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## New Southern Star revealed

*The new-look Southern Star Observation wheel has been publicly revealed for the first time exclusively to Docklands News.*

The new wheel will have the same overall dimensions as the previous structure, which failed in January 2009, but has new internal geometry.

The design is more elegant, sleeker and far less complicated than the old wheel, which was decommissioned after only 40-days' service due to cracks appearing in structural cross members.

Gone is the central hub and splayed supports where the spokes of the previous seven-pointed star met the outer wheel structure itself. The spokes of the new wheel are diamond shaped rather than square in cross-section - revealing a "star within a star".

Its new clean lines will cut a far more imposing back-drop to the north-western edge of Docklands than its predecessor.

The new 120-metre tall structure is expected to open for business next year. All the new

steel has arrived and fabrication work is being underway at two locations in Victoria and one in Tasmania.

Sanoyas Hishino Meisho Corporation is undertaking the reconstruction under warranty. The Japanese corporation has engaged a worldwide group of expert engineers including Arup, Aurecon, Hyder Consulting, Pitt and Sherry, Robert Bird and Associates and Brown and Tomkinson.

Three kilometres of LED lighting destined for the wheel has arrived and most of it will be installed while the structure is on the ground.

The installation of construction site hoardings and application of protective coverings to the wheel piazza, walkways and support buildings has been completed and foundation works for the new design are complete. An upgrade of existing cabins has also been completed.



## Now it's the Medibank Icehouse

Medibank has been announced as the naming-rights sponsor for Docklands' Icehouse as part of a two-year agreement that will see Melbourne's premier ice sports facility renamed the Medibank Icehouse.

Icehouse general manager, Darren Walls, said a shared vision of inspiring healthy participation was a major factor in Medibank's decision to come on board as

the Icehouse's naming rights sponsor.

"We are delighted to welcome Medibank on board and foster a joint desire to improve the health and wellbeing of Victorians," he said.

Medibank managing director George Savvides said the partnership would enable the Icehouse to continue community programs and will also deliver benefits to Medibank members.



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## Second decade. Who cares?

With only seven responses to our August online survey, it is hard to draw any conclusions about how Docklanders feel about the "Second Decade" process.

It was an informed group which responded though, with 71 per cent having seen VicUrban's report *Docklands: The First Decade*

On the ongoing consultation, a majority of respondents (57 per cent) thought VicUrban and City of Melbourne were "going through the motions", with a further 26 per cent believing the consultation was "window dressing".

Some 57 per cent said the consultation made them feel "disappointed". The same number said they were expecting more.

*For the new president of the local Rotary Club, Docklands is a "time and place thing".*

Transience is a Docklands phenomena, with most residents staying on average only three years. And for president Ann Ellis, new adventures in new and interesting places are on the agenda.

Ann and husband Adrian have lived in Docklands for three years – two years in the Nolan at NewQuay and the last year in Victoria Point.

They had previously lived in inner-city Brisbane so when it was apparent they were moving to Melbourne, they started looking close to the city.

"We like living without a car. In fact, we like living without possessions and without the responsibility of a house," Ann said.

Ann sold everything she had as part of a "letting loose" process following the death of her former husband in 2002.

Adrian feels the same way about accumulating "things" and the pair looks forward to new options and new adventures in the future unencumbered.

"We love it here in Docklands, but we still see it as a time and place thing. We know it won't be forever but the here and now has so much to offer us," Ann said.



"We love the city and being so close to theatre and music," she said. "Our first preference is public transport, and then Flexicar and maybe once a year we will hire a car."

Docklands Rotary is Ann's second stint in the international service club. She served a three-year stint from 2002 to 2005 in Cairns, where she was club secretary for a year.

"Nothing gets done if people don't pitch in and help. And every now and then, everyone has to take a turn at being one of the organisers," Ann said.

"I like to help people and feel good when I'm doing something for others," she said.

Docklands Rotary meets every Tuesday at James Squires Brewhouse, Waterfront City. People interested in membership, should speak with Leisa Wheatland on 0448 945 555 or via [leisaw.cec@bigpond.com](mailto:leisaw.cec@bigpond.com).

