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Merry Christmas Docklands

New-parent swans have been proudly showing off their fluffy off-spring around Victoria Harbour.

We've added Santa hats for the season, so we hope we haven't offended them.

As least we didn't call them ducks this time! Merry Christmas Docklands.

Thanks for another great year, from Docklands News.

A tale of three bridges

By Shane Scanlan

Docklands has responded in varied ways to last month's revelation that it is threatened by three new bridges.

The recently released draft Fishermans Bend Framework proposes a tram bridge at Yarra's Edge and two more potential bridges across the mouth of the harbour.

Tram bridge

Not everyone is opposed to the tram bridge that will link Docklands with Fishermans Bend before 2025.

City of Melbourne planning portfolio chair Nicholas Reece supports it, saying jobs and population growth should prevail over residents' berthing needs.

Responding to a Residents 3000 forum on November 2, Cr Reece said: "80,000 residents and 60,000 jobs is a bigger number than 50 boats. There were some very vocal boat owners around the Mirvac development."

"I don't think it will interfere with boat traffic in a very significant way. Hopefully the height of the bridge will allow boats to come and go."

Mirvac's residential general manager Elysa Anderson told the November 24 Docklands Networking Lunch she thought a tram service would be a positive addition to the precinct (see our story on page 11).

And in this edition Ministerial Advisory

Committee Yarra's Edge community representative Phil Spender outlines why the bridge is necessary (see page 8).

Others, however, are furious. Our story of a community consultation on November 8, hosted by local MP Martin Foley, tells of widespread community anger at an apparent broken election promise (see page 9).

Some of this anger is manifesting in a legal class action for millions of dollars in compensation (see page 11).

Compensation of \$300 million is being talked about. This would be far better spent on a tram tunnel from the end of LaTrobe St, under Victoria Harbour to Ingles St.

This is an idea from Yarra's Edge newcomer, Keith Sutherland, and brings added benefits such as connecting with an under-utilised tram corridor (unlike Collins St, which is full!), as well as connecting with Southern Cross Station, Flagstaff Station, Melbourne Central Station and the new State Library metro station (CBD North).

It would also service the burgeoning City North urban renewal precinct and help Victoria Harbour become the "Circular Quay" of Melbourne as the home of water commuter craft.

Rail bridge

The Fishermans Bend Framework recommends the reservation of a rail alignment downstream of the Bolte Bridge.

Docklands can live with any bridge which is the same height of the Bolte, and this is

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where the framework's recommendation becomes problematic.

Government transport planner Dimitri Lolas told the November 8 community consultation that a future rail bridge would, indeed, be as high as the Bolte.

But this is impossible – an opinion confirmed at a different meeting hosted by the Docklands Chamber of Commerce on November 30.

Port of Melbourne executive general manager Jason Price said: "I'm also aware that freight trains will not ever be able to come to the height of the Bolte Bridge. That's one thing I'm very confident of. They'll never be able to traverse at the height of the Bolte Bridge. It's just impossible for a loco set to be able to do so."

Mr Lolas believes a train can climb to the top of the Bolte because it would already be at 20 metres above the ground when it crossed the M1 freeway. Skyrail is clearly in favour with the Victorian Government!

And, while a train would have some kilometres to gain elevation on the south side of the river, this is not the case on the north. The draft Fishermans Bend Framework appears to have been solely assessed on elements within its own geographic boundary. It's almost as if what happens in the rest of Melbourne doesn't have relevance.

An example of this is a revelation from Mr

Price that the framework authors did not consult the port on the practicalities of rail bridges.

Mr Price confirmed, however, that the port would need a freight connection between Webb Dock and its facilities on the northern side of the river in the future.

"Over time, it's fair to say there will need to be a rail connection to Webb Dock. What does that rail connection look like? The answer is, honestly, at this moment, I don't know," he said. "We haven't spent time looking at that and the reason we haven't looked at it is that it's a fair way off for us."

Future technology for moving containers, however, is likely to save Docklands from a low bridge. Unlike trains, self-powered, container-carrying autonomous vehicles can climb steep slopes and can turn sharp corners.

Habitat Trust chairman, Professor Allan Rodger, told *Docklands News* that existing tram technology would easily be able to climb the height of the Bolte Bridge.

"It would be child's play to implement a tram-based freight system at that height today," he said.

In its response to the draft framework, the Docklands Chamber of Commerce is likely to support the reservation of the freight alignment on the strict condition that any future bridge is built at the height of the Bolte.

Pedestrian/cyclist bridge

This proposal is like a bad dream that just won't go away. Development Victoria (and in its previous iterations, Places Victoria and VicUrban) takes every opportunity to draw this bridge into future plans for Docklands (only to be told by the community to take it off).

The nightmare proposal appears in the framework just upstream of the Bolte Bridge.

Like the freight link, this proposal would have full community support if it was built at the height of the Bolte Bridge. But work to date is proceeding on the basis of an opening low-level bridge – which is clearly unacceptable.

At the November 8 consultation, framework co-author and transport planner Dimitri Lolas said he knew nothing about the proposal and admitted it had been included at the insistence of Development Victoria.

It's up to Docklanders to again tell government authorities that open waterways are integral to the future of our suburb. It's what makes us Docklands.

If they want to choke Docklands with bridges, then they might as well fill in the harbour and sell off the reclaimed land for more residential towers!

Responses to the draft framework are due by December 15 – see <https://engage.vic.gov.au/fishermans-bend-draft-framework>

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Melbourne is the most secretive

The City of Melbourne continues to be the most secretive metropolitan council, with more than a quarter of its decisions being made behind closed doors.

The state government on December 1 released its annual survey of local government performance, and Melbourne is getting worse when it comes to including the public.

In 2015-16, the City of Melbourne determined 26.65 per cent of its decisions in secret but last financial year slipped back to 28.85 per cent.

As an excuse, the council says it made fewer decisions overall, which resulted in a higher proportion of secrecy.

“The total number of resolutions made in confidential session actually decreased to 90, compared to 105 in 2015-16,” it said.

The state average for decisions made in secret is 9.49 per cent and has been falling steadily in recent years.

Two Victorian councils held all their decision making in public in 2016-17 – the City of Greater Dandenong and Mt Alexander Shire.

The Shire of East Gippsland had the worst record, with 41.5 per cent – but explained that contractual matters made up 34 of its 39 secret decisions. It said that, unlike most councils, it doesn’t have the power to delegate decisions to officers.

In the metropolitan area, the next worst offender (after Melbourne) is Frankston (17.4 per cent). Among provincial councils, the worst are Mildura (20.5 per cent) and LaTrobe (17.3 per cent).

Commemorating the life of Coen

Momentum is building to commemorate in Docklands the life of Coen Ashton who died aged 20 in October.

Coen and his family spent a lot of time here accessing the best of Australia’s medical care. Born with cystic fibrosis, Coen had a double-lung transplant in 2012, recovered well but suffered kidney failure about two years ago.

His mum Dawn, who works in Docklands, supports a move by local businessman Andrew Ward who wants to have the playground at the southern end of Harbour Esplanade named after Coen.

“Coen was an inspirational child,” Dawn said. “His story encourages other kids to follow their dreams.”

“His message was always that tough times didn’t have to mean dark days. He never wasted a day.”

Coen was the first person to be awarded all three of The Pride of Australia medals – state, national and Peoples Choice.

Mr Ward trained Coen in his gymnasium in 2012 while the family was staying in Docklands awaiting organ donation. With only 20 per cent lung function and suffering diabetes, young Coen struggled with physical exercise, but needed to build his strength to endure the necessary post-operation rehabilitation.

Mr Ward said the playground needed an overhaul and it would be appropriate to name a revamped park after Coen.

“Coen would ride his kick scooter over here from Yarra’s Edge with his little brother Kai. It was a special place for him, even though he couldn’t do much more than watch,” Mr Ward said.

As a 13-year-old, Coen rode a jet ski the length of the Murray River to raise funds for and awareness of organ donation. Today, his inspirational story features in the national education curriculum.

When the family came to Melbourne to await donor lungs, they settled here in Docklands



Above: Dawn Ashton and Andrew Ward in the playground they want renewed and renamed.
Below: Mr Ward assisting Coen in 2012.

to be close to both the Royal Children’s Hospital and The Alfred, which was the only hospital in Australia to undertake organ transplants on children.

Struggling financially and living on their boat, the Yarra’s Edge community literally took the family in – contributing more than \$10,000 for apartment rent at a local fundraiser.

Mr Ward, a member of the representative group of the Docklands Community Forum expects the wider Docklands community to support his plan for appropriate recognition for Coen.

He said the early signs were encouraging and he had started the required process to organise a suitable memorial for Coen.

And while he is immediately pursuing a



memorial for the playground, he says the playground is currently not of a suitable standard to carry Coen’s name.

Dawn agrees, saying that capital works renewal would present a perfect opportunity to name the area after her son.

“A new park, with a new look and a new name would be perfect,” she said.



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Cladding issue is going nowhere fast

By Shane Scanlan

The state government is refining ways to detect flammable cladding and prevent more being installed on buildings in the future, but is doing nothing to determine who should pay for such re-work.



John Thawites and Ted Baillieu explain their interim report.

On December 1, it released the Victorian Cladding Taskforce's interim report. But the taskforce is yet to turn its attention to questions of responsibility and liability, without which, no cladding may actually be forcibly replaced.

In the past month, the builders of the Lacrosse and Exo towers in Docklands have agreed to replace cladding.

But, significantly, both builders - LU Simon and Lendlease - have volunteered to do the work without admitting liability. In the Lacrosse case, LU Simon has specifically not agreed to pay for the work and its legal battles roll on.

It's been more than three years since the fire that tore up the side of Lacrosse, resulting in the evacuation of more than 400 residents.

Building orders issued by the City of Melbourne (CoM) shortly after have been

in legal dispute ever since and, as reported last month, the matter is not due back in the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT) until late next year.

LU Simon is separately challenging in the Supreme Court the Victorian Building Authority's (VBA) powers to direct it to fix six other inner city buildings.

The government established the Victorian Cladding Taskforce in response to the tragic Grenfell fire in London in June. It is co-chaired by former premier Ted Baillieu and former ALP minister John Thawites.

At that time, the VBA and CoM were working through their own audit, which revealed 83 buildings for further examination. In June, agreed-solutions had been found for all but 17.

That list still has 14 buildings on it, which the City of Melbourne refuses to reveal to

protect property values.

The Victorian Cladding Taskforce has piloted an audit methodology and has already come up with about 1400 buildings it believes as "most likely having Aluminium Composite Panels (ACP) with a polyethylene (PE) core or Expanded Polystyrene (EPS)".

The taskforce was critical of the earlier joint VBA/CoM audit and recommends an independent review of this work.

In turn, the government is critical of the VBA and has ordered it to "lift its game" and audit the whole state and also become a feared presence on building sites, much the same as WorkSafe inspectors have become.

But the question has to be asked: If the VBA starts issuing more building orders, won't that just mean more work for the courts in the absence of clearer definitions of liability?

The taskforce report reveals that, in 91 per cent of cases identified by the VBA, the designers had actually specified combustible materials. So demanding rework from builders would appear grossly unfair.

Roles and responsibilities for building inspection and enforcement are equally blurred between municipal and state authorities, as evidenced by the apparent difficulties the council and VBA have in working together. Will this improve or worsen when a state building inspector is appointed, as directed by building minister Richard Wynne? And, there is also the

murky depths of defining the liability of private building inspectors and how they are insured (or not!).

Under the current law, building orders must be made against individual owners, an unworkable situation in world of strata living.

Owners' corporations are rightly nervous about their liability too - particularly in the current political climate where the state government refuses to legislatively restore the rights that the courts have recently stripped from them.

Added to all this, is also a growing belief that governments are over-reaching on this issue.

Consultant engineer Neil McClelland told an owners' corporation "Chairpersons' Lounge" event on November 22 that much unnecessary re-work and soaring insurance premiums were likely.

He pointed to the impracticality of some new testing regimes. One new test, he said was conducted at a temperature above which aluminium itself melts.

Another future consequence, he said, could be water leaking through facades.

In Victoria Harbour, Lendlease is preparing to replace the white decorative screen around the Exo building. The work will be done progressively over coming months.

The construction methodology means the building will be effectively unwrapped.



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Docklands' rising star

Docklander April Goldsby is a rising star in modelling.

At just 19 years old, Ms Goldsby has already been a candidate for Miss Tourism and Miss World Australia and has been featured in an editorial spread in the *Elle* magazine.

She made the move from hometown Canberra to Docklands a year ago and said she felt incredibly lucky to be waking up to such a view every day.

"Docklands has such a relaxed vibe and it's like a paradise to me," she said.

"Everything here feels so different from what I had before. It's almost glamorous because I get to do something different each day."

Docklands' blend of social life, accessibility and environment drew Ms Goldsby here.

"I do think it takes a certain person to live in Docklands. It depends on where you are drawn to and, to me, Docklands is a great place to live," she said.

Ms Goldsby started modelling from the age of 12 and decided modelling was her dream profession when she was around 15.

She said she jumped at any opportunities that would help with her career, such as the beauty pageant Miss Tourism she contested in November.

Promoting tourism in Australia was always something she felt passionate about.

"I love travelling and I'm always living somewhere new. So running for Miss Tourism was the perfect fit for me," she said.

"I wanted to get more people to know more about Australia and encourage them to visit here and of course Docklands!"

Minister signs off West Gate Tunnel EES

By Sunny Liu

Planning Minister Richard Wynne has signed off West Gate Tunnel's Environmental Effects Statement (EES) with minor changes suggested for the project.

In his assessment of the road project, Mr Wynne recommends lowering the proposed elevated Wurundjeri Way extension to create a levelled intersection between Dynon Rd and Wurundjeri Way.

In the alternative design, the full signalisation at the interchange will cause delays to vehicles travelling to the south and will likely reduce traffic volume on Wurundjeri Way.

The existing V/Line stabling facility under the proposed elevated extension just east of Dynon Rd will be relocated further west, enabling the extension to be substantially lowered.

Reducing the above-ground height from 10 to 2.6 metres can also facilitate future residential and rail projects at Docklands' neighbour, E-Gate.

Mr Wynne also said it would potentially make better future connections from Wurundjeri Way to E-Gate and North and West Melbourne.

A possibly shorter ramp to pedestrian and cycling routes will also improve accessibility between North Melbourne (to be changed to West Melbourne) station, E-Gate and Docklands.

The District Docklands' owner Ashe Morgan made a submission to the West Gate Tunnel Independent Advisory Committee (IAC) in September, arguing that the elevated Wurundjeri



The Wurundjeri Way Extension will have an intersection near Dynon Rd.

Way extension would preclude a valuable connection between Docklands and North Melbourne.

