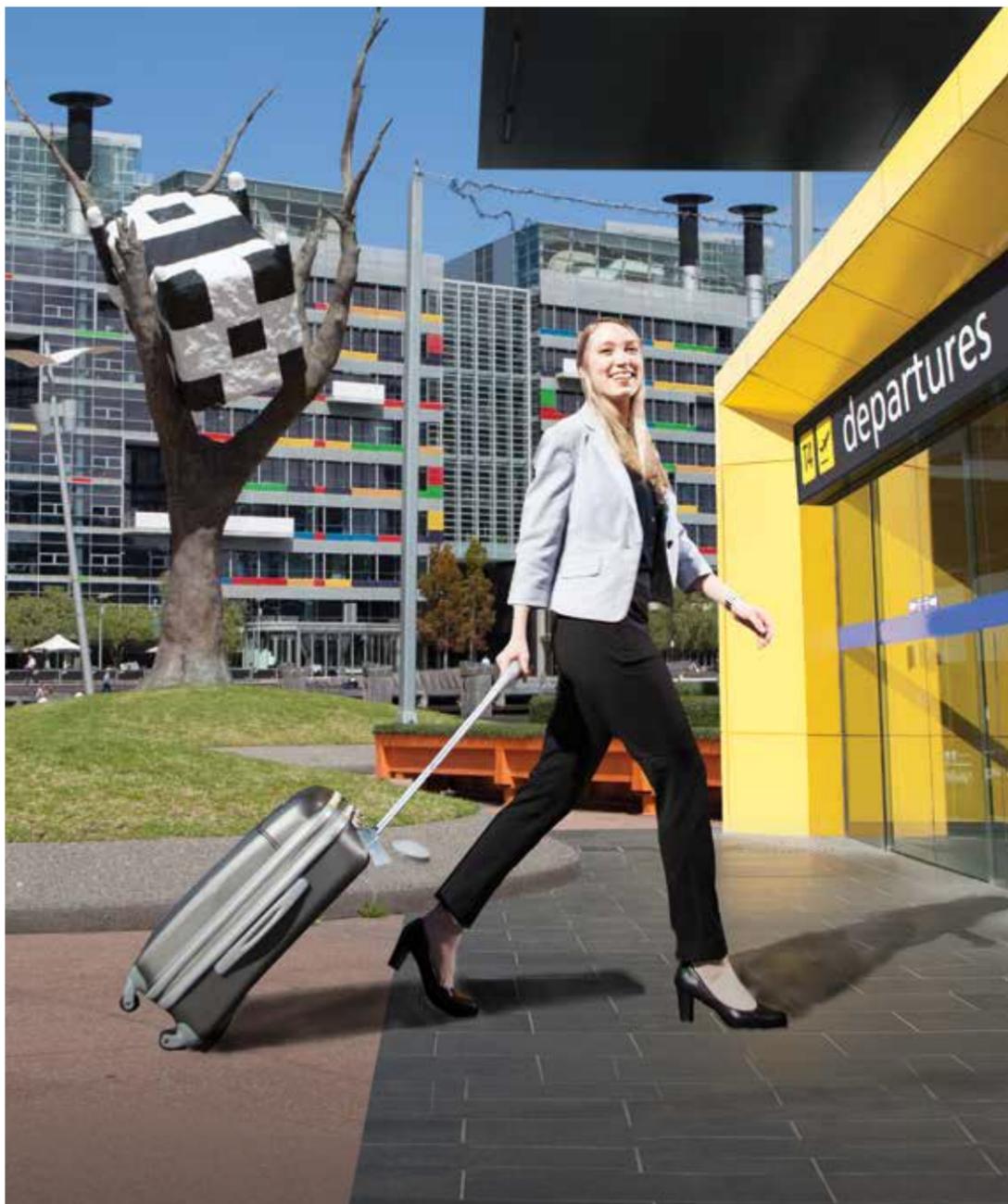
After being judged on ambience, policies, planning and procedures, customer service, environment and on-water and on-share facilities and infrastructure, the

two marinas achieved Five Gold Anchors.

Melbourne City Marina short-term visitor marina has been established by the City of Melbourne to offer visitors berthing for vessels up to 25 metres from \$50 a night and vessels up to 70 metres can be docked at the super-yacht facility.

A new portal was launched in August, enabling visitors to book a berth online.

The marina lounge, built with a part of the \$3 million investment from the City of Melbourne in 2015, features shower and laundry facilities, Internet, barbecue and outdoor deck.



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Seniors Festival comes to Docklands

By Chelsea Cucinotta

Docklands is the centre of a number of great Seniors Festival events this month.

Jazz Brew Cafe: Alison Riethmuller with Phil Noy

Pianist and vocalist Alison Riethmuller will perform alongside saxophonist Phil Noy in the Jazz Brew Cafe series on October 13. Spend a Friday afternoon listening to the soothing sound of jazz from 4pm to 5.15pm at Library at The Dock.

Alison is no stranger to the music industry, and has been playing the piano and singing for 20 years across Australia, Europe and Asia. She has lectured in piano studies at the University of South Queensland, and has had various directing experience.

With previous concerts held in Australian venues like Jimbour House, Sydney's Slide

Lounge, and the Brisbane Jazz Club, Alison will now join Phil, from The Bamboos, to perform in Docklands for this free event!

For tickets and for more information visit www.eventbrite.com.au

Open Door Singers

Enter the open door of music with this free regular singing group, where you can meet new people over tea, coffee and chords! Open Door Singers is committed to sharing the benefits of singing, which includes a boost in health and happiness.

In just 10 years, the club has grown to a membership base of over 400, as led by founder and internationally acclaimed choral conductor Shaun Islip. Open Door Singers will perform on Sundays (8th, 15th and 22nd) in October from 6pm to 7pm at The Hub. For more information visit eventbrite.com.au

Laughter Club

Laughter is the best medicine, so join in on the fun with this gleeful group! Held at 10am

on the first Saturday of each month, the session runs for half an hour and is followed by a 30-minute meditation – a great way to start the day.

Laughter Club will be led by laughter therapist Jim Lord or Guru Mahes Karupiah Quillen, and includes laughing exercises with happy breathing activities, which are sure to reduce stress and clear the mind!

This is a free event held at Buluk Park. For more information visit eventbrite.com.au

Bollywood workout

Dance to your heart's content in this Bollywood-inspired class at 2pm on October 9. In just 60 minutes, instructors from Jollity Bollywood will teach you this Indian dance, through both high and low-intensity sequences. With weight loss, flexibility and overall health in mind, these classes are ideal for all!

No prior experience is required. First session is free upon producing seniors card. For more information and to register, visit eventbrite.com.au

Tai Chi

Escape the hustle and bustle of the city and find some peace of mind in Docklands through these Tai Chi classes.