## More reach for Docklands TV

*Docklands TV last month extended its audience reach with 25 Docklands businesses agreeing to screen a weekly DVD of programs on their in-house screens.*

Docklands TV is an internet-based community television station which streams live video every weekday at [www.docklandstv.com.au](http://www.docklandstv.com.au).

Residents, workers and visitors can expect to see the previous week's Docklands TV programs at various outlets.

Businesses which have kindly agreed to screen the weekly DVD include: AA Business Brokers; Barry Plant; Curves Restaurant and Bar; Fone IT; Funky Curry; Grand Mecure Apartments; Harbour Kitchen; Harbour Town Hotel; Harbour Town Tourist Lounge; James Squire Brewhouse; Lamore; Lucas Real Estate (Yarra's Edge); Mad Duck Café; Mediation Communications; Melbourne Boat Sales; New Energy Physio; Team Degani; The Gauge; The Nixon; Tours on Trike; Urban Reforestation; Vibromania; Victoria Point lobby and YMCA.

"We're delighted the community is getting behind the local TV. We hope to add another 25 outlets by October," *Docklands News* editor Shane Scanlan said.

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# Look who's moving in

By Alison Kinkade

***Docklands will experience an influx of corporate heavyweights in the coming months with the 717 Bourke St building now complete.***

The Office of the Financial Ombudsman will be the pioneer of the building, moving 300 staff into level 11 and half of level 12 during September and will take up 4000sqm of office space.

BP Australia will join the Financial Ombudsman in November and is set to move in on Melbourne Cup weekend.

Insurance company Chartis, formerly AIG insurance, will also move in during November along with Telstra, which will stagger its call centre move over the full month.

Channel Nine has the signage rights to the building and will move in towards Christmas. This means it will join Channel 7, The Age and 3AW in Docklands - Melbourne's new media hub.

The Commonwealth Bank has confirmed to *Docklands News* that it also has plans to open a bank branch in Docklands early next year.

The Commonwealth will join NAB, ANZ, Westpac, Bendigo Bank and the Bank of Queensland, which will open this month in Harbour Town.

Cbus property has also confirmed that it will develop an additional office for NAB, adjacent to Southern Cross Station and Etihad Stadium, at 700 Bourke St.

The 15-storey development, which is

expected to be completed in mid-2013, will feature 61,000sqm of workspace, a childcare centre and a selection of retail and large open public spaces.

Construction on the new NAB building will commence in early 2011 and NAB will be the sole tenant.

RREEF Asia Pacific, which is the property investment arm of the Deutsche Bank's asset management division, has been rumoured to be the likely purchaser of Equiset's 737 Bourke St development.

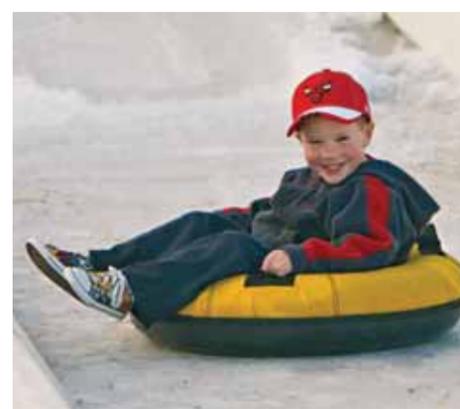
Equiset's director of property, Matthew O'Halloran, told *Docklands News* in late July that due to confidentiality requirements, he was unable to comment any further at that stage.

"Equiset Grollo Group ran an expression of interest campaign recently which yielded several serious proposals from a blend of domestic and international institutional investors seeking to purchase the property," Mr O'Halloran said.

With completion of the 717 Bourke St building also comes the opening of a new footbridge, which connects the building with Southern Cross Station.

The footbridge opens soon and will provide public access to the south side of Bourke St from the current bridge, allowing pedestrians access to the building and to continue their journey further west.

Penguin Books is also rumoured to be moving to Docklands to lease approximately 8000 square metres of the yet to be renovated Goods Shed South, which is controlled by the Kuok-Walker group. However a Kuok-Walker spokesperson said she had no knowledge of this.