Mr Wynne says the lowered extension, being 2.6 metres above ground, was "consistent with the requests made by Ashe Morgan".

Mr Wynne says he believed the lowering of the Wurundjeri Way extension would have "negligible implications" for traffic and transport.

However, the overpass's height reduction could create further delay to the Dynon Rd link traffic in both directions by increasing crossing time by between 15 and 26 seconds per vehicle during peak hours.

Mr Wynne acknowledges that, from a safety perspective, an overpass would be more preferable than an intersection at this location.

Nonetheless, the inconvenience caused by the levelled spaghetti connection of Wurundjeri Way and Dynon Rd is a small win for Docklands by potentially diverting traffic away from Wurundjeri Way and reducing the number of cars travelling into Docklands.

Further discussion and information from the Western Distributor Authority is required before the design changes are finalised.

More information can be found on planning.vic.gov.au/environment-assessment/projects/west-gate-tunnel-project

Let the festivities begin!

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Harbour Esplanade centre of the action

Harbour Esplanade will come alive at the end of the month with the arrival of Volvo Ocean Race yachts as well as New Year's Eve celebrations.

Some 125,000 people are expected to flock to Docklands to get up close and personal with the seven mega-yachts which have to be tilted over to get under the Bolte Bridge.

Race organisers will establish a village at the north basin of Victoria Harbour (Cow up a Tree) where City of Melbourne pontoons have been reused to form a mini-marina (pictured right).

The new berthing facility is to be used in the future by Port Phillip Ferries rather than its current location at Water Plaza.

Locals will have noticed the departure of Seven Seeds Pty Ltd – the operator of Hortus Cafe. Development Victoria says the glasshouse structure will be used as a terminal by Port Phillip Ferries.

The Volvo race village will operate between December 27 and January 2, with a range of community activities and attractions.



The boats themselves are expected on December 28, but organisers have no control over how fast or slow competitors make their way from Cape Town to Docklands. The boats leave on December 2 for Hong Kong.

Docklands is again one of the City of Melbourne's New Year's Eve live sites, with television coverage from Channel 7.

Fireworks will again be fired at midnight from rooftops and the council says Harbour Esplanade will be the best vantage point.



The Targa Florio rally brought car enthusiasts to Harbour Esplanade.

Targa Florio rally

Docklands was the start and finish points for world-renowned Italian vintage car rally, Targa Florio, as it made its international debut in Victoria in November.

Participants, enthusiasts and celebrities attended scrutineering on Harbour Esplanade on November 29 before the drivers embarked on their 1175km race.

Harbour Esplanade was transformed into

a car runway with classic cars and Ferraris in the spotlight.

More than 200 classic cars from international makers such as Alfa Romeo, Ferrari, Bugatti, Lancia, Maserati and BMW participated in the prestigious race.

The vintage cars travelled from Docklands to Geelong, the Great Ocean Road, via Queenscliff before being transported by ferry to Mornington Peninsula and to Yarra Valley and eventually back to their sponsor's village in front of NAB on Sunday, December 3.

The Targa Florio Australian Tribute was the first time Targa was held outside of Sicily in the rally's 101-year history.

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Fourth term for Joh Maxwell

Docklands Chamber of Commerce (DCC) president Joh Maxwell has been re-elected for a fourth term.

Mrs Maxwell was elected unopposed following the chamber's annual general meeting at Oscar's Table in NewQuay on November 16.

Joining her as vice-president is chamber media director Shane Wylie, who is new to the executive committee. Glenda Archibald is the new treasurer and Paul Kiesler remains secretary.

Also new to the executive are Marlene Ebejer and Justin Jones.

The executive members are: Johanna Maxwell (Tours on Trike); Shane Wylie (OurPoeticPrince Brand and Media Management); Glenda Archibald (Archibald Builders); Paul Keisler (O'Brien Group Arena); Kerry York (NRY Plumbing); Mo Hamdouna (Mo Works); Glenn Donnelly (City Residential Real Estate); Melissa Forester (Bendigo Bank); Marlene Ebejer (Ebejer and Associates Lawyers); and Justin Jones (The Sebel Melbourne Docklands and The Sebel Residences Melbourne Docklands).

In her president's report, Mrs Maxwell reported that the chamber had successfully applied for four-year's funding via the City of



The Docklands Chamber of Commerce executive committee and staff.

Melbourne's precincts program.

She said highlights during 2016/17 included:

- Growth in Facebook followers from 22,000 to 129,108; and
- Re-introduction of quarterly stakeholders forums.

"Your chamber of commerce is your eyes, ears and voice for the precinct. We encourage all members to be active and,

working together, we can ensure our precinct continues to grow and thrive," Mrs Maxwell said.

"Without commercially viable businesses within Docklands, we will wither and dry up. Our waterways are the jewel in the crown for Melbourne. With activation of the waterways, this will support the broader precinct across retail, hospitality, entertainment and liveability."

Where Docklands residents are employed

Many of the Docklands residents are information technology (IT) professionals and bankers, recent census employment data shows.

Employment statistics by the Australian Bureau of Statistics show 13.9 per cent of working Docklanders are in computer system design and related services, 6.4 per cent are in banking and 5.4 per cent are working in cafes and restaurants.

Among the number of working Docklands residents, 67.3 per cent are working full-time and 20.6 per cent are working part-time.

Simon Kuestenmacher, director of research at the Demographics Group, said Docklands attracted full-time working professionals because it was the finance and employment hub.

"Docklands is the headquarters of many large banks and corporations. So many of the employees there live in Docklands because it's close to their work and it gives them the urban lifestyle," he said.

The unemployment rate in Docklands is 7.7 per cent, slightly higher than the 6.6 per cent across Victoria.

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Draft framework – A big change

By Philip Spender

In contributing this article I have thought it best to narrow things down to what's changed since last time in the 2013/14 period.

As background the key community concerns back then were:

- Fishermans Bend (FB) renewal was insufficiently planned and a future ghetto would be created in our back yard;
- Traffic congestion from Webb Dock expansion;
- The proposed tram bridge through Yarra's Edge.

When the State Government changed in late 2014 the undertakings I heard were:

- They would recast FB and were clear it wasn't a start all over again exercise, but an attempt to deal with its many shortcomings;
- They would withdraw the transport plan and recast it. They indicated the original Point Park tram route wouldn't happen and would try very hard to make a Charles Grimes Bridge route work; and
- They committed to transparency, the formation of a Ministerial Advisory Committee including community representatives and wide-ranging consultation.

Subsequently, I was appointed one of the three community representatives and have been deeply involved ever since. I would observe it's been far more beneficial being part of the process than agitating from the outside but, after all this work, both opportunities and issues remain.

What's changed?

Melbourne's rapid growth is now becoming a reality. FB's 480 ha of land within five km of the CBD will become the largest urban renewal project in Australia and its context within Plan Melbourne 2017-2050 is better understood. Controls will be introduced to deliver planned development, not rampant overdevelopment.



Phil Spender listens to questions at the November 8 consultation at Library at The Dock.

The liveability, provision of schools, services and green space and the diversity of the built form appear to be greatly improved and more appealing to families and broader demographics.

The government has purchased the General Motors site, which will be the catalytic core of the project. Already businesses and institutions are in discussions to stay or locate in FB. The overwhelming feedback has been they must have public transport and they have been very specific about trams.

Since 2013/14, the port has been privatised, Webb Dock expanded, the freeway system widened and modified, and a Westgate Tunnel proposal is well advanced. Congestion and the large increase in traffic volume are now evident, so FB as a peninsula must have a transport plan that is delivered early, to prevent transport gridlock.

The transport plan includes heavy underground rail linking the west to the CBD and the east through FB (Metro 2), but the transport planners advise financing and the capacity to build it, given Metro 1 is in construction, means its in the 2025+ timeframe.

Earlier delivery of cycling, walking, buses and trams is therefore being planned to get to the most ambitious targets of 80 per cent cycling, walking and public transport and only 20 per cent of journeys by car. Water

transport has been left to the private sector. In the medium term, Todd Rd, Lorimer St and Wurundjeri Way remain freight routes, but it is intended that freight be directed onto the freeways and an elevated rail link is reserved for the 2025+ timeframe.

Without these changes, the congestion will be overwhelming and I believe flawlessly executing the transport plan is challenging.

If you accept that trams are necessary, while also acknowledging Melbourne's bias towards them and historically no FB tram corridor was ever protected, then how you connect FB to Southern Cross station and the CBD is the question.

If the original Webb Bridge rail link was retained and Yarra's Edge development was started 100 metres west back in the 80s, how much better it would be. But the lack of foresight is what it is.

Five options were evaluated and evidenced in multi-criteria analysis. Queens Bridge, which includes the 109 line. There will be five tramlines that funnel into a bottleneck that was expanded only two years ago. More trams and the new big D2 trams will fully utilise the capacity.

Charles Grimes Bridge was what everyone wanted to see work, but the Montague/Lorimer St intersection is now the busiest in Melbourne, so tramlines could not be feasibly added. It would have involved an elevated structure wrapping around the existing towers in very close proximity, creating noise problems and an eyesore.

The service road in Lorimer St would be seriously impacted, deteriorating access to the Yarra's Edge towers and reducing Lorimer St's capacity. Construction logistics and noise impact were also deemed too problematic.

Point Park was stridently opposed last time and government provided an undertaking this option wouldn't happen. Point Park green space destroyed, cutting off most boats from the bay would have affected the viability and led to the demise of the marina, resulting in significant impairment of amenity for both marina tenants and the Yarra's Edge community. Finally, because of the shorter span, the tramline would have been elevated through Yarra's Edge creating a significant visual and noise impact for the

Array and Yarra Point towers.

A Bolte Bridge option could not support the tram weight and is now cut off by new buildings and future permitted construction on the north side of the river. Also journey time would be substantially more than the other options.

A new option, Hartley St was assessed and preferred. The tram bridge would start at Yarra's Edge at ground level and would end at ground level at Collins Landing on the north side, providing a longer span enabling more height, and including walking, cycling and emergency service vehicle access.

Under this option, Point Park is saved, there is no physical construction impact on the marina, the six plus metre bridge height lessens the impact on currently berthed boats, assessed as being around 45 yachts and large motor boats with fly bridges.

There is also the potential for a tram stop location integrated with the master planned retail hub at the corner of Lorimer St and Point Park Crescent West, because the line runs at street level. By crossing Lorimer St, the tram line will break up traffic flows in Lorimer St to assist access to all the Yarra's Edge towers which is already congested at peak hour.

Clearly there is some, but less, impact on the marina and it directly affects some boat owners. But, logically, the marina could continue to have a future. Planning is shown as occurring from now to 2020 with bridge completion by 2025.

Marina tenants are the most affected and what remains to be seen is the process by which they will be engaged to work through the issues and determine what the future plan for the marina is going to be.

In conclusion, the latest FB draft framework is a significant improvement over where things were previously, but some impairment of the marina remains.

Port traffic and congestion, if the transport plan is not delivered early, appear to be the biggest community challenge.

Submissions can be made by December 15 at www.fishermansbend.vic.gov.au and public hearings will occur in early 2018. The Framework and Planning Controls will be finalised by mid-2018, at which time the 30-40 year redevelopment journey begins.

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Foley feels the heat over tram bridge

Member for Albert Park Martin Foley felt the heat from Yarra's Edge residents on November 8 over an apparent broken election promise.

Mr Foley vehemently denies promising the government would not build a tram bridge between Docklands and Yarra's Edge in the lead up to the 2014 state election.

Rather, he says, he ruled out a specific alignment from the western end of the ANZ Centre on the north bank through Point Park on the Yarra's Edge side and into Fishermans Bend.

He further says the government committed to explore all other tram route options. But, three years later, the direct route between Fishermans Bend and Southern Cross Station remains the most viable.

"We committed as an opposition to make sure that the public transport solution would not include losing the open space at Point Park and making sure that we went through a more transparent process about what the public transport arrangements would look like," Mr Foley told an often noisy meeting.

"In terms of the commitment that was made, and I made it to many people in this room. I made it to Mirvac and many others. In terms of that we would not cross the river at Point Park and that we would explore public transport options that ensured the best way that the redevelopment that needs to occur in Fishermans Bend has a public transport, rather than a car focus."

"And I, in all good faith and good conscience and certainty believe that this proposal reflects that commitment."

Many in the room took issue with Mr Foley's version of events, claiming the commitment was for no bridge at all.

Government transport planner Dimitri Lolos revealed that the proposed tram bridge would be six metres off the water, which would allow full access to 71 of the 120 boats in Marina YE.

"The recommendation for the bridge from



Albert Park MLA Martin Foley.

Transport Victoria to government is for a six metre high bridge – fixed, non-opening bridge. We are well aware that this will impact 49 of the 120 current lessees of Yarra's Edge."

Mr Lolos said building the bridge three metres higher would add 50 per cent to the cost and would result in access for only another nine boats.

"Why not an opening bridge?" he proposed. "Well, there's a couple of reasons. An opening bridge, if you think about it, is effectively building in a level crossing – it just happens to be on water. And that goes against what we are trying to do on the rest of the network, which is to get rid of level crossings."

"Secondly, the tram operations are impacted as it adds to the cost of the operations and reduces the value of those tram services."

He said opening a bridge only a certain number of times would put undue pressure on boat operators to meet the schedule.

But, he said, the major reason was so it could be used for emergency services coming out of the city to Fishermans Bend.

Mr Lolos also revealed that the bridge would not be raised, once it had crossed the river into Yarra's Edge. He said it would cross Lorimer St at ground level and would be raised again to cross the M1 freeways.

He ruled out a tunnel as a viable option saying: "The problem with tunnelling is that it creates a very long portal. What it does at each end is it creates a barrier between communities where that portal is."

He also rejected water transport as an option.

"We did look at water transport. I think we'll continue to explore the opportunities for some water transport connections. But water transport doesn't meet that high capacity movement of people that's needed. But we'll always remain open to it," he said.

Mr Lolos predicted that the tram bridge, if accepted by the government, would be built

between 2020 and 2025.

Yarra's Edge residents passionately criticised the recommended tram bridge.

One speaker said: "You might say that it's only 49 boats, but each of those boats represents family and community. One boat there represents a community and a family and possibly a business connected to that boat."

Another said: "We all like the marina. We like the boats. We're living there for a lifestyle choice. If you take away part of that lifestyle, then not only will property values drop but people will be moving out of there."

A common thread was that the marina was a major attractor in residents' decision to move to Yarra's Edge.

"This bridge will kill the river," another resident said.

Mr Lolos said: "Doing nothing is irresponsible so when you do something, someone's going to be affected. We're not unsympathetic bureaucrats in cardigans."



Government transport planner Dimitri Lolos.