Immerse yourself in this 16th century Chinese martial art practice through Qigong breathing and meditation activities, presented by JinLi Wushu-Tai Chi. Great for the body and soul, these classes are a great way to socialise and meet new and like-minded people.

Sessions run from 7.30am to 8.30am every Thursday at Library at The Dock, and are suitable for all ages and fitness levels. The first session is free. Contact tarabrayshaw@jinli.com.au for more information.

Screening of Bill Cunningham: New York

Frock up for this free documentary screening at the performance space and community room on the second floor of Library at The Dock. Screening from 2-5pm on Thursday, October 12.

District Docklands presents plans

About 60 guests joined the Docklands Networking Lunch at Berth restaurant on September 22 to hear about Harbour Town's exciting transformation.

Harbour Town's marketing director Kelly Jensen presented plans of the soon-to-be District Docklands, a one-stop shopping and entertainment destination for locals and tourists.

Ms Jensen said the first stage of the makeover would be "getting the feel right".

"Welcoming new retailers, launching new brands and disassociating ourselves from some of the legacy issues and moving forward with our identity," she said.

International fashion brand H&M, a full-



Kelly Jensen presents at the September Networking Lunch.

line Woolworths supermarket and a Hoyts cinema will anchor District Docklands' fashion, fresh food and entertainment precincts.

A new roof and wind barriers are being

installed at the centre to allow for a seamless shopping experience under all weather conditions.

Ms Jensen also said District Docklands would have a stronger connection to the rest of the city.

"One of the biggest focuses for us is making sure we are connected. There was this idea that we were not well connected to the CBD," she said.

"We have this great chance and we will continue to catch up more. Visitors will go through Docklands Drive and Footscray Road to visit the centre and will have the opportunity to see something new."

The \$150 million redevelopment will take place over different stages, with H&M arriving later this year, Hoyts opening in mid-2018 and Woolworths and the fresh food marketplace completing in mid-2019.

Other international retailers, such as Miniso and Canterbury, new restaurants and cafes,

fresh food providers, and the five-star Marriott hotel will further enhance the District Docklands' status as the ultimate destination in Docklands and Melbourne.

The Docklands Networking Lunch is organised by *Docklands News* and sponsored by the Docklands Chamber of Commerce.

The next lunch will be held on Friday, November 24 and a venue will be announced soon.



Arina Kruglyakova and Daniel Greenback at lunch.

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These three vintage bikes were in Docklands a month of two ago. The riders were a bit lost, and were looking for the best way to get to the Tasmanian ferry at Port Melbourne.

Docklands News assisted with directions, but they didn't turn the bikes off and were loath to let the revs drop, presumably because:

- The bikes would stall; and
- Do you know how hard it is to start these things?

Two of the bikes were Vincent Black

Shadows. Anyone old enough to know would remember these as the superbikes of the day. Hunter S Thompson wrote: "If you rode the Black Shadow at top speed (125 mph) for any length of time, you would almost certainly die."

Fewer than 1700 were made which, of course, means that surviving examples have become very valuable.

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Market exchange of knowledge

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Residents and workers are encouraged to join in the conversation on the challenges and topics cities face now and in the future at this creativity hub.

RMIT will also have some of its art and design classes at Knowledge Market.

The Exchange will focus on four key themes over the next 12 months, including zero carbon futures, social diversity, digital infrastructure and urban



memory and imagination.

The lab will provide prototype for community engagement that can be adopted by governments, councils, developers and communities.

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Social Club is at Medici

The next Docklands Social Club outing is at Medici in NewQuay on Wednesday, October 11.

The organisers say they're: "Looking forward to another great night with lots of locals enjoying good company, conversation and good food all in our local neighbourhood at Medici."

Our pictures show the last gathering on September 12 at Hooks in Yarra's Edge (as pictured above and below).

The "Social Club" is a monthly informal gathering where locals get to meet each other over a drink and meal. All welcome.

The October event starts at 7pm. Medici is at 36 NewQuay Promenade.



Collins Square measles outbreak

On October 1, Victorian health authorities announced 11 cases of measles, with eight of them linked to Collins Square in Docklands.

Victoria's chief health officer Prof Charles Guest advised people who work in or around Collins Square to be aware of the signs and symptoms of the disease.

Prof Guest said measles had an incubation period of seven to 18 days so anyone who visited Collins Square might not develop symptoms until mid-October.

Measles is a highly infectious viral disease that can cause serious illness, particularly in very young children and adults. People can develop pneumonia and other serious complications from the disease, and often need to be hospitalised.

The illness usually begins with common cold symptoms such as runny nose, red eyes and a cough, followed by fever and rash, Prof Guest said.

"The characteristic measles rash usually begins three to seven days after the first

symptoms, generally starting on the face and then spreading to the rest of the body," he said.

"Anyone developing symptoms is advised to ring ahead to their GP or hospital first and tell them that they have fever and a rash so that appropriate steps can be taken to avoid contact with other patients."

The disease is now uncommon in Australia because of the widespread use of the measles vaccine. It is important to immunise children because of the risk from overseas travellers.

Prof Guest said most cases of measles in Victoria were linked to international travel, with the disease more prevalent in many countries overseas.

The measles vaccine is currently recommended on the National Immunisation Program at 12 months and again at 18 months. Immunisation is the best protection against measles.

Anyone who is unvaccinated is at risk of contracting measles. Adults aged between 26 and 52 have a lower immunisation coverage than younger adults and children and therefore most cases are in this age group.

Most people over the age of 52 will have been exposed to measles in childhood, and therefore will be protected.

Communication is Key



by Gregor Evans
Director, The Knight

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evant and transparent advice to its new clients in Docklands: Flinders Wharf and Tower 1 at Yarra's Edge.

The Knight recently held a successful Information Evening at the Woolshed in Docklands to inform and educate attendees on the hot topics of Short Stay Accommodation and Building Defects.

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Letters to the Editor

No quiet enjoyment at dog on-leash park

I am writing to complain about the actions of the Melbourne City Council (MCC).

We purchased our retirement apartment from Mirvac in March 2013. We bought it primarily because the park outside was "leash free" to exercise our two dogs - legally. And we paid a much higher price compare to similar properties that did not have a leash-free park close by.

Since then, MCC has removed the leash-free sign and has commenced fining dog owners for dogs "off lead" on the green.

MCC has said this park was never a designated leash-free park, but has admitted in writing that it was aware of the sign and later removed it! The sign on the edge of Point Part green is clearly by MCC.

No counter sign was introduced at that spot. No consultation occurred in 2013 with Mirvac or Mirvac residents, or the general public. This is against due process and is a damage to remove the original right to exercise our dog - and the fifth animal right to enjoy "normal behaviour".

Three new signs were only erected at the end of 2015, triangulating and enclosing the newly-established play and barbecue area indicating dogs are on-leash only. The signs were not on the green.