Photos: David Simmonds

## The smile says it all

***The smile on Hugh Nash's face says it all as he experiences tube riding at Waterfront City last month.***

The four-year-old South Australian was in Docklands with his parents and three older brothers so his dad could attend the footy at Etihad Stadium as a birthday treat.

"We spotted the snow tubing while we

were looking at the markets and it wasn't open and Hugh kept asking if we could go back and see if it was still there," his mum Kim said.

"Hugh's smile says it all. He loved it. He got wet and got some snow on his face."

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# Docklands – the cycling Hub of the world



Mike Palmer and his crew at The Hub in Docklands.



One of renowned photographer Graham Watson's images. His photos are on display in Geelong during the event.

## International cycling attention focuses on Melbourne and Geelong next month with the world championships which have been organised right here in Docklands.

Since before Christmas, Mike Palmer and a steadily-growing team have been working to organise the event from upstairs at Docklands' community centre, The Hub.

By the time the Road World Championships start on September 29, the number of staff working on the event will have grown to about 80, not all based in Docklands.

Mr Palmer said his core crew of eight full-time staff at Docklands each had a contracted company reporting to them,

which gave the organisation great human resource flexibility.

An embryonic team was based in the CBD until late last year, when it moved to The Hub at the invitation of the City of Melbourne.

"We're loving it down here. It gives us a lot of practical access for meetings and it's easy to get to Geelong from here," Mr Palmer said.

He said the fact that Docklands was also a commercial hub was also great for making approaches to potential sponsors.

"And the building itself is a lively place. It's a great setting for a sporting organisation," he said. "We particularly like children's sing-along on Monday mornings at 11. We've all got our favourite songs and we all join in now."

The premier social event of the championships, the Gala Dinner, is

being held at Peninsula, Central Pier, on September 30.

In another Docklands connection, Team Degani cycle shop owner and cycling legend John Trevor designed the championship course.

Mr Trevor designed the 16km Geelong street course about eight years ago before the Victorian Government bid for the event.

In another happy coincidence, Australian Cadel Evans is the defending champion.

"It couldn't have been scripted better from our perspective," Mr Palmer said. "Let's hope he wins again, but the attention he has drawn wearing the world champion's jersey this year has been priceless."

Other famous winners of the event have included Lance Armstrong, Eddie Merckx, Greg Lemond, Mario Cipollini as well as Australia's Michael Rogers. It is the first time

in the event's 77 year history that it has come to Australia.

Six world championship titles will be awarded: Time trial and road race titles in the categories of under 23 men, elite women and elite professional men.

All but the final race, the men's road race will be staged in Geelong. The 265km men's road race on October 3 will begin at Federation Square and will head for Geelong before finishing with laps of the regular street circuit.

An exhibition by world-renowned cycling photographer Graham Watson will be held during the championships at the National Wool Museum in Moorabool St, Geelong.



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From left, Keith Rankin, MRA president Kerry Walton (aka Santa), Evan Cassidy and Elena Tsapatolis welcome the Toy Run to Docklands.

## Toy Run to finish in Docklands

**Thousands of motorcyclists, their families and friends will descend on Docklands on December 12 as the Motorcycle Riders Association (MRA) Toy Run comes to town.**

The Docklands Chamber of Commerce has invited the Toy Run to Docklands this year to boost the local economy and forge greater ties with outer suburban Melbourne.

Chamber president Keith Rankin said as many as 30,000 people were expected to flock to Docklands on the day. He said up to 10,000 motorbikes were expected, as well as friends and families.

The day is being promoted as a family day and a great opportunity to inspect thousands of motorbikes of all shapes, sizes, eras and tastes.

"We expect many will take advantage of Docklands' great retailing offers and do their Christmas shopping while they are here," Mr Rankin said. "Our restaurants should do similarly well with Sunday lunches."

The annual Toy Run contributes thousands of gifts to Victoria's underprivileged children via the Salvation Army.

Salvation Army co-ordinator Evan Cassidy said the contributions from the bikers helped the Salvos make Christmas a happier time for thousands of families.

This year is the first time the Toy Run will finish in Docklands. It is the 33rd annual event. MRA spokesman Jim Little said many rides would start in the outer suburbs and finish in Docklands.