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Mirvac reveals plans

The Docklands Networking Lunch travelled to Yarra's Edge in November and heard first-hand about developer Mirvac's plans for the precinct.

Mirvac's residential general manager Elysa Anderson (above) and senior development manager Kate Hilbert outlined the remaining opportunities at Yarra's Edge.

Ms Hilbert told the lunch at Sassone Cicina Italiana on November 24 that Mirvac was concentrating on completing the Wharf's Entrance piece of Yarra's Edge.

"Terraces Stage 2 is currently under construction," she said. "We're looking to welcome our new residents into that area early to mid-next year."

She said the promenade and South Wharf Drive would both be extended.

"We're looking to get the final piece of Wharf's Entrance into the market next year," she said. "That's another set of terrace homes ... so very much premium offering along the water front as well. That will be the final piece to finish off Wharf's Entrance."

On the apartment tower front, Ms Hilbert said Mirvac was "actively in the market with Voyager".

"It's similar to Forge in that it really builds on its wharf-side heritage," she said. "On this one we have a very strong focus of bringing the residential amenity up to the top levels."

"On level 43 there are communal spaces for residents and their guests. There's a mix of indoor and outdoor offerings there. Internally we have a rooftop bar, cinema and dining space and externally a yoga lawn, barbecues and sunken fire pit - a lounge area for local residents."

Ms Anderson said she supported the government's tram crossing concept which, she pointed out was subject to ongoing design and consultation.

"But I think it will be a great piece of infrastructure for the community and will have a very positive impact," she said.

The next Networking Lunch will be held at the Mission to Seafarers at 717 Flinders St from 12 noon on Friday, March 16.

Tickets must be purchased in advance by March 9. Tickets can be purchased by ringing *Docklands News* on **8689 7980** or emailing lunch@docklandsnews.com.au

Yarra's Edge class action

Yarra's Edge is launching a class action seeking potentially \$300 million compensation for diminished property values caused by the proposed tram bridge to Fishermans Bend.

Yarra's Edge Class Action Committee (YCAC) spokesperson Catherine Dawson said the action would be launched early in 2018 and represented property owners, businesses, Marina YE and tenants of the marina.

She said the group was in final negotiations with Australia's three largest class action legal firms. The chosen firm would act on a "no win, no fee" basis.

"There's certainly no issue with the lawyers wanting to represent us," Ms Dawson said.

She said that 1500 apartments would each devalue by between \$50,000 and \$100,000. The loss of the marina and associated amenity would also need to be calculated.

"The bridge proposal is still in a draft form, but values have already been affected," she said. "Outside of bushfires, there is no doubt this will be one of the biggest class actions ever brought in Victoria."

She said the action was being launched on an "opt out" basis. All affected individuals and businesses are represented unless they choose not to be.

Ms Dawson said committee members had accepted that the bridge could not be stopped and all that remained was to seek adequate compensation.

"We have no other option," she said. "The so-called consultation is just a box-ticking exercise."

Ms Dawson encouraged owners and business in the rest of Docklands to consider forming a closely-aligned Victoria Harbour Class Action Committee (VCAC) if a freight or pedestrian/cyclist bridge was built across



A resident asks a question of local member Martin Foley on November 8.

the mouth of the harbour at a level lower than the Bolte Bridge.

"I'd be very happy to receive emails from affected people in the rest of Docklands," she said.

Ms Dawson is a Yarra's Edge resident and marina berth tenant and is acting in a voluntary capacity.

In her day job, she works for a Collins St finance company, which specialises in property valuation on behalf of class action lawyers. She can be contacted on cdawson@xantias.com.au

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Huge celebrations for Year of the Dog

Chinese cultural celebrations will stretch from the CBD, through Southbank and into Docklands during next February's Chinese New Year.

About 70 different member groups of the Federation of Chinese Associations (FCA) will display, perform and celebrate the dawning of the Chinese Year of the Dog over two weekends starting on February 16.

A Chinese delegation comprising the He Nan Province Arts Company and the Shao Lin Monk Chinese Culture and Martial Arts Academy's martial arts team will perform.

FCA president Junxi Su explained that a riot of colour and movement would engulf the city for seven days, ending with a gala concert on February 28.

Ms Su said the budget for the Melbourne Chinese New Year Festival was smaller this year, but would involve more grassroots cultural participation by various Chinese groups.

One of the highlights, she said, would be a flash mob of 500 people performing traditional cultural dance in Queensbridge Square.

The detailed program of events is still being developed, but Ms Su said Melburnians



From left: FCA members Charlie Zhang (Australian Chinese Cultural Association), president Junxi Su (Chinese Performing Arts Development), and vice-president Thomas Ling (Fochow Association of Victoria).

could expect to be blown away by the authenticity of the celebrations.

Among other offerings would be demonstrations, music, dance, performance, food, lighting, lessons, story telling, costume shows, gymnastics, art, parades, Qi Pao,

opera, cooking, language, stilt walking, martial arts and a dinner for international students.

FCA vice-president Thomas Ling said Chinatown would have specific celebrations, but Chinese New Year was a statewide event

and its expansion throughout Melbourne was just the beginning.

"As the peak body, the FCA has the capacity and a duty to present the festival as widely as we can," he said.

"Our thing is to stand up for what we believe in - for what we must do to preserve and celebrate our heritage."

Ms Su said Chinese New Year was a fundamental part of people's lives and was a great time of family, happiness and gift giving.

"We always celebrate Chinese New Year," she said. "It's in our blood."

So far, the program has scheduled events in Federation Square, Queensbridge Square, Southbank Promenade, South Wharf, Harbour Esplanade, Library at the Dock, The District Docklands and St Kilda. It is expected that this list will also extend to the Queen Victoria Market and the Immigration Museum in Flinders St.

The FCA represents 132 organisations and was formed 39 years ago to speak as a single voice for the Chinese community.

Mr Ling said: "The Chinese Consulate looks to the FCA as the true representative of the Chinese community."

He said the motivation for the formation of the association was in response to a request from funding bodies to deal with a single organisation.

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by Gregor Evans
Director, The Knight

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Banksia revealed

MAB Corporation proudly showed off its quirky Banksia tower on November 30.

Development director David Allt-Graham took a small group through the 18-storey, round tower in NewQuay in advance of the first residents moving in during December.

He said MAB was treating the boutique development as a demonstration of what was still to come in the precinct.

With only 108 apartments (and with 30 per cent being three-bedroom), Banksia is a departure from what Docklands has come to expect from MAB.

The tower sits at the front of the old Waterfront City Piazza, a move which was strenuously resisted by residents in 2011. A small park has been built at the back of the tower facing Docklands Drive.

Mr Allt-Graham said the tower was round primarily because of its capacity to mitigate negative wind effects. He said the design also allowed nearly every apartment water views.

Level 17 comprises two massive penthouses. Below that are four levels of "sky homes". Other floors have seven apartments of various configurations.

Mr Allt-Graham said only one apartment remained unsold and that prices had ranged from \$600,000 to \$5 million.

Homeless sculpture

Development Victoria (DV) is struggling finding a new home for the IOU sculpture, with its second attempt ending in failure last month.

The Mikala Dwyer sculpture was moved from its home since 2005 opposite the Watergate towers in Waterview Walk earlier this year when the open space was upgraded.

The first choice for a new home was on the riverbank beside the ANZ Centre but this plan fell over when the bank strongly objected because of a potential association with indebtedness.

And now the second choice at Water Plaza in Victoria Harbour has collapsed because engineers are believed to have advised that the wharf area could not take the weight.

Development Victoria general manager - precincts, Simon Wilson, said: "Expert engineering advice supported the relocation of the IOU sculpture to Water Plaza but, due to site conditions that only became apparent during preliminary works, a decision has been taken to seek an alternative location for the IOU sculpture." "We will now work with City of Melbourne and the artist to identify a new location for the artwork."

The decision not to locate the sculpture at Water Plaza was welcomed by resident John Jackson who had earlier written: "The grassed area in question is one of only two



An overly-optimistic announcement.

along Victoria Harbour Promenade suitable to be used by an increasing number of residents to walk their dogs."

"The grassed area is also used by residents and visitors as a vantage point from where to watch the New Year's Eve fireworks."

"In the past few days I have spoken to 15 people walking their dogs and all of them were unaware of your plans to relocate the three structures onto the small grassed area."

"They were all disappointed that the grassed area was chosen as the new site. They all said they had not received any notifications in their mailboxes concerning your plans."

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Trams short change local commuters

By Sunny Liu

Commuters and residents in Docklands often face the frustration of being told to get off a tram ahead of their stop due to late running, but Yarra Trams says short shunts are unavoidable.

Tram routes 30, 70, 75 and 86 heading towards Docklands can often terminate before their designated terminal, with the driver urging passengers to get on the next tram.

NewQuay resident John Kakos said he believed trams terminating ahead of their destinations was a tactic used by Yarra Trams to “make their stats look better”.

Mr Kakos said, on a few occasions, he had to get off trams at Central Pier instead of the designated destination Waterfront City.

“It can be quite inconvenient, especially for elderly and disabled people. They should be taken to the end of the journey,” he said.

“I think (Yarra Trams) does this to make their reliability appear better. But they are

supposed to benefit consumers.”

In October, tram 86 travelling to and from Waterfront City had 77.57 per cent punctuality, the lowest among all trams in the city and only marginally higher than the 77 per cent threshold before Yarra Trams to compensate its passengers.

Mr Kakos said delays happened frequently on tram 86 and being in the Free Tram Zone means compensation was off the table.

“There’s a punctuality issue with tram 86 in particular. Because it’s in a Free Tram Zone, (Yarra Trams) don’t need to compensate their passengers and seems to be less concerned about punctuality,” Mr Kakos said.

A Yarra Trams spokesperson said collisions, traffic jams, emergency service requests or rallies could often cause trams to turn short of their destination.

“We recognise that a tram terminating short of its destination can be frustrating for passengers and we do what we can to minimise the number of instances.”

“However, in many cases it is unavoidable in order to provide a balanced service,” the spokesperson said.



Inadequate drainage

Residents have complained about the continuous flooding issue at the underpass on the corner of Wurundjeri Way and Dudley St.

NewQuay resident Tim Chan said heavy rain would often cause flooding at the underpass, damaging cars and closing off roads.

He said after a storm on November 17, a car was stuck at the underpass and three of the four lanes going into Docklands Drive were unusable due to flooding.

“It’s annoying to see that the infrastructure in Melbourne isn’t coping with the weather conditions,” he said. “Seems like the

drainage system isn’t well-planned for the sudden amount of rain that comes and goes.”

A small layer of water would be formed from very little rain and it would take from up to two hours for it to drain away, Mr Chan said.

The City of Melbourne acknowledged Dudley St, managed by VicRoads, often experienced short-term flooding due to an out-dated drainage system, despite upgrade works in 2011.

Three pumps built during the early development of Docklands discharge stormwater to Moonee Ponds Creek.

A council spokesperson said the Dudley St underpass was the lowest point of a densely developed 124 hectare catchment area, hence water could easily accumulate at the location.

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Support for NewQuay West plan

The City of Melbourne has supported MAB Corporation's plans to build about 2000 new apartments in five new towers at NewQuay West.

The development of Ron Barassi Snr Park triggered a renegotiation of the previously-agreed 2007 master plan for the area. At that time, MAB planned a series of low-rise townhouses on the edge of Victoria Harbour.

It now proposes three towers of up to 120 metres to be built over the water, with just an eight-metre wide public promenade (reduced from 12m in the 2007 plan).

In their report to the November 21 Future Melbourne Committee, council officers said the promenade would be "too narrow to cater for the likely mix of pedestrian and cyclist traffic".

The towers significantly overshadow Victoria Harbour but, unlike planning rules outside of Docklands, the local waterways are not protected from overshadowing.

Council officers also criticised an "insufficient on-street parking supply to cater for the likely level of visitor parking demand" and the amount of overshadowing



Five new towers are planned for NewQuay West.

of Ron Barassi Snr Park and a proposed linear park which separates the three waterfront towers from two towers on Docklands Drive.

Cr Rohan Leppert said at the meeting: "The 2007 development plan is an underdevelopment of the site, particularly along the waterfront with the two to three-storey town houses hogging all of that quite expensive waterfront."

"I'm not sure that the new proposal is an underdevelopment. It's probably the opposite of that, but it is consistent with the rest of the precincts in Docklands in that this development plan that is being recommended for approval is highly

discretionary and will be dictated and subject to change depending on market forces of the developer."

"Nevertheless, applications for individual towers will no doubt come through the system and will be assessed by our and DELWP's planners with as much scrutiny as can possibly be applied. But as far as the development plan goes, I think this is an improvement on the status quo and I'm happy to support it."

Planning chair Nicholas Reece said: "I'm pleased to say that these changes will lead to improvements in the amenity and open space in this part of the city."

The development plan says community consultation was conducted in 2015 but only one written submission and several verbal comments were received.

The plan says: "MAB have carefully considered the responses received from the local community, namely concern around traffic congestion, overshadowing and building scale."

"The proposed development plan addresses the concerns and responds to them by mitigating overshadowing to public spaces, testing the local traffic network capacity and providing appropriate scale of development."

MAB claims the low level of commentary as an endorsement for the plan. "... it should also be noted that the low number of submissions made by the community can in itself be seen as an indicator that the NewQuay West Development Plan represents a good outcome for the precinct," the plan says.

Overall, the new plan grants MAB an increase in gross floor area of 27,365sqm

– from an originally approved 159,325sqm in the 2007 development plan to 186,690sqm.

At their November 21 meeting, councillors voted unanimously to support the new development plan. The ultimate approval rests with Planning Minister Richard Wynne.

First MQ residential tower

Lendlease and Mitsubishi Estate Asia are developing Melbourne Quarter's first residential building, East Tower.

Construction of the 44-storey East Tower started early last month.

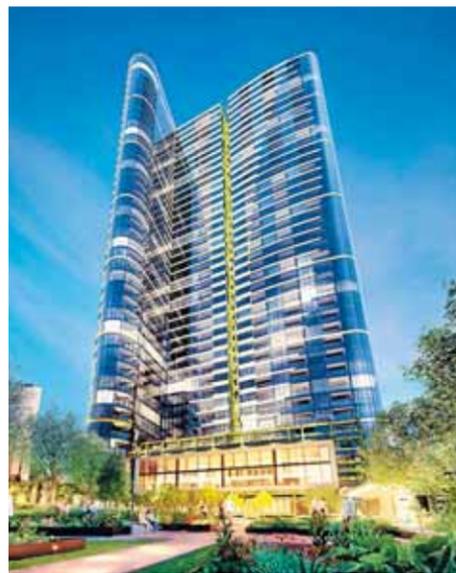
Located at 628 Flinders St, once completed, East Tower will comprise 719 apartments.