Since the status quo is that most dog owners who visit Point Park green let their dogs off-leash, they are easy prey for the animal management officers (AMOs), who occasionally visit on electric bikes on "pro-

active patrols".

A number of people have been fined and some have sold and moved on as a result.

The AMOs think that they are doing a good job by harassing and fining people when in fact they totally mismanage the situation, cause extremely bad public relations and cause a great deal of distress. A lady I know has paid nearly \$900 in fines rather than go to court.

I have asked nicely, written letters, applied for reviews, offered to help and joined petitions for MCC to review and return Point Park to official leash-free, all to no avail. The council has been totally intransigent in stonewalling me and usually then passing me on to another department to stonewall me again.

I have now been fined on two occasions for dogs off-leash, but I have refused to pay and will attend court accordingly on November 13, 2017, because no one else will make a stand.

I am pleading "not guilty" and representing myself, but I have now realised that achieving that result would be irrelevant because it will not change the situation, since AMOs are still giving out fines at Point Park and will continue to do so.

The harassment, negligence and damage, caused by the pedantic application of a law and negated by the brief existence of said sign, needs to be rectified or exposed in a different court.

We merely wish to live in quiet enjoyment at Point Park and not have to sell up and move on for the sake of our dogs.

I thus request that you investigate and intercede. Thank you.

John Thatcher

Cops and robbers

Two men will appear in court on December 18 following an alleged rampage in Docklands on August 13.

Local police commander Snr Sgt Mick Willmot told the August 30 Docklands Community Forum that police will allege the two men stole cash from car parking machines.

He alleged the 26-year-old and 32-year-old men from Elwood and Narre Warren drove a stolen car and broke into pay stations at car parks in Merchant St, Harbour Town, 717 Bourke St as well as in Franklin St in the CBD.

He said it would be further alleged the men stole film projection equipment from the Roof Top cinema in Harbour Town and later tried to burn the stolen car at Narre Warren.

He said DNA evidence would be used against the men.



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DOCKLANDS FASHION



Fashion on the streets of Docklands

Anu Sen, 25

LOCATION: Victoria Harbour Promenade

DESCRIBE WHAT YOU ARE WEARING:

I'm wearing Zara pants with a Van Helson shirt. I'm also wearing an Alexandra Wang jacket, and my shoes are from Windsor Smith.

WHAT'S YOUR FAVOURITE PIECE OF CLOTHING:

The jacket is my favourite because it was pretty expensive. I do have a keen eye for high design and high fashion brands. I love to splurge all my money on that, whether it's a jacket or scarf, I just have to have it.

WHAT BRINGS YOU TO DOCKLANDS:

I'm waiting in Docklands for my boyfriend to get off his shift. We're just going to catch up for lunch.

HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE YOUR STYLE:

I think style is something that you carry within yourself and not by following people. It's the fashion you should follow. My personal style would be more granted to myself. I don't try to be someone that I am not.

WHAT MAKES A GOOD OUTFIT:

Whatever you feel good in. Like if you're comfortable in shorts, then why not, go ahead and carry it? If you are comfortable in jeans or a skirt, then definitely.

Nathalia Simonite, 23

LOCATION: Collins Square

DESCRIBE WHAT YOU ARE WEARING:

I'm wearing high-top Doc Martens and black jeans with a rip at the knee because that's the fashion at the moment. I am wearing a black t-shirt because it's my work t-shirt and a denim jacket with colourful patterns all over it.

WHAT'S YOUR FAVOURITE PIECE OF CLOTHING:

My jacket is my favourite. I bought it from a stall in Melbourne Central. It's ridiculously out there and when I first saw it, I fell in love with it straight away. I never do that with clothes but this jacket, it just got me.

WHAT BRINGS YOU TO DOCKLANDS:

I work at the Italian Man. I'm just having a break outside and eating pizza.

HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE YOUR STYLE:

My style is not very girly. I like grungy, surfy, punky chick clothes.

WHAT MAKES A GOOD OUTFIT:

Wear something that suits your body type and also colour. It's also very important to bring out people's features and the colour of their skin.

Mirella, 29

LOCATION: Victoria Harbour

DESCRIBE WHAT YOU ARE WEARING:

I am wearing a silk shirt, denim, mules and wool coat. My shoes are from Jango and Juliet and my silk shirt's from London. I don't remember the brand of my jacket and my denim jeans are from a local brand. My glasses were \$5 and I got them from Cotton On.

WHAT'S YOUR FAVOURITE PIECE OF CLOTHING:

My favourite thing about this outfit is my shoes, even though they are a few years old. They are from a collection which was not that popular but I always get complimented on them.

WHAT BRINGS YOU TO DOCKLANDS:

I was attending a conference in Docklands for a web platform.

HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE YOUR STYLE:

I like mixing and matching. So high-end pieces with mass market pieces - so you can't really tell.

WHAT MAKES A GOOD OUTFIT:

You should express your own personal style, nothing about trends, just your own personal preferences.

Column - 10 Years On

Issue 22, October - November 2007

VicUrban and City of Melbourne - Working together to grow Docklands

VicUrban and Melbourne City Council are already working together on the pending transfer of the municipal functions.

On 1 July 2007 municipal activities such as rate collection, street maintenance and cleaning will be the responsibility of MCC.

The municipal transfer will bring local democracy to Melbourne Docklands. It will enable more than 6000 residents currently living in the area to take part in the next local government elections, in November 2008.

Melbourne Docklands residents will continue to benefit from the City of Melbourne's expertise in managing and delivering key local government services. All municipal service will continue without disruption.

A number of activities which are planned to be officially transferred in July next year are already being coordinated to ensure there is a smooth transition.

VicUrban and Melbourne City Council will continue working together to develop a range of strategies and plans for the ongoing support to grow Melbourne Docklands.

Events, marketing, tourism and infrastructure plans for the precinct have been developed by the City of Melbourne. These initiatives will ensure the continued growth of Melbourne Docklands as a thriving community for residents and businesses.

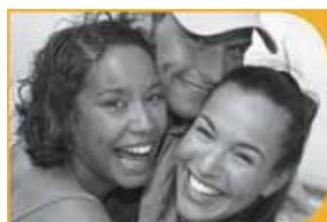
A comprehensive marketing plan for the area has already been developed. It incorporates a number of the successful programs and events already delivered such as Summer on the Docks, New Year's Eve, Australia Day and Melbourne's Blue Park @ Docklands.

As part of the transfer, VicUrban is proud to be handling over approximately \$200m of new assets to Melbourne City Council which includes public infrastructure such as the Charles Grime Bridge, \$15 million worth of urban art and the LaTrobe and Collins streets extensions just to name a few.

VicUrban has made a significant investment in the provision of municipal services throughout the formative years of Melbourne Docklands.

Pru Sanderson, VicUrban CEO, said: "We have confidence that the Melbourne City Council will apply the high standards for which they are renowned, in maintaining and managing Melbourne Docklands."