Lendlease's Kylie Rampa said: "We are reimagining this part of Melbourne's CBD as a new city landmark, with more than 50 per cent of the precinct dedicated to public open space."

Lendlease and Mitsubishi Estate Asia will each hold a 50 per cent interest in the building.

"The joint venture with Mitsubishi Estate Asia demonstrates the strength of our plans to revitalise the western end of Flinders St into a new and thriving residential and commercial neighbourhood, including what will be our largest residential building in Australia," Ms Rampa said.

Managing director of Mitsubishi Estate Asia, Mr Shojiro Kojima, said: "This is the first time Mitsubishi Estate Asia has invested in Melbourne, and East Tower in the Melbourne Quarter precinct will offer refined apartment living in close proximity to the shops, galleries and restaurants that the city of Melbourne is renowned."



"Anti-climb device" bid

Channel 7 wants planning permission to install a 16-metre long "anti-climb device" on its rooftop facing Etihad Stadium.

In the planning application, Channel 7 proposes to build a device from fencing material or barbed wire on the edge of the building's roof by the stadium concourse.

In June, five activists scaled the Channel 7 building to support refugees, raising security concerns. The height of the proposed anti-climb fence is yet to be decided.

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The next generation needs Alma Doepel

The struggle to fund the restoration of Docklands-based tall ship Alma Doepel continues to lag behind an ominous timeline.

The chair of non-for-profit Sail and Adventure Alan Edenborough told a fundraising lunch at Central Pier on November 16 that \$100,000 per month was needed in the next six months.

Mr Edenborough said \$600,000 was desperately needed to get Alma back in the water before residential development forced the removal of Shed 2 where the ship is currently being restored.

Alma is a 113-year-old, three-masted schooner built in 1903 for coastal trading and is the last remaining vessel of her type.

From 1975 until 1999 she operated as a sail-training vessel for youth groups.

Requiring extensive refurbishment to stay in survey, Alma was laid up until restoration started in 2010. Part of that time she was berthed at Port Macquarie where she functioned as a museum ship before returning to Melbourne to commence her full restoration.

Speaking at the lunch was Alena McDonald who met her husband Matt sailing on Alma Doepel as a teenager.



Alena McDonald addresses the fundraiser.

She spoke fondly of her time at sea and the important lessons she learned from an early age.

“What mattered was that you were part of a team. You had responsibilities and, together, we made Alma sail,” she said.

“On the final day, the official crew stood aside and we voted our team mates into crew positions and we sailed the ship – forty 15-17-year-olds took charge of a three-masted top-sail schooner!”

Ms McDonald said she had done many things in her life since, but nothing compared.



Rob Brown and Maddy Kennedy at the celebration.

12-month success story

Social enterprise Whitelion last month celebrated 12 months of turning young lives around via its Wheelly Good Coffee cafe at Library at The Dock.

In welcoming guests to a celebration on November 10, CEO Mark Watt said: “We’re celebrating one year of these wonderful baristas we have here. We are seeing young people’s lives changing in front of us.”

Whitelion recruits young people at risk and trains them in hospitality to provide much-

needed stability and normality.

Maddy Kennedy is one of the successes. She spoke at the event about turning her “broken” life around after a history of ice addiction and abusive relationships.

“I was hitting rock bottom after rock bottom,” she said. “I was looking at jail time.”

She moved from NSW to Victoria for rehabilitation “and then this miracle started to happen”.

Whitelion founder Rob Brown said Maddy had “graduated” beyond barista skills and was now taking on admin and secretarial duties with Whitelion.

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Christmas in Docklands

By Shantelle-Ann Marquis and Karina Schulz Wharwood

Christmas is fast approaching and Docklands will bring on a variety of Christmas activities for the whole family to enjoy.

Ice skating with Santa at O'Brien Group Arena

This Christmas, O'Brien Group Arena presents ice-skating with Santa.

Bringing a new experience to kids, they can meet and greet Santa while having fun on ice. From December 2-24 the doors will be open on the weekends from 11am-3pm.

Community Christmas Event

Library at the Dock Community Christmas will be celebrated from 10am-3pm on December 9. This is the biggest day on The Dock's end-of-year calendar.

Inviting friends, families and local residents to participate in a joyous and vibrant event, local community groups, library services and Lendlease have organised fun festivities for all.

The anchoring event is Christmas Bake Off, where residents are invited to whip up their favourite Christmas baking recipes and share their desserts with others. Small token prizes are awarded for taste, decoration and healthy choice.

Other activities include:

- Melbourne Symphony Orchestra;

- Kids craft;
- Children workshop at Saluministi;
- Open door singers choir;
- Laughter Club; and
- EuRaw film screening.

NewQuay Christmas projections

Glittering Christmas light projections will bring Victoria Harbour to life. From December 1-25, a light show will be displayed between 9pm and 11pm.

This is perfect for those looking to have a night out by the water or with the family. The festive and colourful display will be projected on the *Silence* sculptures along NewQuay Promenade. This aims to create a different way for people to experience Docklands as well as spreading Christmas cheer.

Wonderland Junior Fun Park

Docklands' Wonderland Junior Fun Park is transformed into a Christmas village at the heart of The District Docklands.

The dodgem cars, carousel, mini swing ride and other carnival classics will bring the ultimate fun to young children, who will

also receive a free gingerbread man with unlimited rides purchased.

Melbourne Star

Melbourne's skyline will be lit up with a kaleidoscope of colours with a Christmas LED lightshow.

From December 13-24, the Melbourne Star Observation Wheel will be running shows from 6pm until late. Whether on the wheel or watching it from outside, it is something everyone can enjoy.

Light House

The Light House at 888 Collins St displays a light show from dusk to midnight, seven days a week, every day of the year.

However, in festive preparation a *12 Days of Christmas Light Show* will be displayed for the whole family to enjoy.

Using lights that are 100 per cent powered by solar panels, the facade of the building will run a light show that lasts for 10 minutes.

The best view of the building and its light show is viewed from Buluk Park. Another curated New Year's Eve light show will also light up on December 31.



Dream time for visiting students

Visiting Cambodian students Sompeas Sokh and Veun Voan (above) were thrilled to take a flight on the Melbourne Star on November 17.

"It's like I am in a dream," Veun said after the experience - one of many "firsts" for the pair who were chosen for an education by Cambodia Rural School Trust (CRST)

The 17-year-olds were brought to Melbourne by the Palti family, which established the not-for-profit after visiting as volunteers.

The Paltis found that local non-government organisations (NGOs) often benefitted rather than people in need, so they started their own in 2011 with 22 students.

Today 72 students are in the program, with the first university graduates expected soon.

Aviv Palti explained that the NGO selected "talented, disadvantaged children from rural Cambodia".

He said the Pol Pot era had wiped out the country's educated class so, education was generally not valued by parents.

Unlike other NGOs, CRST is primarily run by the students themselves and all students are also rotated through the various aspects of running a business.

They are also expected to volunteer their time for two hours a day, five days a week helping others in the community as well as perform one month's community service each year in rural Cambodia.

For further information, see www.cambodiaruralschooltrust.org

Park Cinema returns

A much-loved local favourite, Park Cinema is returning to Victoria Harbour at the end of January.

Following a successful trial in early 2017, Park Cinema is back with strong demand from residents and the films were picked based on community feedback.

The free open-air cinema will again kick off at Buluk Park and will entertain residents with PG-rated blockbusters over six Fridays from January 26.

Get your mates and families together and enjoy a summer evening in front of the big screen outside Library at the Dock.

Before the film, watch the roving entertainment and grab something to eat and drink from local retailers.

The first three films are *Strictly Ballroom* (January 26), *Ethel & Ernest* (February 2) and *Karate Kid* (February 9).

Free tickets are available now at victoriaharbour.com.au/news-and-events



Docklands Social Club

The next Docklands Social Club will be held at TAP831 in Victoria Harbour from 7pm on Wednesday, December 13.

The "club" is a monthly informal gathering of people from all around Docklands with an interest in getting to know other Docklanders.

It meets in a different venue each month for drinks and a meal over good

conversation and good company. Everyone is welcome.

In November the gathering was held at The Woodshed at Central Pier (pictured above).

The organisers are particularly keen for new people to step up and help with the monthly selection of venues and email posts.

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Local off-street parking prices rise once again

By James Manton

The price of parking a car in Docklands has increased for the fourth-straight year at most off-street public car parks.

Docklands News has investigated public parking prices in recent years, in which they have risen consecutively.

While drivers have lost the parking space

next to the Aquavista building on Docklands Drive, they have gained another two, one slightly up the road on Docklands Drive and the other on Northbank by the Yarra River.

However this has not halted price rises at most parking sites, with the most significant rise coming at 750 Collins St where the cost of half an hour to one hour parking has risen from \$15 to 18, one to two hours has risen from \$21 to \$40, two to three hours has risen from \$26 to \$58, three to four hours has risen from \$33 to \$65 and four or more hours will cost \$70.

However, conversely, the early bird special at the site has dropped from \$24 to \$21, though a lost ticket price has increased dramatically, from \$85 to \$120.

This site, alongside the NAB and Ericsson buildings, hold the dubious titles of being the three most expensive parking spots in Docklands.

The Siddeley St car park also had a significant increase, costing an average of around \$4 more per hour.

While it did increase slightly, Harbour Town

West and East car parks remain the most affordable parking spaces for drivers, costing \$4 for one to three hours, \$10 for three to six, and \$15 for six to 24 hours.

Many sites like Digital Harbour and Etihad stayed at the same prices, however the World Trade Centre was the only one to drop its prices with each category lower by a few dollars compared with last year.

For a full list of car parks and their daily prices, have a look at the *2018 Docklands Directory* when it is distributed this month.

The civic heart of Docklands

By David Amaya

Over the last three years Library at The Dock has been a hub of culture, art and education for Melbourne residents and visitors.

Its location, in the heart of the Docklands harbour, allows people to enjoy a beautiful landscape while accessing its services.

Since it's opening in May 2014, the library has received 641,211 visitors and an average of 16,441 visits per month. It makes it one of the most popular Docklands attractions.

It also offers a variety of items that people can borrow. Some 476,270 items have so far been loaned – around 13,230 per month.

The library offers activities for all the family. Since opening, the adults have participated in weekly, monthly and yearly programs such as ESL conversation club, Society of Women Writers, Fashion and Film Afternoon Delight and Chinese Book Club, with a high number of attendees.

As well, there have been plenty of activities for children, such as Songbirds, Stompers, Story Time and Creative Kids Club where they can explore their creativity and have a good time.

There has also been a place for technological development. Some 411 technology workshops have been held with 3599 people

of all ages participating in the programs. Every week visitors can enjoy a new workshop to learn about robotic, 3D printing and apps, among others.

But art and culture have always been on the library's agenda. The heritage gallery has featured 23 exhibitions with a focus on local heritage and telling community stories. All of them have been organised with community groups that have found a place to display their art.

According to Cr Jackie Watts, Library at The Dock has established itself as the civil heart and soul of Docklands.

"Library at the Dock clearly demonstrates that libraries are no longer merely places to quietly borrow books. They also perform a much more complex and necessary role today as readily accessible hubs for lifelong learning where the community can interact, share thoughts and ideas, explore news interests and develop new skills," she said.



Mission general manager Sue Dight shows the history group the St Peter the Mariner Chapel.

History group visit

The Docklands History Group made a trip to the Mission to Seafarers on November 23 to learn about the rich past and present of Docklands' local treasure.

The mission's general manager Sue Dight presented the history, architectural design and the current use and projects of the 100-year-old institution.

The Mission to Seafarers provides services and support for seafarers who stop at the Port of Melbourne from around the world.

Ms Dight said the visit by the Docklands History Group could help keep the space open and show people what the mission had to offer.

"The Docklands History Group members were wonderful audience who enjoyed a new and old place in Docklands," she said.

"The tour of the complex included information about the St Peter the Mariner Chapel, the Norla Dome, discovering the secret garden and why the mission exists."

"We captivated them so much that two people immediately volunteered their services," Ms Dight said.

Organised by Melbourne Library Services,

the Docklands History Group meets monthly and explores or discusses a different element of Docklands' history each time.

More information about future meetings can be found on Eventbrite.

In 2018, the mission will be running regular tours on the last Thursday of every month. To book, visit missiontoseafarers.com.au

Resident photo exhibition

A Docklands resident photo exhibition will be held at The Exchange at Knowledge Market until January 26.

To explore the meaning of home, award-winning documentary photographer Nicholas Walton-Healy has taken photographs of Victoria Harbour residents with special objects or photos.

The *Home Truths* exhibition aims to examine the concept of community in Docklands' urban environment. RMIT is also holding a series of workshops during summer to engage people in discussion about the feeling of home and belonging.

They come and go . . .

More Norfolk pine trees along Harbour Esplanade are dying, contrary to the City of Melbourne's data about the trees' health.

The City of Melbourne's Urban Forest visual map shows all trees on Harbour Esplanade

are healthy with more than 20 years to live.

However, the council has placed more notices around trees on Harbour Esplanade to announce the upcoming replacement of pine trees in ill health.

Small pine trees have popped up to replace the trees that did not make it. But it's uncertain how long the baby trees will survive given Harbour Esplanade's harsh environment.

Park reserved for non-existent local club

By Sunny Liu

The City of Melbourne has turned down a community soccer club's request to use Ron Barassi Senior Park as its training venue because a non-existent Docklands sporting club needs to be prioritised.

In November, North Melbourne Athletic Football Club (NMAFC) was denied access to the NewQuay park for its 2018 season.

Previously, the club has made casual bookings to use the park for its women's football program after relocating from the under-construction Flemington Road Oval.

But City of Melbourne has refused to let the club use the space on a regular basis for next year, saying priority should be given to a local Docklands sporting club.

NMAFC has been advised that council was unwilling to give the space to a club formed outside of Docklands.

Ross Burnett, president of NMAFC, said he understood the City of Melbourne was looking for a yet-to-be-established Docklands club to use the space in 2018.

"Our understanding is the current criteria set internally by the City of Melbourne is for no existing club to be based at Ron Barassi Snr Reserve in 2018."

"The facility is unlikely to be allocated a winter tenant unless it is a newly-established Docklands team," Mr Burnett said.

City of Melbourne's spokesperson Brian Wilson said the council wanted to establish a "local sporting club" to use the park as its home base.

"Work is underway with the Docklands community regarding the establishment of a local sporting club. For this reason, we have

declined some requests for permanent access to Ron Barassi Senior Park from a number of sporting organisations, including NMAFC," he said.

But it seems a local club is only a conceptual idea at the moment.

"Contact and feedback is currently being gathered by the City of Melbourne to determine the level of interest in establishing a local sporting club," Mr Wilson said.