VicUrban is looking forward to the contributions Melbourne City Council will make as Melbourne Docklands grows into a strong addition to our great city.



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We Live Here

A look back at what's been happening

Whilst we wait for the Victorian Government's response to the recommendations of the Parliamentary Inquiry into short-stays, it is perhaps timely to review what has been happening around the country and overseas.

In May we reported that the NSW Government had swept aside the recommendations of a parliamentary report and announced a new consultative process to decide how short-stays will be regulated.

The discarded report had recommended a massive increase in short-term holiday rentals in apartment buildings. But the NSW Minister for Planning and Regulation and the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation, in a joint statement in April said that "broader engagement with the industry and the community was needed", and that the NSW Government was "focused on finding a common ground that effectively addresses the concerns with everyone involved".

From this evolved an Options Paper released by the NSW Ministers in July, which acknowledged that short-term letting "has the potential to generate impacts on the community if not adequately managed. These impacts could include noise, waste, traffic and parking, safety and security, and the potential impact on housing and broader industry in general".

The Ministers' paper also stated: "There is a point where STHL [short-term



holiday letting] becomes a more intensive commercial type of use."

The Ministers said: "The rights of residents who live near these properties must be considered too."

This was the first indication that an Australian state government was starting to understand the plight of residents living in strata communities. We hope that the Victorian Government will follow suit.

At the municipal level, the City of Sydney has a history of seeking to regulate the industry because of its "fundamental incompatibility". The council's position was articulated in the NSW Land and Environment Court:

"There is a fundamental incompatibility between the proposed mix of residential and serviced apartments that share the same floor levels and access points, in consideration of the difference in behaviour, living and activity patterns of long-term residents compared to short-term occupants, and the greater expectations of long-term residents for quiet amenity and care for the building through a greater sense of ownership, accountability and permanence compared to temporary residents." (Council of the City of Sydney v Oaks Hotels and Resorts (NSW) No.2 Pty Limited [2011] NSW Land and Environment Court 235).

Meanwhile major cities including Berlin, Vancouver, Paris and New York are all introducing new laws to curb commercial short-stay operations in strata buildings.

Will the Victorian Government learn from global experiences?

As reported in *Docklands News* in 2015, former local member and failed Melbourne Labor candidate, Jennifer Kanis, went to the election pledging to retrospectively legislate short-stays out of existence. Today, We Live Here is asking for the industry to be regulated, and for the interests of long-term residents to be protected by acknowledging the

differences between living in freestanding homes and living in strata buildings.

We Live Here believes owners' corporations should have the right of self-determination – that is, the ability to pass and enforce rules about use of lot that was lost in the 2016 Supreme Court decision of Justice Riorden. This might restrict (not prohibit) commercial short-stay accommodation but any rule would need to be passed by a special resolution (75 per cent of lot owners must agree).

Clearly, the government needs to act on these concerns and bring legislation into line for this massive industry. We need a solution which puts residents, businesses and the tourism industry on a level playing field.

Airbnb threatened?

Airbnb must be feeling threatened. The multi-billion dollar global company has taken to describing community calls for regulation of the industry as being from "so-called" community groups "often funded by the hotel lobby". Sorry Airbnb, We Live Here is solely funded by donations from long-term residents in strata buildings.

Airbnb has also cast aspersions on apartment residents being Australians who cannot afford a house. Brent Thomas, head of public policy for Airbnb told the Victorian Parliamentary Inquiry into Short-stays that a whole generation of Australians, particularly older Australians, "will only ever be able to afford to live in strata buildings, particularly in the big cities" – ignoring the fact that millions of Australians have chosen an apartment lifestyle – largely before the advent of the large-scale commercial short-stay industry began to have an impact on their homes.

Meanwhile in New Zealand, Airbnb is on the back foot following a fire in a Christchurch Airbnb, which injured six guests. They are now offering 36,000 free smoke detectors to hosts, to be refunded out of future earnings.

This is a timely reminder that short-stay and Airbnb operators renting out their properties may be liable for accidents affecting paying guests because a business transaction is involved.

Cladding update

The ABC's *Four Corners* program on September 11 about the dangers of inflammable cladding can still be seen on iView.

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Life among the runaways

By Kate Mani

Moving to Docklands blended social, community, yachting and artistic life for one of Melbourne's most creative figures.

Marc Newman calls his neighbours the runaways.

"I get the impression a lot of people have almost run away from where they've been rooted, or brought their kids up, or lived with parents and have come to Docklands because it's vibrant, it's on the edge of the city," he said.

"You get that sort of energy that permeates from a metropolis."

It's seven years since Mr Newman, creative director of cabaret theatre restaurant Draculas, moved to Docklands with his wife, Jayne, and two sons.

The family-run Newman entertainment business has been a Melbourne institution since 1964 and also runs venues on the Gold Coast and in Singapore.

The walls of his Yarra's Edge townhouse showcase his own paintings, an interest he feels inspired to pursue as he looks out to the marina.

Mr Newman relishes the sense of community and social interaction along Docklands' waterfront landscape.

He describes it as a family-friendly environment that has also allowed his children to become more urbanised and independent.

"We lived in North Carlton for 20 years and could count on one hand the amount of people we knew," he said.



Marc Newman is the creative director Draculas theatre restaurant and a keen portrait painter.

"Here, there are social events and parties and we're invited to dinner all the time with people who live along the waterfront, so it's far more social. There are lots of families and lots of kids."

A passionate sailor, Mr Newman sees Docklands as a way of bringing together his connection to Melbourne and his love of boats.

"I have always had this life-long dilemma that I love Melbourne, I love the art and the culture of Melbourne. But I love yachts. They've always been my number one passion. So how do you equate the two? How do you live in Melbourne and enjoy having a boat?"

"I saw an image, it was an artist's impression of this area with a boat outside

the front and I said to Jayne, 'we'll go and have a look'."

Mr Newman's work takes him interstate and overseas regularly, to the other Draculas bases. The ease of living in a "lock up and leave" townhouse was a big drawcard.

"A lot of people here have international businesses. It's high security, lock it up and bam, you're off! You don't have to worry about the front lawn overgrowing. You drive from Tullamarine and the freeway virtually drops you at Lorimer St."

This international vibe frees Docklands from suburban stereotypes and provides an interesting mix of neighbours and visitors to the area.

"There are people from all nationalities and all walks of life and different interests.

It's not like we're all out of the same mould."

He believes that Melbourne's conservatism tends to cast Docklands in a bad light and feels it is a shame that more Melburnians haven't embraced his suburb.

"I think Docklands suffers the scourge of being a new area in a traditionalist city that adores its tradition and its conservative suburbs," he said.

"Docklands doesn't fit into that equation. There's no past generation. We are the first generation of Docklanders."

"People say 'oh Docklands, I don't get it,' but they will get it," he said.

"It's almost sort of a bit of a secret among people who live here, we just smile and say 'we love it'."

Owners' Corporation Law

The times they are a-changin'

If you're a baby boomer serving on your owners' corporation (OC) committee, you may have already begun noticing a shift in the characteristics and tendencies of your fellow members and neighbours:

Don't call me, just email or text. Can I pay my levies online? Our community needs to "go green"! Do we have a Facebook page?

These are just a few of the comments and questions you may have heard from the younger generation of millennials within your OC. Defining the generations (all age ranges and numbers are estimates):

■ Baby boomers are the demographic born roughly between the mid 1940s thru the mid 1960s and make up approximately 24 per cent of the population. One of the defining characteristics of baby boomers

is a strong work ethic;

■ Generation X are the demographic born roughly between the mid 1960s through the late 1970s and make up about 13 per cent of the population. One of the defining characteristics of Gen Xers is entrepreneurship; and

■ Millennials are the demographic born roughly between the late 1970s and mid 1990s and make up approximately 22 per cent of the US population. One of the defining characteristics of millennials is an affinity for technology.

Whether you're ready or not, OCs need to start preparing for a generational shift. Over the next 10 years, millennials will possibly overtake baby boomers in terms of home ownership percentage.

As a result, OCs will start to change to reflect the attitudes/wants/needs/personalities of their members.

So how can your community bridge the generational gap?

The following list, although far from exhaustive, contain a few useful tips to help

your OC do this:

■ The literal "bridge" between the baby boomers and the millennials is generation X. Gen X'ers within your committee may prove a useful resource in relating to the both younger and older community members;

■ Seek input and participation from representatives of each group. Even if your committee does not include a particular generational representative, make an effort to include members of each group in the decision-making process;

■ The "notice" conundrum. Many of our clients, especially those with younger committee members, are eager to shift towards electronic notices, voting, etc. Although this can be convenient for most, the OC needs to be careful that (1) it is complying with the applicable Victorian laws; and (2) that the minority (those who do not use computers or email) are still accounted for, i.e. hard copies are not yet

a thing of the past;

■ Plan ahead. For larger initiatives that appeal to millennials, such as "Green" initiatives or electric car parking, the community will need to take a longer-term approach to ensure that such initiatives have the support of the community and are budgeted for appropriately; and

■ Delegate wisely. If members of the OC are eager for a stronger online presence, appoint a computer savvy millennial to head a social media campaign.

■ Understand and embrace the generational differences in your community. A "my way or the highway" attitude will almost never result in a positive outcome.



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SKYPAD Living

Litter from the heavens

Recycling is one way of dealing with high-rise waste but, unfortunately, there are other routes taken by our rubbish.

Building based recycling is growing in popularity for vertical dwellers and we are told that there are just two key ingredients.

The first is the recycling facility that best suits our building, be it a worm farm, a dehydration centre or some other processor, along with the systems to operate and maintain it. The second, and arguably more important ingredient, is the motivation of residents to appropriately use these facilities, as this typically requires additional effort (eg sorting one's rubbish and physically taking it to some dark corner of the building).

To date in Australia, such additional effort remains voluntary. But in a growing number of countries, external motivation is being used to "encourage" participation. Take the case of South Korea with its "pay as you trash" system introduced in 2013. In an effort to cut food waste, South Korea requires, by law, that people separate food waste from the rest of their garbage.

Residents place this waste in bags bought from the city and then, each day, weigh their rubbish. This information is captured on a card registered to the household, along with the corresponding charge. Anyone who doesn't recycle food waste faces potential fines.

Returning to our own shores, in a recent EcoForum several building managers were of the opinion that their own residents were not sufficiently motivated to voluntarily recycle their waste (maybe they have doubts about its ultimate destination!). But more than this, these building managers were annoyed that too many residents did not even dispose of



their waste through conventional means. In other words, they litter.

Take internal litter – ask any building cleaning staff and they will, all too readily, relate horrifying stories of clogged chutes from carelessly or mischievously discarded refuse. Whether these are cases of "can't be bothered" or "they'll never know it was me", the impact of their actions can be significant. (On an aside, once plastic bags bans begin to bite, owners' corporations will need to rethink their current requirement for the plastic bagging of refuse.)

As for external litter, there is one category that is of particular concern – the throwing of items out of high-rises. Known as "killer litter", these offending items can achieve some pretty impressive acceleration rates as they hit the ground (or someone's head). Fortunately, we have yet to hear of incidents

such as is occurring in Singapore where recently two teens were videoed throwing an Ofo bike from their block. Such is the concern in Singapore over "killer litter" that its government has approved laws to not only arrest and jail offending parties, but for the Housing and Development Board to compulsorily acquire the offending rental flats.

Returning locally, our own "killer litter" principally takes the form of the dreaded cigarette butt. While small compared with a bike, the harm they cause is disproportionate to their size. If they make landfall, they enter our waterways and wreak havoc with local marine life. But if they don't make landfall and arrive on a neighbouring balcony, we well know what this might lead to – fire.

Of course there are several regulations that make this behaviour unlawful.

However, if a breach cannot be detected, or if the source of the breach cannot be identified, then redress is problematic.

The Singaporean response is for their National Environment Agency (NEA) to install surveillance cameras to monitor high-rise littering in places with a persistent problem.

However, the Singaporean Senior Minister of State for the Environment and Water Resources, Grace Fu, believes the real solution lies in behaviour change and that more effort should be made to develop stronger community ownership for a clean environment.

Ms Fu said: "Stepping up enforcement for littering does not completely address the deeper challenge of nurturing the right values. We must build greater individual ownership and community action if we are to raise the standard of cleanliness in all our public spaces."

Failing this, maybe we have another opportunity to "bring on the drones" – either for detection or rapid debris retrieval!

If you would like links to the material mentioned, please visit and "like" SkyPad Living on Facebook.



Janette Corcoran
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SKYPAD LIVING

Chamber Update

Volvo race is heading to Docklands

The Volvo Ocean Race is the world's premier offshore race, an exceptional test of sailing prowess and human endeavour, which started over 37 years ago and is held every three years.

This year, after sailing through the southern oceans and the roaring forties the fleet will rest in Victoria Harbour between December 27 and January 2.

You can keep up to date via our Facebook page which will list all the updates of the race as they head towards our harbour – www.fb.me/MelbDock

Docklands Sunday Markets back to NewQuay Promenade

After a short move away to Harbour Esplanade for Melbourne Day celebrations, the Docklands Sunday market will be heading back to its home along NewQuay Promenade in October. Once again, you can enjoy all the offerings along our waterfront walk every Sunday from 10am to 5pm.



Docklands Chamber of Commerce AGM

The Docklands Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual general meeting (AGM) in November. All current financial members are invited to nominate for the positions of president, vice president, treasurer and secretary or to sit on the executive committee.