It is unclear what community group or contacts have been engaged to discuss the formation of such a club.

Mr Burnett said forming a local Docklands club before the next season was unfeasible.

"We are unaware of any group actively planning a community club being formed in the Docklands area between now and early 2018," he said.

"The task of forming a new club is very difficult especially one planning to have multiple teams or a full junior program in the first couple of years," Mr Burnett said.

Mr Wilson also said council officers would meet with NMAFC for the 2018 winter season grounds allocation process.

NMAFC has submitted applications for sporting space to the council and has put Ron Barassi Senior Park as its number one preference.

Mr Burnett said presence of a sporting club in Docklands would help build the community.

"A sporting club at the Ron Barassi park can increase foot traffic in the area," he said.

"We envision Ron Barassi Snr Reserve and the Docklands area becoming the long-term home of North Melbourne Athletic," Mr Burnett said.



A young local takes to the Sunday Streets. Photo by Marco Papageorgiou.

Meet a Docklander

After a pop-up trial on Harbour Esplanade in May, the Sunday Streets community event was successfully delivered at Library at The Dock on November 26.

Sunday Streets was designed to bring together residents through fun and engaging family activities.

The event was unexpectedly moved from Merchant St to the library due to rainy

weather but this did not dampen the 150 residents' enthusiasm to meet more fellow Docklanders. The highlight of the November event included making colourful windsocks and decorating bikes.

"Neighbours had the opportunity to meet each other through activities such as kite-making by RMIT's The Exchange, a cricket bowling challenge and a circus skills workshop featuring hula hooping, juggling and plate spinning," a council spokesperson said. "The City of Melbourne is gathering feedback from the community about the event to understand how activities can bring neighbours together."



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Where are the retirement villages for Docklands high-rise residents?

Over the course of 2017 a group of like-minded consultants have been conceptualising a vertical “multi-age precinct” (MAP) in response to the lack of retirement options and the housing accessibility in the inner city.

Marchese Partners architect Simon Drysdale explained that the speculative project could be used to inform government and industry about the very best ways a MAP could host “third-phase” living.

He said the consultants had come together after debating what makes Melbourne liveable and, amongst other things, found that within the City of Melbourne there was no dedicated retirement offer.

He said team participant Ellen Witte of SGS Economics and Planning had identified “demand” for such facilities and had studied innovative international exemplars that were not based on conventional “gated” communities. Rather, they were based on a common desire to fight isolation by mingling a cohort of different ages together.

“Our idea presents a mirror image of the city,” he said. “Residents who choose to live in the high-rise of the CBD, Docklands or Southbank should have options. Our idea demonstrates ‘ageing in place’ at an urban level,” Mr Drysdale said.

“This idea means that you don’t have to go back to the suburbs if your city adopts these types of facilities. It’s an idea about social resilience.”

Mr Drysdale pointed out that the project drew a distinction between third phase living and aged-care facilities.

“Our ‘visionering’ exercise aims to showcase how positive convergences can happen when an apartment community is intentionally designed to cater for diversity,” he said.

He said the consultants workshopped what such a high-density model might look like and generated a return brief.

Participating in this “consultant-led thought hackathon” are architects Marchese Partners, quantity surveyors Slattery, SGS Economics and Planning and landscape architects Papworth Davies. The project was later supported by community engagement group Capire and wayfinding specialists Vivid Communications.

“The Quay West apartment hotel in Southbank was chosen as the idea proving ground because of what is adjacent – because the site bookends Southgate and we wanted to explore adaptive reuse in a building form as more than a metaphor for ageing,” Mr Drysdale said.

“To be clear, there is no suggestion that this site is currently being converted into a MAP but, like a large chunk of new development,



Architect Simon Drysdale.

the fact that it is partly strata-owned diminishes its chances of it ever being suitable.”

However, Mr Drysdale said, a C or D-grade hotel, office building or a commercial car park would provide an ideal starting structure for such an exercise.

Some of the ideal elements for a MAP include:

- Age and socially diverse;
- Close to transport and services;
- Mix of housing types, sizes and price points; and
- Private and public shared spaces.

Mr Drysdale said these ideas contrasted

Quay West in Southgate was used as a hypothetical example to demonstrate the concept of a multi-age precinct.

with conventional high-rise that all too often result in a “prescribed disengagement through a lack of diversity of cultural, spatial and architectural options”.

“Those buildings generally keep people apart rather than bringing them together,” he said.

Mr Drysdale said suburban Melbourne had a rich mix, but this was missing from Southgate.

“A multi-age precinct is exactly that – a mix,” he said. “Good design encourages residents at every stage of life to be confident and it is activated by what we call ‘design for encounter’ and intentional ‘neighbouring.’”

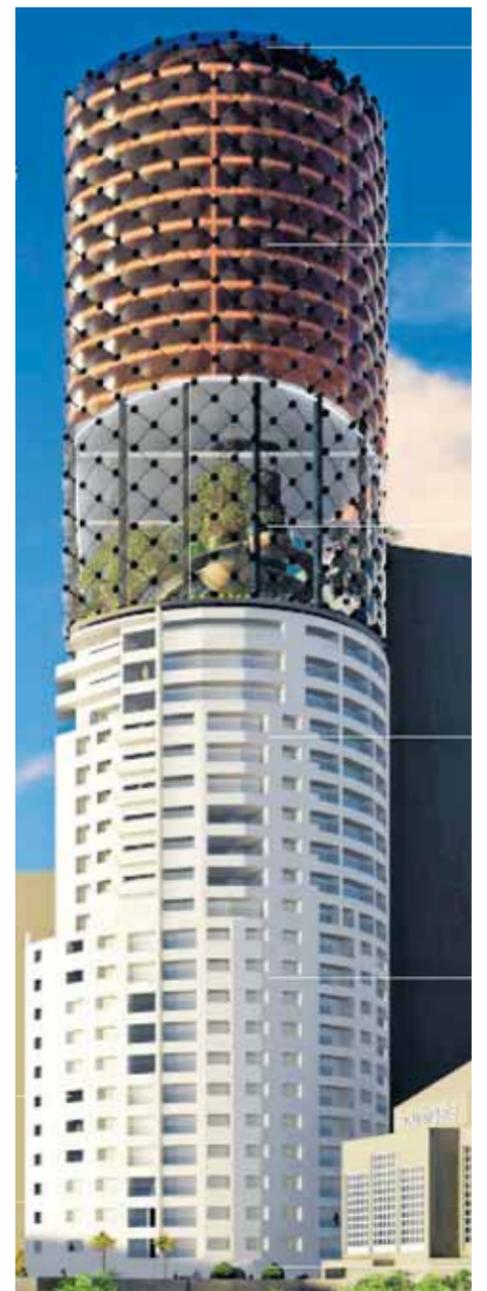
However, it is conceded that raw market economics were against the likelihood of such a MAP being built without government support by providing planning and financial incentives.

Belinda Coates, director of clients and strategy at Slattery, said the project was deliberately aspirational to gain the attention of government and community stakeholders.

“Marchese Partners have designed an extraordinary aesthetic building which has tantalised the taste buds of Melbourne’s decision makers,” she said.

Mr Drysdale said: “The challenge for government is to be able to see the value in the enrichment of communities that would flow from these types of developments.”

“It would allow people to live in a way that they perhaps otherwise would not be able to be assisted by the various different financial models available and understood overseas.”



Art that takes a stand

A free international exhibition showcasing some big names such as David Aragoitia, Josl Bergner, Michael Leunig, Shaun Tan and Nick Ut will engage Docklanders with thoughts about peace and war until January 10.

Curated by American artist and human rights advocate William Kelly in partnership with the City of Melbourne and Monash Art Design and Architecture (MADA), the *Peace Not War: Art That Makes a Stand* exhibition is a major one to arrive on Docklands' events calendar.

This exhibition follows Mr Kelly's well-received *Peace Or War* exhibition at the State Library in 2016 and explores notions surrounding how art could make a stand to reduce conflicts in the world.

Mr Kelly said the exhibition showcased international artists who, through their art, reflect and represent compassion, reconciliation, love, respect, environment and human rights.

"It's looking at the fundamentals and being able to say we really need to deal better with each other than we do," Mr Kelly said.

Mr Kelly said Docklands' history corresponded with the "Peace Not War" theme.

"Historically, Docklands was where the troops left to go to war zones. It's also a place where a lot of refugees and asylum seekers came following World War I and II into Melbourne," Mr Kelly said.



Dr Vince Dziekan and William Kelly OAM

"It's been a place that's seen people from all over the world coming and going for many decades and is part of the larger migration story."

"And it's useful for people to know the history and be able to think (Docklands) is an active working dock that has a history linked to the entire rest of the world," Mr Kelly said

The exhibition also features Monash University's communication design students' interactive media creation, led by Dr Vince Dziekan.

Peace Not War: Art That Makes A Stand will run at Library at the Dock's gallery space until January 10.



From left to right: Festival directors Gideon Luber, Asher Luber, Adam McKenzie and Joshua Paneth at The District.

Come and party

A first-of-its-kind street festival is taking over Little Docklands Drive and Waterfront Way at The District Docklands on December 16.

The Petting Zoo Festival features music from an international line-up such as Format B, Finnebassen, Camelphat, Kolombo, who are making their Australian debut, as well as another 20 local musicians.

With a tagline of "see you at the zoo", the animal-themed festival will see a large crowd of young people descend at The District for a big day out filled with tunes, treats and drinks from 12-11pm.

Decorations consisting of vibrant colours, hay, inflatable animals, special effects, hanging gardens, ball pits and pallet furniture will create the surreal experience of stepping into a zoo for festival-goers.

The festival is the brainchild of a group of young directors, Adam McKenzie, Gideon Luber, Asher Luber and Joshua Paneth.

The team said The District was transforming into a cultural precinct with a lot of potential to attract more diverse festivities.

"It's a space that's really taking off. Our festival is really exciting and it would be great to bring that element to the space, in addition to everything else that's going on here," Mr Paneth said.

"The District is pretty open to anything. They want to try out a bunch of new different things, such as street art, great food and performances. They just want to support and be part of that," Mr Paneth said.

The group also said the festival would bring more young adults to Docklands.

"It definitely brings new vibrancy to the area. A lot of people, in that demographic, have never been down here before."

"It's almost like an opening party for The District, introducing it to everyone just before summer," Mr McKenzie said.

The street party also has a "battle stage", where artists will vie for the "King of The Zoo" title.

Using The District's newly-painted street art walls as the backdrop, the festival will also include live and static art installations around the enclosure for festival-goers to explore and discover throughout the party.

Artworks on display include artist Heesco's live painting of a 5m x 13m wall, Buff Diss's tape art and Elsie Art Design's paper craft animal heads that will make an amazing photo.



District welcomes Magnet

By Karina Schulz Wharwood

Social enterprise Magnet Galleries opened up a second location last month at The District Docklands.

Magnet joins other galleries such as Dark Horse Experiment in The District's new art wing.

Working with both established and emerging local photographers, the not-for-profit enterprise uses photography as a tool for teaching and interpreting the world through a lens.

Founder Michael Silver said: "We want to preserve and celebrate the best of Australian photography and encourage the art."

"Over the years, the craft has been diminished and we want to revive its importance."

Constantly changing, the gallery offers a space for permanent or temporary exhibitions, poetry readings and a place to have a quiet coffee.

"Magnet is designed for people to share their knowledge, experience and be able to gain new insights and expertise," Mr Silver said.

Vacant property tax doubts

By Sunny Liu

The State Government wants to charge owners' tax on the 2500 empty residential properties within the City of Melbourne but is vague about how it arrived at that number.

From January 1, Vacant Residential Property Tax (VRPT) will see owners charged an annual 1 per cent rate on their property's capital improvement value if no one lives in the property for more than six months in a year.

The State Revenue Office (SRO) claims more than 2500 properties within the City of Melbourne sit empty, the highest number among the 16 inner Melbourne suburbs "audited".

The auditing process relies primarily on self-reporting by property owners.

Treasurer Tim Pallas' media advisor Elliot Giakalis would not give details about how data was collected for fear that property owners might find loopholes to avoid paying

tax.

"We can't disclose how it's all done. Because people will be able to get around that," he said. "The SRO checks this quite closely."

From January 15, owners will need to report their own properties to the SRO via an online portal and penalties will apply for non-compliance.

Mr Giakalis said the SRO "engaged in investigations, field visits and other audits, IT-assisted research, risk analysis, data matching and data mining" to detect non-compliance.

But the reliability and accuracy of such measures remains ambiguous.

It is unclear exactly which "government

and non-government entities" provide information about the usage and tenancy of a property.

The government is also unable to provide a data breakdown for suburbs within a municipality.

Another State Government spokesperson said the 2500 number was "just an estimate".

Shadow Treasurer Michael O'Brien said the VRPT scheme could be based on inaccurate data.

"The SRO has no way of knowing how many nights a property is occupied. Unless Daniel Andrews expects Victorians to prove to bureaucrats where they sleep, this tax will only hit honest people who try to do the right thing," he said.

"Many people will not be willing to tell tax officers where they sleep or how often they sleep there - but this is what Daniel Andrews now demands."

"This new tax is poorly thought out and another broken Labor promise," Mr O'Brien said.

Premier Daniel Andrews said: "While in the first instance this will be a self-reporting tax, there are opportunities through utilities data and other data for us to check on compliance."

Holiday homes, city apartments used for work purposes and new residential properties will be exempted.

Port Phillip Ferries celebrates success

By Karina Schulz Wharwood

Port Phillip Ferries celebrated its first anniversary last month after a successful trial year.

The ferry has become a regular mode of transport for the local community.

Port Phillip Ferries' chief executive Murray Rance said: "Our initial commitment was for three years but we're looking beyond that and when we see the results of our first year of operation, they are a testament that this is a reliable, well supported passenger ferry that the community has embraced."

The privately-run ferries operate seven days a week and run between Portarlington and Victoria Harbour.

Since November 2016, the ferries have completed 910 journeys and travelled approximately 40,000km.

Two suicides

Docklands suffered two water-borne suicides in a week last month.

On November 13 a man's body was found floating in the water at NewQuay Promenade at around 4.30pm.

A couple walking along the promenade saw the body and contacted the police. The man reportedly entered the water and started cutting himself.

The following day in Victoria Harbour police recovered another body of a man who reportedly jumped off the Bolte Bridge.

Metropolitan media have reported that Transurban is installing fences on the Bolte Bridge to prevent suicides.



Super heroes landed

A group of superheros made their appearance at Central Pier's tram stop on November 21.

Turned out the superheros assemble was Kmart's renewal operations group that had travelled from their head office in Mulgrave for a business function.

Anger at bank's cashless move

Docklands' Bendigo Bank branch has stopped handling cash, much to the chagrin of some customers.