All current positions will be vacated prior to the meeting. Nominations are due by close of business Friday, October 27 and

details of the event will be posted on our website – www.docklandsc.com.au

Docklands Chamber of Commerce Christmas function

We invite all current hospitality members to nominate their interest to host our Christmas function for DCC members. The event will be held in the second week of December.

Please email your interest and potential ideas to Kristie Gatti – admin@docklandsc.com.au

Mission to Seafarers ANL Art Show

Since 2002 the Mission to Seafarers Victoria's Maritime Art Awards and Exhibition has showcased the work of over 700 artists and is Australia's leading maritime art prize.

Prize money awarded to date has exceeded \$175,000 and the event has raised over \$230,000 toward the provision of seafarers' welfare services in Victoria.

The Maritime Art Awards and Exhibition is proudly supported by global shipping carrier ANL.

The exhibition is open daily for public viewing from October 6 to October 27th at the historic seafarers' centre at 717 Flinders St, Docklands from 12 noon – 6pm.

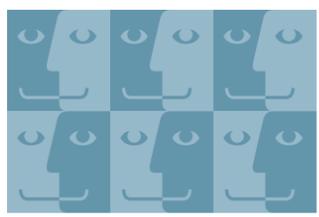
To view the exhibition a gold coin donation is appreciated.



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FACES OF DOCKLANDS

Question: Did you know that Harbour Town will soon be called District Docklands, and what do you think of the new name?



SHIENDRA DAIPAN, 22, FROM POINT COOK

"I didn't know about the name change! It sounds a bit weird to be honest. I think I prefer Harbour Town."



REBECCA LAFAUCI, 22, FROM CRAIGIEBURN

"I haven't heard about the name change. I don't think there's much of a difference either way though."



GRACE SUH, 28

"I had no idea! It doesn't really change much."



SAMEER CHAUDHARY, 25, FROM ASCOT VALE

"I think they have done their research and that the name will draw lots of traffic with international stores like H&M. It might even become like a mini CBD. While it means that many small businesses are closing, I guess that's the price of progress."



JEENA WONG, 27, FROM MALAYSIA

"As a tourist I think it is definitely a good thing and will make this a huge shopping town. Right now the name is very localised, so more people will know about it with the new name and international brands."



ZAC LIN, 29, FROM MALAYSIA

"It is a better name, and is more focused for the area. I think it will attract more people. The new international shops will also help tourists find more things to buy."

Pet's Corner

How spoiled are these dogs?

By Shantelle-Ann Marquis

Meg Cai, 29, is a Melbourne resident and self-employed dog cake baker at her pet bakery.

She is also the proud owner of Cookie, a gentle Yorkie cross and foster owner of Jasmine, an energetic Huntaway cross.

Meg volunteers at an animal shelter, where injured and sick dogs are fostered by individuals in their own homes.

For the last month, she has been helping Jasmine recover from an injury. But once fully recovered, Jasmine will be adopted from the shelter and Meg will most likely foster another dog.

"Jasmine had a knee problem earlier and so they've just done a surgery on her. That's why her leg is missing some hair, the vet shaved it to do the surgery," Meg explained.

Bringing the dogs together was easy, as Cookie has a very calm nature and does not care about other dogs.

"Jasmine is really cute and loves to play with everyone and other dogs. Cookie is old enough and she is not excited anymore," Meg said.

Meg is originally from Canada, but when she migrated to Australia, she couldn't leave Cookie behind and so she flew her down too."

"Cookie is my dog. I've had Cookie for more than four years but she's almost seven. She is also a dog I have rescued," Meg said.

Meg joked that Cookie was not like other

dogs but more of a cat because her carefree attitude and personality.

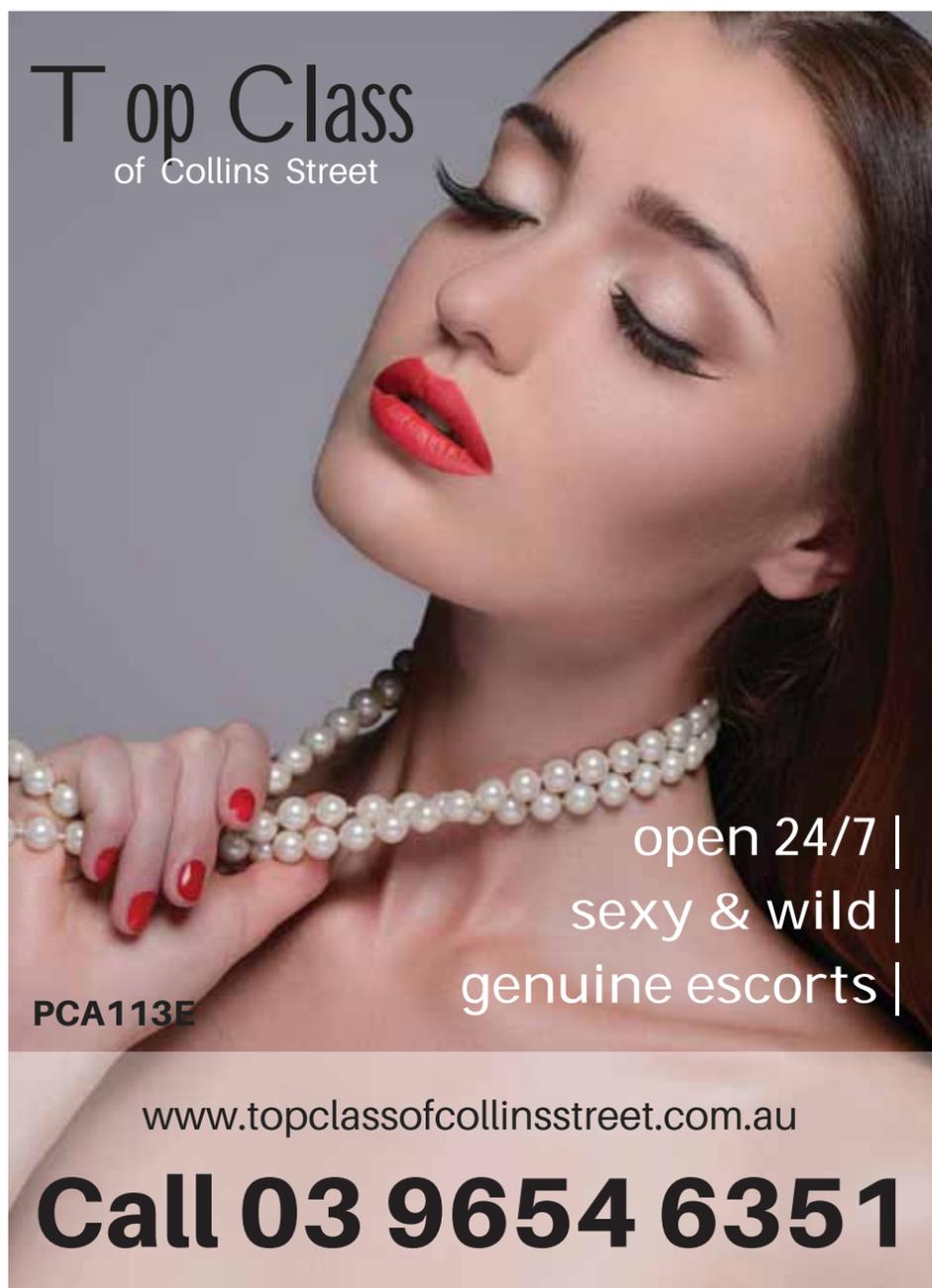
"Cookie just likes to sit by herself under the sun. She just wants to lie down and do nothing," Meg laughed.

The playful dogs are usually walked twice a day, either around Docklands or in a nearby park.

"I live nearby so I like coming to Docklands because there's a pretty good view here. I like to take the dogs for walks but it just depends on what I am doing or the weather," Meg said.

Meg treats her dogs as members of the family and enjoys spending as much time as she can with them.

"I love everything about my dogs. We cuddle together, we sit together, we watch TV together, we play games together and we play fetch," Meg said.

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What Women Want

Hug your loved ones

“If you fall I will catch you I’ll be waiting – time after time”

How I have dreamt of having that person in my life, a partner, a lover, a soul mate there to catch me when I (and I do) fall. That person to pick you up, dust off your shattered dreams and pop you back on the path of happiness and hope. That person that tells you that there’s nothing to worry about, that whatever happens it will never be as bad as you think. That you can face it together. That they have, and always will, believe in you.

I have fallen asleep in times of stress only to wake in the small hours of the morning feeling isolated, scared and alone. Everything’s always the worst case scenario in the witching hours. There seems to be no outcome but failure when you are haunted by your fears in this sleep-deprived state.

I’m not an anxious person, I am someone who makes considered decisions, who believes in taking the right path, who seeks advice and consultation on big decisions. And yet, the stress of recent business partnerships has proven to be the single most stressful time of my life.

I long for the freedom to simply walk away. I want to wake up where the sun shines, where the positivity and optimism that I have long been known for, returns. But when you play in the big world you’ve gotta put on your big girl pants.

And when you have embarked on a big journey with a big vision – well let’s just say there are teams of lawyers keen to advise on the quickest path to the bottom when

there is disarray in the team. Litigation is never a solution, in my opinion, yet losing everything in a battle of stubbornness hardly seems ideal either.

Frustratingly, I can see a very easy solution to bring peace and healing, yet it feels like the slightest wrong tone on the right words is enough to throw the negotiations out the window and we are back to square one. And so the stress has continued, for several months, with no resolution in sight.

Stress takes an awful toll on the mind, heart, body and soul and I have realised that it leaves you with a very negative disposition to so many beautiful things that surround you. It’s like you just don’t see the magnificence in the little things. And there is still magnificence in every day.

Stress is so invasive. It taints all that you have and clouds your vision to see only grey skies when you ache for sunshine.

But every cloud has a silver lining – and I’ve realised mine. I do have the man I love ready to catch me when I fall, time after time. And I do have the boy who looks deep into my eyes and tells me it doesn’t matter if we lose it all, his love is unconditional.

My dad, seeing the toll the stress was taking on me, simply packed a bag and drove two hours to move in for a while. He cooked, cleaned and poured wine – but most importantly he caught me as I fell, the same as he did when I was learning to ride and when my first boyfriend broke my heart.

He picked up the pieces and he reminded me I was never alone. And my son, the brave man-child of my house, who watched the tears bounce off my cheeks and my chin quiver, simply looked me in the eyes and said “mum, it doesn’t matter. We can always start again. It’s going to be ok” and then smiles his gorgeous grin.

With these two men in my life, I have everything I need and more. A whole world of love, happiness, laughter and joy.

As it turned out, the stress did stop and a resolution was reached and the lawyers were called off. I feel like the luckiest girl, not because we don’t have to start again, but because I realise that those who love me and believe in me would be with me every step of the way if we had to. And that, is what gives me strength.

What a woman wants is to never have to go into battle alone, but what a woman needs to know is that she has a small army on the ready for any battle she may be facing. Hug your family, hug your loved ones – for in their love is an eternal summer of sunshine.

With much love
Abby x



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Locals “quite comfortable” with tram bridge

Continued from page 3.

Upon checking the Fishermans Bend website that is described as the next step so hopefully it will happen soon.”

“I suggest your readers register on the Fishermans Bend website to obtain the latest information, which isn’t available yet, so all the communities involved can deal with the planning issues and opportunities that will arise.”

The City of Port Phillip has long advocated for a tram bridge through Yarra’s Edge to Fishermans Bend as a vital public transport link with the CBD.

In February last year, it made a submission to a parliamentary committee inquiry claiming the early delivery of the tram extension would unlock up to \$200 million in state and local government revenue. The submission relied largely on a 2014 report by AECOM, which the council commissioned.

Port Phillip Mayor Bernadene Voss said the independent report had found early delivery of the \$300 million Collins St tram extension could result in a \$1.1 billion uplift in the value of Fishermans Bend land.

Minister for Planning Richard Wynne said publicly last year that the government had “ruled out” the tram bridge when in opposition, however it is still yet to provide an alternative viable transport solution.

Health and Wellbeing

Express workouts work

An express workout is a short workout by time, normally 20-30 minutes long with a focus on maximising effort and work completed during the session.

This concept is a perfect match for corporate workers who have limited time before, during and after work. The express workout is an effective way to train and nowadays most exercise programs and service providers have adapted shorter formats and variations to suit the corporate worker.

Spin the clock back 10 years and a gym workout was normally an hour long, as were the fitness classes. Longer time workouts are still effective, but more for purpose and by choice.

If you have the time to enjoy a longer class, or spend 60-90 minutes in the gym then that’s fine and you should enjoy the experience. But just know, that as workout time increases, workout intensity decreases and there are real benefits with higher intensity training.

It is horses for courses though – not everyone is looking for the body smashing ultra-Spartan time torture workout. It’s just

that most corporate workers don’t have the luxury of spare time, so the express workout is the best match for them.

Back to the express workouts ... they are great for many reasons, including the fact that you can burn up to, and in excess of, 300 calories in 30 minutes. However, there is a downside and you need to be realistic and conscious of this.

We all learned in school sports and exercise 101 that we should warm up and cool down effectively before any activity. If we just turn up to gym straight from the desk and launch into a high intensity workout without an effective warm up, there is a real risk of injury.

On top of that, we place significant stress on the cardio vascular system (your heart and lungs) when we move too quickly from a sedentary position at our work desk, to the gym and straight into some plyometrics, sprint work or lifting weights above our head.