Docklands News has been contacted by long-term residents who say they use cheques, and cash and don't want to use electronic funds or ATMs.

They say they have been told to change banks if they can't do without cash.

"To have to change banks is a nuisance - to go through it all at Centrelink,"

they wrote. "All these ads on TV about customer service! My husband has had a cheque account for 20 years and does not want an ATM card."

"As he is seriously ill, it is an inconvenience to have to go to South Melbourne or the city. I retired at the end of August and don't feel like putting my super pay out."

"The banks use customers' funds but don't want to give service in return. This is going to affect many people. There are many retirees in Docklands. What about the businesses?"

The Bendigo Bank declined to respond to Docklands News's request for comment.

Window failure

An apartment window fell from the 10th floor of the M Docklands building, smashing over the Ethihad Stadium concourse ramp on November 14.

Docklands News understands that the chemical composition of the glass was suspected as the cause.

The paper further understands that an investigation was undertaken to determine whether other windows were faulty.

Flimsy plastic tape cordoned off the area from pedestrian access until December 1.

The building's owners' corporation declined to answer whether or not it was safe for pedestrians to walk close to the building.

A City of Melbourne spokesperson said it was not aware of the incident until November 29.

"The areas around the building are safe and do not pose a risk to the public," the spokesperson said.

"We have been advised that the builder is investigating the cause of the glass breakage and will keep us updated on developments."

"The City of Melbourne has no plans to commence enforcement action against the owner."



Owners' Corporation Law

Strata land 2017: The year in review, and predictions for 2018

As we approach the holiday season and look forward to a well-earned break, it is perhaps important to reflect on the year that's been and to cast an eye to 2018, which is shaping up to be an important year for those who live in owners' corporations.

At the absolute top of the list of key events in 2017 was the tragic incident at Greenfell Tower in London. A massive loss of life and, as it is now emerging as the public inquiry starts, a tragedy that could have been minimised or avoided altogether.

In response, the Victorian Government immediately launched its own review into the issues of flammable Alucobest cladding which has been installed on an estimated 5000 buildings in Victoria alone, according to the ABC's *Four Corners* program.

Now, one wonders why the Victorian Government did not launch this inquiry two years earlier after the Lacrosse fire. The answer is because of course, no person died in the course of the Lacrosse evacuation, however the Alucobest cladding issue and the consequent risks to life safety were certainly brought to the industry's and the authorities' attention at that time.

Still, it's better late than never that the inquiry has been launched and owners' corporations will watch on with interest as the stakeholders work through the issues and release a policy response.

The other big issue that came out of 2017 was the sting in the tail of the 2016 Balcombe decision from the Supreme Court. Readers will no doubt remember the ruling of the Supreme Court was that owners' corporations have no statutory powers to create and enforce certain rules that prohibit

certain activities and conduct by persons within lots.

This case centred on a rule which restricted short-term letting, however the application of the case and the legal principles within it has spread to a number of other situations.

VCAT released several decisions in 2017 striking down the validity and enforcement of certain rules relating to the use of parking spaces, commercial activities within lots, use of common facilities such as pools and gyms, restrictions on pets and the enforcement of security measures within buildings.

Another issue that owners' corporations were waiting for in 2017 was the resolution of the short-term letting issue. Alas, the government has made no decision on proper regulations for the short-term letting industry after the Bill was defeated in the Upper House of Parliament following sustained submissions and pressure from owners' corporation advocacy groups.

The decision by government to reintroduce the Bill in December 2017 without making any amendments at all (but rather seeking to put the boat out by announcing a review two years after the Bill passes) has to be seen as a failure by the government to listen to persons living in owners' corporations.

As for 2018 and the year ahead, well let me gaze into the crystal ball and cast some

predictions for owners' corporations and the people that live within these communities:

- The Victorian flammable Alucobest cladding inquiry will conclude as a farce, with stakeholders and experts unable to agree on robust solutions and liability for the industry, leaving owners of buildings with the sole responsibility to remove the flammable cladding and to raise special levies themselves to fix the issue, or bring legal proceedings if they can;
- A Superior Court will make another decision on the short-term letting issue, and the ability of owners' corporations to pass and enforce rules to restrict the lots from being used as quasi-hotels, leaving all parties even more confused in the absence of guidance from government;
- The amendments to the Owners Corporation Act in respect of short-term letting will be defeated again by the Upper House, completing the Labor government's embarrassment. The government refused to implement a single amendment as recommended by the Upper House. Thus, the Bill is doomed to be consigned to the waste bin. In an election year, no party would want to put their name to this legislation, and risk voter backlash;
- The current Victorian Government will

also delay attempting to pass its reforms to the Owners Corporation Act, again due to the election and the risk of backlash. This legislation has been completed and has been sitting on the shelf for 12 months (parts of it were completed three years ago). The reforms are long overdue, but there is concern from owners' corporations that the reforms do not favour them, and instead favour the OC management industry, as well as developers and builders; and

- On a more positive note, owners' corporation committees will continue to build relationships with other buildings and with advocacy groups and form together to create a powerful and unified voice to engage with government constructively and positively to seek solutions to the issues that concern them. Leadership for the industry shall come from within.
- Happy holidays to all, and see you in 2018.



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Mentorship helps emerging artists

Melbourne indie artist and creative producer Yeo Choong is producing a number of musical programs as part of Library at The Dock's music mentorship initiative.

Yeo is receiving mentorship from the City of Melbourne's Docklands community animator, Kimberley Pierchalski, whom he said had helped him expand his network and learn about project management.

"It's really stretching my boundaries a bit," he said. "I have grown my network instead of just reaching out to the people I already know."

"I'm learning the best way to communicate and this has improved my skills such as managing admin," Yeo said.

With a background in electronic indie pop, Asian-Australian Yeo is leveraging his talent at the Sunday Lounge programs to break into the exclusive music industry.

"The music industry is quite white-male

dominated. So my overall vision is diversity," he said.

Every last Sunday afternoon of the month, Yeo facilitates a free and family-friendly Sunday Lounge Music session at Library at The Dock's foyer.

He is helping emerging and often-unrepresented artists from diverse cultural backgrounds to get their voices heard.

The line-up over the six months includes artists such as Pacific Islander sisters Tatafu and female Zumba duo Party with Latinas.

Yeo said the financial support from the mentorship program had enabled him to take the program to the next stage.

"It has also helped with budgeting, because I can help emerging artists and give them the opportunity," he said.

Yeo will continue to introduce a group of diverse talents to The Dock until May 2018.

Right: Yeo Choong



Myer HQ sells for \$300m

Myer's headquarters at 800 Collins St was recently sold at a record \$300 million, making it a top sale of the Melbourne office market this year.

Canadian asset management firm Manulife Real Estate bought the building from Australian Prime Property Fund Commercial and Savills Investment Management in November.

As the major tenant of the Lendlease-developed office block, Myer has been reducing its footprint in the building.

As of September 2017, Myer had vacated more than 30 per cent of the building's floor space.

"This space was surplus to our requirements," Myer's spokesperson Martin Barr said.

"It is business as usual at the Myer support office in Docklands," he said.



DOCKLANDS FASHION



Fashion on the streets of Docklands

Mark Hogdens, 43, Abbotsford

LOCATION: Harbour Esplanade

DESCRIBE WHAT YOU ARE

WEARING: The jacket is from Jack London and my shirt is from Industry. I bought them both on Chapel St. I bought my jeans and shoes while I was in London.

WHAT'S YOUR FAVOURITE PIECE OF CLOTHING:

I really love this jacket because it's very comfortable. It is made from linen so it's not too heavy. It's really light.

WHAT BRINGS YOU TO DOCKLANDS:

I was just on stage at the AFL conference talking about technology.

HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE YOUR STYLE:

I work in an advertising and marketing agency. I'm trying not to look too corporate. I like to look professional but also a little edgy. I'm just trying to make it look quite smart, casual and confident.

WHAT MAKES A GOOD OUTFIT:

I think people need to understand that it's not about what you like as individual items. They actually need to think about the entirety of the whole outfit. It all needs to work with each

Kate Goldsmid, 28

LOCATION: Victoria Harbour Promenade

DESCRIBE WHAT YOU ARE

WEARING: Wow, its cheap and cheerful, nothing fancy at all.

WHAT'S YOUR FAVOURITE PIECE OF CLOTHING:

This dress. I live in it, it's made of linen and it's wonderful.

WHAT BRINGS YOU TO DOCKLANDS:

I work just down the road and I am out enjoying the sun.

HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE YOUR STYLE:

A little eccentric, I am very into Gorman everything. My style is a little bit different. I don't like to fit into the norm.

WHAT MAKES A GOOD OUTFIT:

A minimal amount of colour, but still a little pop of colour. Just no mixing of a lot of colours together.

Jing Wang, 25, CBD

LOCATION: Harbour Esplanade

DESCRIBE WHAT YOU ARE

WEARING: I'm wearing a Japanese kimono-style outfit with sandals.

WHAT'S YOUR FAVOURITE PIECE OF CLOTHING:

My favourite is the top. It has got dragon prints, which I think really showcases the traditional Chinese culture. Even though Kimono is now seen as Japanese, it originated from the Tang Dynasty in ancient China.

WHAT BRINGS YOU TO DOCKLANDS:

I'm on a working holiday and have only been in Melbourne for a month. I'm in Docklands to try a buffet.

HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE YOUR STYLE:

Traditional Chinese style. I love representing the ancient Chinese culture through my outfits. Western people often compliment me on my outfits and I love the opportunity to tell them more about our culture.

WHAT MAKES A GOOD OUTFIT:

Whatever goes with your vibe. Some people like casual and some like traditional. I don't think casual clothes work well on me but traditional clothes definitely do.

What I love about Docklands

A Bridge Not Far Enough Away

What is this news that I hear?
The gov't's latest crazy idea!
An ugly tram bridge over the river
80,000 more folks to deliver!
To develop the place called Fishermans Bend
This will surely be the end
Of life as we know it at Yarra's Edge
Please don't take our little green wedge.
Across the river a tiny patch of green park
Will most likely disappear in the dark
Dozers will arrive and make a mess
No more green where you can de stress
How can they make these bad mistakes
Can we stop this, put on the brakes?

We hardly have any parks and grass
This part of the city has real class
Every day a photo shoot
Don't take away this attribute.
I am loathe to say this but,
The marina will virtually have to shut
No more yachts sailing quietly by
The metres they quoted surely a lie.

Thousands, even more, people on trams
All squished in like "sardines in cans!"
Trams are already filled to the brim
Push and shove and you might fit in.
We moved to South Wharf for a peaceful life
We don't want sirens blaring rife
No ambos, police and fire brigade
None of us want this reckless downgrade
Trams screeching all night and day
Beside the playground where little ones play
Traffic lights on Lorimer, you've got to be joking!
The traffic there is already choking!



Lori Fellows
25/11/2017

Cyber security

Israeli cyber security company CyberGym is to establish its global headquarters and state-of-the-art cyber security training arena in Docklands.

Last month Innovation and the Digital Economy Minister Philip Dalidakis officially opened the centre in Goods Shed North. 60 jobs are expected to be created.

CyberGym helps organisations improve cyber security by replicating IT systems in its "arena" and launching simulated cyber security attacks that teach staff and IT teams how to react and recover.

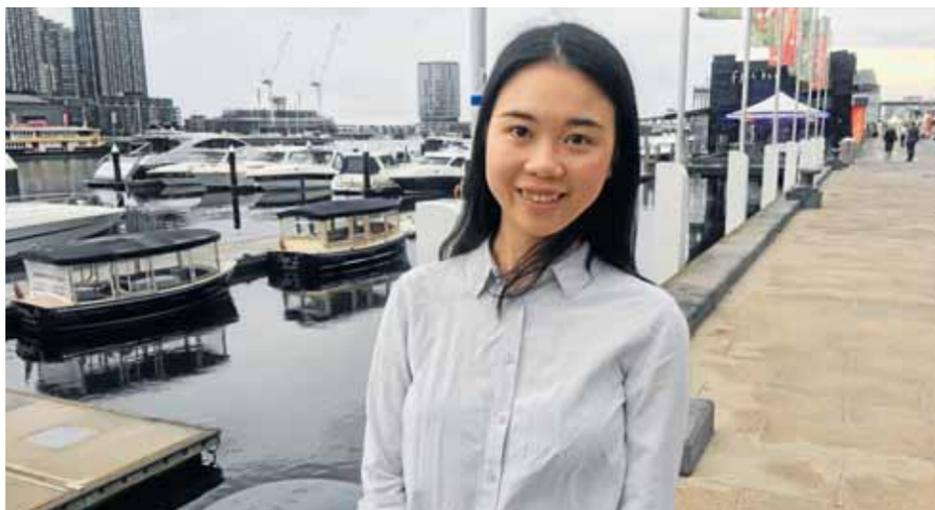
Goods Shed North now houses the government-backed Oceania Cyber Security Centre and the CSIRO's Data61 Cyber Security and Innovation Hub.

Docklander

Engage with the student community

By Sunny Liu

New Docklander Angie Li has some bright ideas on how international students could be part of the local Docklands community.



"International graduates in Australia have two missions, to get employed and to adjust to the local community," she said.

"International students are an inseparable part of the community if the two goals are achieved."

She is an active player in the international student community in Melbourne, having co-founded the International Student Careers Association with some university friends and been the international department director at Melbourne University's student union.

The NewQuay apartment tower where Ms Li lives is a multicultural hub in itself.

"I see so many different faces everyday at the apartment. But sometimes it can be challenging to interact with them in a high-rise apartment environment," she said.

She said people from various cultural backgrounds make Docklands their home and the best way to converge them would be

through a trusted local information channel (such as *Docklands News!*) and community activities.

"People need to be informed of what's going on in their local area," she said.

"I think language can often be the barrier when people first arrive in Australia. But after their English improves, it's not just about the language, but also the places they visit and their understanding of the local culture."

Ms Li thinks having an open mind and a willingness to ask questions is the key.

"It's important to be curious about new things and just talk to people if you don't understand something," she said.

"Quite often international students need to push themselves and talk about their difficulties to improve," Ms Li said.

The International Student Careers Association invites industry professionals to workshops with international students and share their experiences of landing on their feet in a career.

Upon graduating from the University of Melbourne, Ms Li was offered a full-time job at a Docklands-based superannuation company.

Even though she is both working and living in Docklands and always trying out Docklands' restaurants, she said her life was not just confined to this area.

She volunteers with the City of Melbourne's visitor information kiosk at Southern Cross Station every other Sunday, when she guides visitors to explore many photogenic spots in Docklands and the CBD.

Despite being still relatively new to Docklands, she said she had no problem settling down into the waterfront living environment.

Ms Li was apartment hunting with her friend and was impressed with the floor-to-ceiling windows looking out to the harbour at the NewQuay unit she is now renting.