An express workout may (should) have a small warm up at the beginning of the class, which is a good start. My advice, though, is to arrive early for such classes and tack on a proper warm up of say five minutes on a rower, assault bike or cross trainer. Using these machines with a low to moderate intensity will warm up your muscles and kick start your heart so you are ready for the higher intensity work ahead.

As well as warming up, stretching and cooling down are important parts of any exercise routine.

Dynamic stretching and mobility exercises and movements are more effective than static stretching, especially at the beginning of your workout. Think about mobility exercises as shortening and lengthening the muscles while moving a joint or joints through their full range of motion.

Dynamic stretching helps prepare both the muscles and joints for the “good” physical stresses of exercise and will help reduce the risk of injury and muscle soreness.

Here are some express classes and workouts you might like to try, all which last for 30 minutes: BodyPump Express, CX Worx, GRIT, Core Express, Warrior, MetaFit, Stretch and Roll, Cycle Express, R30 Rowing, Boxing Express, Boot Camp and many more! Or why not just go for a 30 minute run...

It’s health and fitness prime time so grab some friends and get out there!

Fun fitness ideas in Docklands

Are you looking for some new ideas to stay active in Docklands? Whether you are a Docklands resident or Docklands worker, these five ideas will help you stay fit, active and healthy this spring and summer:

1 – Get fit and release stress by taking a boxing class or boxing session with a trainer

indoors or better still outside in a local Docklands park;

2 – Train with your friends on one of the outdoor gyms in Docklands. Lendlease built an excellent facility in Victoria Harbour near the library and Development Victoria is about to open a second outdoor exercise space next to the sports courts. If you need some tips on how to use the equipment effectively, contact your local gym or trainer;

3 – Go for a pier walk or run. There are some great piers and wharfs to explore and there is no better time than now – on a fresh spring morning or sunny afternoon;

4 – Join a dragon boating team and get fit and a little bit wet! Local clubs are always looking for new members to join in the community fun and fitness; and

5 – See the other side. Get some friends together and explore a new part of Docklands each week. Pack a workout for your destination before returning to work or home.



Andrew Ward

Andrew Ward from
Push! Fitness.
www.push-fitness.com.au

WHAT'S ON

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUN | JUL | AUG | SEP | **OCT** | NOV | DEC

6-7.30PM, OCTOBER 10, KNOWLEDGE MARKET

CREATE SUSTAINABLE CITIES

At the first of The Exchange's public lecture series, Victoria Harbour's project director, Tim Campbell, will talk about sustainability at Lendlease, focusing on key initiatives delivered in the precinct. FREE.

FROM 7PM, WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 11, MEDICI, NEWQUAY PROMENADE
DOCKLANDS SOCIAL CLUB

Join other locals, workers and residents for a monthly social gathering in a relaxed, informal setting. Come along for a drink or sit down for a meal. Everyone is welcome.

7PM, OCTOBER 24, LIBRARY AT THE DOCK

SHE'LL BE RIGHT

International students take to the stage in a powerful hour of storytelling about real experiences. Hear the stories that they would tell their friends, but not their parents. FREE. Book on Eventbrite.

EVERY SUNDAY

SUNDAY WORSHIP

City Light Methodist Church at St Peter the Mariner's Chapel. Mission to Seafarers, 717 Flinders St. 11am English service
5pm Chinese service 中文

EVERY SUNDAY, 10AM-5PM
NEWQUAY PROMENADE

DOCKLANDS

SUNDAY MARKET

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EVERY 1ST & 3RD SATURDAY, 10.30-11AM, LIBRARY AT THE DOCK
CODE CLUB

A fortnightly workshop that teaches children to code and improve their problem solving skills and logical thinking. For 9-11 year olds. Book via Eventbrite. **9658 9379** or makerspace@melbourne.vic.gov.au

1ST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH, 10-11AM, BULUK PARK

LAUGHTER CLUB

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PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

Fridays at 10.30am
Come and share the wonder of books with us. Enjoy 40-50 minutes of fun stories, songs, rhymes and activities with your three to five year olds.

STOMPERS

Mondays at 10.30am
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SONGBIRDS

Wednesdays at 10.30am
Come along for songs, rhymes and stories to engage your budding book worm's mind and introduce them to the fun and rhythm of language. Suitable for babies and toddlers aged up to 18 months old.

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DOCKLANDS SPORTS PAGE

Fierce and powerful, yet friendly

Meet the captains from the top of the Active Melbourne City Sports leader board.

Active Melbourne City Sports is half way into the 14-week spring season and, so far, more than 400 inner city Melburnians have spent their lunch breaks getting active on the Docklands netball, basketball and soccer courts.

With only seven weeks to go, the competition is heating up.

Leading the netball is Find Wonderball, the defending champions from Myer. The team is led by captain, Amy Campbell, and is in its 10th season on top.

After five years, Amy continues to thoroughly enjoy the program, saying: "The competition gives us a chance to get out of the office at lunch time."

The Wednesday basketball program has more than 45 players competing in a 3v3 competition. Spiire Red is currently leading, just in front of Myer's Shaqtin 'a' Fool.

The fierce and powerful, yet very friendly, Spiire Red team is in its first season. Captain, Monica Majok, said the team was proud to be on the top of the leader board.

"It feels great, our team chemistry is building and we are really enjoying ourselves out there," she said.

Myer's Shaqtin 'a' Fool is hot on the Spiire Red's tail. However, Majok has a strong strategy in place to shoot for the grand final.

"Show up, have fun and grab rebounds! But win or lose it's all about getting out there and having fun!" she said.



The Dave Show letting their rivals know who the champions are.

More than 200 players participate in the Docklands soccer competition, which sees the program split over three days and four separate competitions. Lion has two teams in the competition. The Dave Show and the Lions are both leading the way in the Monday and Friday competitions.

Dave Phillips, who has participated in the Lions team for the last eight seasons, said: "The program definitely makes coming back to work on Monday more enjoyable."

The Dave Show's competitive streak dates back a few years and was highlighted in its

recent close grand final win against Jacob's Thunder.

The spring semi-finals will start in November. Supporters are encouraged to pack a lunch and come on down to watch.

Docklands Sports Courts netball, basketball and soccer team registrations will open in November for the upcoming 2018 autumn season, which will start in February.

Register a team in any of the competitions, by emailing activemelbourne@limelightsports.com or phone 9690 2180.



The Dragon Masters at play.

Bring out your inner dragon

Mature locals have been invited to join a world of fun and fitness with the Dragon Masters Dragon Boat Club.

President Zonda Lynn says younger people are also welcome, but the hunt is on for the over 40 "masters" age group.

Docklands-based Dragon Masters is strong in the sport, with success both at home and internationally.

"Our club recently returned from an international regatta in Hong Kong and we have been invited to attend world championships in Hungary next year," she said.

The club trains three times a week in Docklands.

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