She said, compared with the Southbank apartment she lived in before, Docklands had a much more relaxing lifestyle.

"Southbank was always so busy with so many tourists and so much noise. But Docklands is very peaceful. My apartment has an amazing view and sometimes my friends come over just to take photos," Ms Li said.

Ms Li said Docklands' convenient location makes it easier for her to engage in networking and community events after work.

"Living here means I can sleep till 8am each morning and still have plenty of time before I go to work," she said.

"And after I finish work I would go into the CBD to meet friends, organise events or have people over. So every day is planned out well."

Letters to the Editor



Sharing the enthusiasm

Until June 2016, I had never really spent much time at Docklands - just a visit every now and then for an occasion/event.

But then I began working in Docklands and now I have a "30 minute holiday" every weekday as I walk from Flagstaff Station to my job at Docklands Studios Melbourne.

I stroll along whichever way takes my fancy, trying to see the area as a tourist might. I take holiday snaps with the best camera i.e the one I have with me.

As I played around, learning to use my new phone, I discovered how easy it is to post to Facebook.

Now I have dozens of friends who check out my photos each day. So many of them have commented that my photos have made

them look at Docklands with new eyes.

Several tell me they have been inspired to head to Docklands when they've had time to stroll or enjoy the water views over a coffee/meal.

I love the ever-changing skies and reflections, the birds and buildings, the plants and places.

I feel fortunate to work at Docklands and I'm happy to share my enthusiasm.

Rosey Cullinan



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We Live Here

Open letter to the Premier of Victoria

Dear Mr Andrews,

On Friday December 8, your government is required to table a response to the Parliamentary Inquiry into the Owners Corporations Amendment (Short-stay Accommodation) Bill 2016.

This open letter from "We Live Here" is a means of telling you why, from the moment it was announced on May 23, 2016 by the former Minister for Consumer Affairs, we determined to oppose the Bill. It was through our campaigning that the Bill was ultimately defeated in the Upper House and led to the Inquiry.

Why don't we like the Bill?

When you came into government in 2014 you said that you had listened to CBD residents and were fulfilling an election commitment to deal with noisy parties and unruly behaviour in apartments being rented out for short-stays.

Who were the CBD residents you listened to?

You also said that the 2016 announcement followed months of consultation with stakeholders and industry on recommendations made by an independent panel into short-stay accommodation.

Why was there no consultation with long-term residents who bought into strata communities believing it was going to be their home? Aren't we the real stakeholders?

Were you not aware that in 2011, three years before you came into government the City of Melbourne, having identified a problem with apartments being used for quasi hotel-style accommodation in residential buildings decided to test it out

before the Building Appeals Board using Watagate Apartments in Docklands as a test case?

For six years through various courts and tribunals culminating in a landmark decision handed down by Mr Justice Riorden in the Supreme Court in July 2016 (six weeks after the introduction of your Bill) which ruled that owners' corporations did not have the power to make rules about use of a lot, the door is now open for all strata buildings to be taken over by short-stays including Airbnb, rooming houses, etc.

If powers are not quickly restored to OCs to make rules about their building we could rapidly become a city of ghettos in the sky. Dealing with party houses is not the answer.

The earlier actions, although ultimately unsuccessful - all on legal grounds not on evidence - between them have clarified the legal situation, i.e. the only way to regulate the burgeoning and unregulated short-stay industry is through changes to legislation and planning laws.

This is what "We Live Here" is asking for and why we came into being almost two years ago - to provide a voice for residents who are, frankly, being ignored in the whole debate.

Mr Andrews you must be aware that governments around the world are grappling with the issue of short-stays in residential buildings and the various means of regulation being adopted by New York, Paris, London, Amsterdam, Berlin, etc.

You now have an amazing opportunity to put Melbourne on the map by proactively implementing regulation before the whole

issue gets totally out of hand here.

"We Live Here" with a supporter base including 200 buildings throughout the greater Melbourne area, is a voice for reason. We believe there is a place for all the stakeholders including the tourism industry, commercial short-stay operators, booking platforms such as Airbnb, Stayz, etc. However, for there to be level playing field, residents must also have an equal voice.

"We Live Here" is requesting a seat at the table for what could be historic discussions that would really put Melbourne firmly on the map as one of the world's most liveable cities.

So, whilst you deliberate on your response to the parliamentary inquiry we invite you to consider the bigger picture.

We look forward to your reply.

"We Live Here"

Victorian Cladding Taskforce update

At a recent meeting with the CEO of the Victorian Cladding Task Force "We Live Here", represented by four members of the team, was provided with the following update:

"The Taskforce Interim Report has been provided to the Minister for Planning and the report is expected to be made public soon. "We Live Here" will be notified when this occurs.

The taskforce is currently preparing an audit methodology and rectification strategy for the non-compliant use of cladding on Victorian buildings. Due to the scale and

complexity of the work, this could take some time.

Because of significant consumer concern about potentially unsafe cladding, the taskforce has published an advisory note for the benefit of residents, owners, owners corporations and building managers. A link to the advisory note PDF can be found on the taskforce webpage at: planning.vic.gov.au/building-policy/victorian-cladding-taskforce

For information about some work that is happening at a national level, see Building Minister's Forum at tinyurl.com/ya9ny35k

Campaign donations

As a not-for-profit organisation, donations from individuals and buildings keep our campaigns going. To register as a supporter of "We Live Here" or to make a donation please visit our website at welivehere.net

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You can reach us at campaign@welivehere.net. "We Live Here" members can make a presentation to your owners' corporation committee upon request.

We welcome your comments and feedback, and invite suggestions for topics you would like us to address in this column.



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What Women Want

If all just give a little more ...

The bells are jing jing jingling, the Michael Buble Christmas tunes are blasting at full squeak pitch through the shopping centres and the Christmas parties are starting... but I think that we haven't quite embraced the true spirit of Christmas just yet.

There's a slightly less than peaceful, joyous and harmonious atmosphere, and more of an exhausted, slightly cynical, and very rushed atmosphere instead.

As we rush from through our days, trying to tick the lists I think we're at risk of losing what it's really all about. And what it's all about is love, community and generosity of spirit.

I was in the city just on Friday for a 9am meeting, which meant I was in the city in absolute peak hour. The little old lady in front of me must have spontaneously decided the lane to the left was a better option and

pulled out into moving traffic. Catastrophic of course. Screeching brakes, smashing glass, crunching metal - and the shocked screams of those affected. Naturally, I put my hazards on and started to herd the shocked darlings off the highway. As they clung to my arms wailing in fear and shock a man FOUR cars back ran up and moved smashed cars whilst I moved upset people. Everyone else watched. From their cars. Angry their morning had been delayed, cursing the old lady who had derailed their travels.

They honked, they yelled, yet it was all cleared (courtesy of the guy four cars back) within seven minutes and they were on their way as emergency services arrived to take over. I was somewhat shocked at the lack of care and community from those next to me on the road.

So how do we change a whole culture of rushing and not feeling the generosity of spirit to engage with those around us? To have people feel an increased sense of community, to have them understand that these strangers sharing the roads with us are actually part of who we are as a community, as a country, as a nation?

How do we become inclusive to respond to all who are in our community? How do we

as a collective take this time, this Christmas period, to remember to be kind to all and not just generous about what goes under our personal Christmas tree? It is a dilemma, but one that is so important and goes in part to creating that true sense of belonging, of supporting each other, of being a culture that celebrates with great joy and peace and generosity.

I was inspired reading an article on the ABC about Dr Mitch Mooney and his success with the Aussie netball team the Diamonds who won Commonwealth gold for the first time in 12 years. And I was inspired because it was such an incredible approach, focusing on a school of fish. I won't even try to explain the whole article which is incredibly fascinating but, in a very short summation, we see a school of fish, or a flock of birds move collectively, as one, with apparent deliberate intention as though their minds are all simultaneously aligned.

Whilst this is the result, the act is in fact simple - they simply are aware of the energy (fish or bird) next to them and respond in line with that. And that got me thinking about us, as a community.

We don't need to try to get the whole community to collectively move in one

united decision towards being kind and compassionate to everyone. A collective is broken down to the movements of each individual simply focusing on the person next to them. And this can create magnificent change.

This Christmas, by all means indulge your family under the tree, but please also look to see who might be walking beside you that needs a little support, a little assistance - or even just a nice comment or smile. If we can all just give a little more to those around us, what a wonderful world it could be.

I wish you much love, peace and joy - Merry Christmas.

Abby xxx



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SKYPAD Living

Vertical Smarts

Melbourne is becoming a smart city – but how might this improve our vertical liveability?

“Alexa – turn on lights”. “Alexa – play Jingle Bells”. “Alexa – stop now. Please STOP!”

Named after the ancient library of Alexandria, Alexa is Amazon’s voice control system and it promises to fulfil your spoken commands – at least simple ones, like dimming your lights or playing music.

From the opposing camp comes Google Home, which uses the same voice-activated technology as Google Assistant, offering to set your alarm, announce your calendar appointments, check traffic or play games (it’s especially good at trivia!).

Apple, however, is delaying launching its Siri-powered HomePod until early next year. It similarly promises to direct your home appliances in accordance with your wishes, but claims to do so with a “superior sound quality”.

These devices are just a few examples of what is known as “the internet of things” and they are making our homes “smarter”. What this means is that by equipping our homes with network-connected products – or “smart products”. These devices will control, automate and then optimise functions such as temperature, lighting, security, safety or entertainment – and they can do this either remotely (by phone, tablet, computer) or from a separate system within your home.

The claim is that installing smart products will give our homes (and us) greater convenience and save time, money and energy. In particular, there is a growing emphasis upon smart homes conserving our resources by using integrated home controllers to regulate our energy usage – automatically!

However, not all is rosy (or should that be green?) in smartsville.

According to researchers from RMIT University (Dr Strengers and Dr Nicholls) and Lancaster University (Dr Morley and Dr Hazas), smart devices might also increase energy demand. In addition to the always-networked, always-ready, standby power consumption, they have identified three hidden energy impacts.

Firstly, smart homes typically need a home control centre and/or network located within the residence (ie to run the array of smart devices) and this, itself, requires energy for cooling or heating. Secondly, the rapid emergence of new software for household appliances, such as refrigerators, may lead to more frequent upgrades (as has been the case with TVs and computers). Thirdly, new products and services are constantly emerging, such as smart versions of mattresses and toilets that can constantly monitor and report upon your health.

So, how might this smart revolution benefit our vertical villages?

The distinguishing feature of our mode of living is that our homes are apartments located in high-rise buildings – which raises the question “how smart are our buildings?”

Like a smart home, a smart building uses automated processes to control operations such as heating, ventilation, air conditioning, lighting, security, etc, but on a building-wide basis and may also include additional elements such as integrated elevators,

shared facilities and load spreading.

Significantly, the frequently stated aim of smart buildings is to make occupants more “productive” through optimising their work environment (ie lighting, thermal comfort, air quality, physical security, sanitation, etc), all at lower costs.

And Dockland’s 720 Bourke St (the Medibank Building) is a prime example of a smart business building, having been officially announced as the first existing Australian property to receive a WELL Gold Certification (an international rating of features that support and advance human health and wellness).

Less evident, however, are our smart residential buildings – or are they?

This is a question that Anthony Bugden, the new managing director of Smart Blocks, is well placed to answer.

Smart Blocks is a national apartment sustainability program, previously run by the City of Melbourne and the City of Sydney. Early this year, Smart Blocks was put out for competitive tender and a consortium headed by Integrated Strata Solutions, Urbanise (a strata software provider) and several supporting companies won the rights to expand and relaunch the program, which they plan to do in early 2018.

As regards our vertical villages, Anthony believes that owners’ corporations (OCs) face similar order challenges to the business sector to improve their building’s environmental performance in energy usage, water efficiency and waste management initiatives – but with all the complications of dealing with people’s private homes.

However, Antony holds that with access to the right information, decision-making tools and assistance with finding the right suppliers, these challenges can be overcome. And in doing so, the running costs of our common areas can be reduced, better environmental outcomes achieved, property values increased and communities brought together with a stronger sense of shared values.

Currently Smart Blocks is developing a new public website with updated information and new auditing and project management services to assist strata schemes find credible service providers.

Next year, after the relaunch of Smart Blocks, this column will provide a detailed overview of the new and improved Smart Blocks – and how it can assist vertical villages become smarter.

If you would like links to the research or organisations mentioned, please visit and like SkyPad Living on Facebook.



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Health and Wellbeing

Holiday activity planning

Start with your fitness end in mind.

When you return from your well-earned holiday or Christmas break, do you want to be fitter, stronger and healthier than you are now? Or are you happy to stay the same?

Do want your weight and fitness levels to fluctuate, yo-yo or be seasonal? Do you want to be physically and mentally worse off when you return from your break? The choice is all yours. It sounds simple doesn’t it, but words are cheap – you need to commit and act!

Set some measurable, high-level goals and targets. Take the lead for your family or group of friends and set some achievable fitness milestones for each person individually or the group collectively.

“We will all run 100km in January” or “we will each walk 100,000 steps on this vacation” or “together we will walk five km every morning on this holiday”. You can use some wearable technology or activity trackers to monitor your individual or group progress. Maybe you received or gave your partner a Garmin, Suunto, Fitbit or Apple watch as a gift – now you can put it to good use!

Create some wellbeing “themes” for the holiday period. Link your themes to your personal or family needs. If you are feeling physically tired at the end of the year and working out or running doesn’t motivate you, maybe a “recharge” or “rejuvenate” theme would suit you better. In this case, you might turn your focus to improving your sleep quality and quantity, or look for some yoga and meditation opportunities. Even finding a quiet time each day to sit, breathe and clear your mind for 15-20 minutes would help.

Put something on paper. The chances of you sticking to your plan are slim unless you commit and put something down on paper – maybe get some signatures!

Healthy, happy Christmas – fitness tips

It is widely recommended that adults should exercise a minimum of 30 minutes per day, every day to maintain good health and to avoid excessive weight gain. This of course varies depending on the individual but is a good starting point.

What tends to happen over the Christmas is that regular exercise routines drop in priority, and are replaced by higher priority festive activities, like eating.

Here are five simple exercise tips to ensure you make it through Christmas without your fitness levels going backwards:

- Increase energy expenditure in line with your food intake levels;
- Get up early and run or work out first thing in the morning before breakfast;
- Look for active adventures – hikes, swims, walks and rides;

- Keep your sessions productive – look for moderate to high intensity with shorter duration so you have more time for the things you want to do; or

- Lift some weights!

Healthy, happy Christmas – nutrition tips

Did you realise that the average Christmas lunch can be equal to, or in some cases double your daily nutritional requirements? And that’s just lunch!

Here are five simple nutritional tips to keep you on track during the festive season:

- Do the numbers – get an idea on the number of calories you are consuming. This might help in holding yourself accountable for your food choices on the day! Then look at the expenditure numbers for 30 minutes of exercise. You will get a shock and this might help with your decision making;

- Consider portion sizes. Maybe try something different ... try grazing instead of gorging. Make Christmas lunch last all day with a series of tasty smaller and healthier courses and morsels, as opposed to the giant sized three-round meal;

- Eat a little dessert. Depriving yourself will only increase your cravings which might lead to overconsumption later;

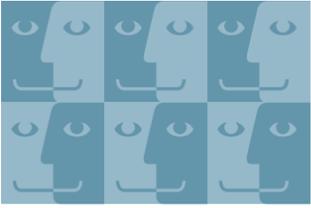
- Avoid over consumption of alcohol. Alcohol has no nutritional value, and a lot of calories. It can also impact your ability to make sound decisions (around food intake!). Drink lots of water in place of alcohol; and

- Where you can, get in early and influence the organiser of your Christmas party so everyone wins!

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all Docklanders a Merry Christmas and a safe, happy new year. Thanks to Sunny and Shane from *Docklands News* for hosting our articles this year and for the work they do building the Docklands community.



Andrew Ward
Andrew Ward from Push! Fitness.
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FACES OF DOCKLANDS

Question: What are you looking forward to this Christmas?



DIANE GOUSWAARD, 64, DOCKLANDS, RETIRED

I'm looking forward to catching up with family and sharing food with loved ones. My family is also coming over from New Zealand and, for the first time since 2009, I will have my sons together for Christmas Day.



JOHN ZIZYS, 76, WEST MELBOURNE, "GENTLEMAN"

I don't celebrate Christmas anymore. I did when my children were growing up and we would sing Christmas carols together. Then I used to look forward to eating and over-eating before an afternoon nap. And then after recovering from lunch! My wife's mother would make a big dinner.



KOBY LIU, 41, DOCKLANDS, STORE MANAGER

Christmas Day is also my son's seventh birthday. So I'm looking forward to that. We will have a party and buy him toys. He likes Transformers and Lego.



PABLO VELEZ, 27, DOCKLANDS, STUDENT

I do celebrate Christmas but my family is so far away, so I am going to be missing them. This year, I'm looking forward to spending the day with my friends. We'll probably celebrate by cooking dinner together too.



CHRISTINA HOM, 24, GERMAN TOURIST, NURSE

I'm actually working on Christmas but usually I spend time with my family. We go to church, eat together and give each other presents. I look forward to spending time with my family at Christmas.



MARIA BARBA, 18, DOCKLANDS, STUDENT

I'm not looking forward to Christmas because I won't be with my family. I'm an international student from Mexico. If I was with my family, we would be having a big Christmas dinner together. This year, I was thinking about going to Canberra for Christmas, just to visit the city.

Pet's Corner



A good day for a walk

By Karina Schulz Wharwood

Temporary resident in Docklands, Carman Adams and her dog Talia were on a long walk along the pier when we ran into them. "We've been walking for an hour and a half at this point," Carmen said, while Talia seemed ready to continue.

Originally owned by her ex-partner, the American Staffy now lives with Carmen. "She is like me, very friendly, affectionate and loves cuddles but if she can feel that someone is scared of her, she will growl at them," she said. With a passion for hunting birds, Talia is often distracted on their walks. "As long as she is with me and gets walked,

she doesn't mind where she is," she said. Having lived both in the suburbs and in the city, and being adaptable to any situation, Talia loves people and seems happier taking her walks in the city. While they came together later on in life, their bond is strong and Carmen sees her as "her baby" rather than just a pet.



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Street Art

The currency of cultural chaos

Hey! Have you seen what's been going on at Harbour Town Shopping Centre?

Recently renamed The District Docklands, the shopping centre has embarked on an art in residency program unlike any other.

Named the Docklands Arts Precinct, The District has curated a whole wing of the centre into a giant arts precinct.

With more than 15 art spaces opening over the next month, these art spaces include the Australian comic museum, performance spaces, four galleries, studios, puppeteers, Loose Print and the Yarn Collective just to name a few. The spaces are being managed by Re-new Australia.

The Docklands Art Collective is a clever initiative by The District to create a creative and interesting Docklands.

I'm aware of the past projects that have been trialed in the area to little or no reward.

Some great art passed through this project, particularly the D11 gallery.

However, these projects were over-managed and Docklands as a whole has matured a lot since then.

It's the holistic approach that will be the difference between what's happening with the Docklands Arts Precinct and failed attempts in other places and other times.

All together, its the murals and urban art, the art market and the art precinct, along with the Blender Studios, Dark Horse Experiment and the street art tours, that will

help keep this space activated and cool.

It will naturally happen as the residency progresses. And it will be interesting to see how much the arts precinct and the commercial areas co-exist and cross-pollinate with each other.

As the space slowly opens up over the next few weeks, it will be awesome to watch the transformation that the arts precinct will have not just at The District but on Docklands as a whole.

So get down to the Blender Market on Fridays during summer and check out all the new and creative things that are happening.

Give your support to the artists and mostly to Docklands.

See ya punkz. Happy New Year.

Doyle



Adrian Doyle

Blender Studios founder and director



'Frosk' prints a t-shirt at Loose Print.

Chamber Update

The yachts are on their way!

The Volvo Ocean Race is the world's toughest sailing event, where the elite of the sailing profession battle it out on the most treacherous oceans.

It is a nine-month marathon on the seas, passing through four oceans and five continents. It has now completed the second leg and has arrived into Cape Town. The third leg is the most exciting of all. Crews have a choice of taking a safe, slower route or venturing deep into the Southern Ocean and taking advantage of the roaring 40s.

They are heading to Docklands and are expected to arrive on December 27. You won't miss them - 34m high masts moored at Victoria Harbour next to *Cow up a Tree*.

Chamber of Commerce AGM

The Docklands Chamber of Commerce held its AGM on November 16. A new executive committee was appointed and the following four members elected as title holders (Docklands business names in brackets):

- Johanna Maxwell (Tours on Trike) remains as president;
- Shane Wylie (OurPoeticPrince) was elected as the new vice-president;
- Paul Keisler (O'Brien Group Arena) remains as secretary; and
- Glenda Archibald (Archibald builders) was elected as the new treasurer.

Further to that, the executive committee for 2018 consists of Mo Hamdouna (MoWorks), Kerry York (NRY Plumbing), Justin Jones (Sebel Docklands), Glenn Donnelly (City Residential), Marlene Ebejer (Ebejer and Associates Lawyers) and Melisa Forester (Bendigo Bank).

Well done to the team at The District Docklands

We send a hearty congratulation for the launch of The District Docklands. We were there to witness all the happenings and one could really appreciate the buzz associated with all the changes.

The new stores look fantastic, with our president Johanna Maxwell officially opening the Miniso store. Docklands is certainly on an upward trajectory and this investment is only going to add to our precinct. Well done to the entire team at The District Docklands.

Put a stop to this madness!

By the time this newspaper goes to press we will have had our first community forum regarding the Fishermen's Bend proposal that includes a rail bridge spanning Victoria Harbour.

That would mean that most commercial vessels could not enter our harbour, the tall ships would have to move, yachts such as the Volvo ocean racers could not enter and the mega vessels that moor here over summer

would find another berth.

It's hard to believe this proposal could even raise a second thought but it has and we need your help. Only the weight of public voices will stop this disaster coming to fruition. Send us an email to admin@docklandsc.com.au and see where our campaign is up to and which meeting you can next voice your opinion at.

Lastly, just a wish for all to have a safe holiday season and a joyous Christmas from the team at the Docklands Chamber of Commerce.



Shane Wylie
Media Director

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WHAT'S ON

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

**DECEMBER 8 - JANUARY 26,
KNOWLEDGE MARKET**

HOME TRUTHS EXHIBITION

Portraits of Victoria Harbour residents taken by award-winning photographer Nicholas Walton-Healy explores the meaning of home and belonging. FREE.

**FROM 7PM, WEDNESDAY DECEMBER
13, TAP 831, VICTORIA HARBOUR**

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.

**NOVEMBER 10 - JANUARY 10 2018,
LIBRARY AT THE DOCK**

PEACE NOT WAR EXHIBITION

Big names in national and global art scene stand up for human rights by addressing peace, war, violence, homelessness, Indigenous and refugee issues through art. FREE.

**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

A variety market featuring arts and crafts, books and more. For more info, ring **0412 910 496**

**NOW UNTIL DECEMBER 24,
THE DISTRICT DOCKLANDS**

SANTA CLAUS

Strap yourself in and become a giant human-sized skill tester at Santa Claws in front of H&M. Also get a photo with Santa in a Scandi-inspired "Santa Zone". FREE.

**2- 4PM, EVERY TUESDAY,
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YARRA'S EDGE SOCIAL CLUB

Come along to connect with your neighbours, and/or join one of our mini-clubs. Casual & friendly.
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**2ND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH, 6-7PM,
LIBRARY AT THE DOCK**

"ANY BOOK" BOOK CLUB

This book club does not have a set reading. Instead, it can chat about any book. Share your love of reading and be inspired by other bookworms about what to read next. FREE.

**5-9PM, EVERY FRIDAY,
THE DISTRICT DOCKLANDS**

BLENDER ARTIST MARKET

This art and design market in the new Art Collective is the perfect place to spend a lazy Friday afternoon. With live music, entertainment, food trucks and art what better way to start off a good night. FREE.

**EVERY OTHER SUNDAY 11AM-4PM
DOCKLANDS YACHT CLUB**

COMMUNITY SAILING DAY

Come and try sailing with the community. No age limit and no fitness requirements. People with disabilities are welcome. \$20. **docklands.yachting.org.au**

**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

Laughter can help improve physical and psychological wellbeing, so get together for a therapeutical laugh. FREE.

**2ND & 4TH MONDAY OF THE MONTH
FROM 6.30 PM
700 BOURKE ST - ROOM 3.101**

DOCKLANDS TOASTMASTERS

Boost your public speaking and leadership skills.

**2ND FRIDAY OF THE MONTH,
4-5.15PM, LIBRARY AT THE DOCK**

JAZZ BREW CAFE

A monthly Docklands Jazz lounge at Library at The Dock's foyer. Sip some coffee while enjoying the diverse Jazz tunes. FREE.

**EVERY 4TH WEDNESDAY
12.30 - 1.30PM LIBRARY AT THE DOCK**

LUNCHTIME STORY LOUNGE

Story time for adults, with handpicked stories and poems read aloud in a relaxed setting. Slow down and enjoy the simple pleasure of listening. FREE

**2ND SATURDAY OF THE MONTH,
2-4PM, LIBRARY AT THE DOCK**

ADHD SUPPORT GROUP

Peer-support meetings or Q&A sessions with expert about ADHD in adults. Adults affected ADHD and their families and friends are encouraged to attend. \$2 donation. Facebook @AdultADHDMelbourne

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**FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH,
9.30AM-12PM LIBRARY AT THE DOCK**

CHINESE BOOK CLUB MORNING TEA

Meet other readers, have a chat and find some new Chinese books, magazines or DVDs to borrow. FREE

**FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH,
10AM, LIBRARY AT THE DOCK**

SUNRISE PROBUS CLUB

Probus Clubs for men and women over 50. Meet new friends, share interests and enjoy activities. Contact **mspc.docklands@gmail.com**

**EVERY SATURDAY, 9.30AM,
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CYSM SEA DRAGONS

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TAI CHI AT THE DOCK

Every Thursday 7.30-8.30am
Come along to find your inner peace and power at this weekly community Tai Chi session that is open to people from all walks of life. The ancient Chinese martial art is a tranquil and graceful way to keep fit. Beginners welcome. FREE.

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
Encourage your child to have a life-long love of books by coming along to Stompers, Melbourne Library Services weekly program for toddlers aged 18 months to three years.

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.

CREATIVE KIDS AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Wednesdays 4.30pm to 5.30 pm.
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DOCKLANDS SPORTS PAGE

Teamwork makes the dream!

More than 380 inner-city Melburnians have spent their lunch break competing in the Active Melbourne City Sports netball, basketball and soccer sports competition at the Docklands sports courts.

The spring season grand finals are currently upon us and the competition is certainly heating up.

Taking out the winner's Docklands Netball trophy recently was Stantec's Mixed Monties.

The Monties didn't let Melbourne's relentless heat get the better of them and continued to play a competitive game to win 18-10 over Lion Pride at the Docklands sports courts in late November.

Team captain, Kanishka Perera and the Monties continue to thoroughly enjoy the Active Melbourne City Sports program, saying the competition was "a well-organised initiative, a great excuse to get out of the office and has now become a big part of who they are".

The Monties have proudly hung their first-place trophy on their Stantec reception display wall and are off to celebrate their win before returning to the courts next season.

In true basketball grand-final style, Spiire Red battled it out against rivalries Sharp & Carter and came out on top with a 19 to 6 win!



Spiire Red members let their feelings be known.

Making their Active Melbourne City Sports basketball grand debut, the fierce, focused yet friendly Spiire Red team showed us how it was done in its first season of the three versus three competition.

Spiire team captain, James Fearn, said the grand final highlight was during the first quarter - "our passing and defence was so good that it set us up for the rest of the game".

Mr Fearn said that the most valuable player award would have to go to Fraser Ambrose.

"He was unstoppable with rebounds, Matt Bradbury = Mr Consistent!" he said.

Spiire enjoys the healthy competition and sees the lunch time program as a great way to keep active during the week and connect

with, not only their internal team, but also a great opportunity to meet other companies across the city.

Spiire registered both a soccer and netball team in the spring competition and is looking forward to the upcoming autumn season, where it will be back, better than ever.

Team registrations are now open for the upcoming 2018 autumn season, which will start in February.

Register a team in any of the Active Melbourne City Sports competitions, by emailing activemelbourne@limelightsports.com or call 9690 2180.

Hockey funding

The Australian Women's Ice Hockey League (AWIHL) has secured Victorian Government funding to host its final series in Docklands in March.

AWIHL commissioner Melissa Rulli said the finals would be played at O'Brien Group Arena on March 17-19.

"We thank the Minister of Sport for this funding," Ms Rulli said. "This assists in reducing the operating costs for the event in Melbourne, at the O'Brien Group Arena facility in Docklands."

The AWIHL is a national league that provides the highest level of competition played regularly by female competitors.

MSO rocked The Dock

The Melbourne Symphony Orchestra (MSO) performed a blend of Aussie rock and classical repertoire at Library at The Dock on November 9.

Playing Midnight Oil and Cold Chisel's classic hits, the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra had the audience cheering.

MSO is to make another appearance on Community Christmas Day on December 9.



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