"Riders will be coming from all over Melbourne and will converge on Docklands," he said. "One of the more established rides starts at Cranbourne and attracts hundreds of bikers in its own right."

Mr Rankin said the chamber hoped to organise businesses with multiple branches throughout Melbourne as drop-off points for toys in the lead up to the day.

"We hope the bikers can pick up these donations as they pass through on their way to Docklands," he said.

Mr Rankin said the chamber had approached the City of Melbourne for funding for the event and was currently seeking corporate sponsors.

If you are a local business wanting to support this cause, please contact the Docklands Chamber of Commerce via its website at [www.docklandsc.com.au](http://www.docklandsc.com.au).

# Walk to Cure Diabetes

**Melburnians are being encouraged to get down to Docklands on Thursday, October 7, for the inaugural Twilight Walk held by the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF).**

The Walk to Cure Diabetes event, which hopes to increase awareness and funds for type 1 (juvenile) diabetes, is aiming to attract between 500 and 700 corporate, family and individual walkers.

Lord Mayor Robert Doyle will be attending the walk, in support of the 140,000 Australians affected by juvenile diabetes, as the event's official ambassador for 2010.

The traditional walk event, which has been held at Albert Park Lake for the past 16 years, will still take place in the morning with the twilight walk at Docklands starting at 5.30pm.

The walk is expected to take 20-30 minutes and there will be live music, giveaways and discounted drink and food at Waterfront City afterwards.

The Walk to Cure Diabetes is taking place at more than 20 locations nationally and is expected to attract 40,000 walkers in the hope of raising \$2million to find a cure for the disease.

Mike Wilson, CEO of JDRF, said the Walk to Cure Diabetes was important because type 1 diabetes doesn't just affect individuals but families, friends and workmates too.

"The Walk to Cure Diabetes gives everyone who shares the hope of finding a cure for type 1 diabetes the chance to come together to celebrate research progress and pay tribute to those scientists who take us closer every year to a cure for type 1 diabetes," Mr Wilson said.

"Funds raised at the Walk to Cure Diabetes are part of a critical investment in Australian research. Type 1 diabetes is the fastest growing chronic disease amongst Australian children and every single day, six more aussies are diagnosed. This situation is urgent."



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# New tower for Yarra's Edge

**Following an eight year hiatus, Mirvac has revealed its sixth Yarra's Edge residential tower - Yarra Point.**

Overlooking the 1 hectare Point Park, the \$200 million north-facing Yarra Point development will be set over 31 levels and feature 201 one, two and three bedroom apartments. Prices start from about \$500,000.

The launch of Yarra Point follows the sell out success of the developer's five existing Yarra's Edge residential towers - T1-T5 and Stages 1 and 2 of the exclusive River precinct.

Mirvac Development Victoria and New South Wales CEO John Carfi believes the premium reputation of Yarra's Edge is underscored by its riverside north-facing waterfront aspect and unique apartment designs.

"Mirvac's apartments are typically more spacious than other developments and enjoy stunning city, river and bay views. These defining attributes have led to the median price of Yarra's Edge apartments increasing to \$780,000 in 2010, over 20 per cent higher than in Docklands and 50 per cent more than Melbourne as a whole," Mr Carfi said.

"Quite simply, there is nothing else on our waterfront like Yarra Point," he said.

Reflecting the area's design evolution, Yarra Point will be the precinct's newest and most finely detailed building to date. The facade will feature extensive tinted environmental glazing to optimise views, while transparent edges and vertical tower elements showcase the building's strong, slender form.

"Yarra Point is a contemporary new addition



to Yarra's Edge, its light structure a striking contrast to the form of Tower 5," Mirvac design director Julian Venning said.

The only apartment building within the precinct to enjoy direct park views and access to Point Park, Mr Venning was inspired to create a breathtaking two-level lobby featuring mature trees, a garden of succulent plantings and bluestone paving that extends from the adjacent park into the building's inner sanctum.

Defying the trend towards smaller apartments, Yarra Point apartments boast spacious layouts and range in size from about 55m<sup>2</sup> to 200m<sup>2</sup> with quality interiors. In addition, with sustainability becoming increasingly important, sustainability requirements are met with master electrical switches, visual energy meters, double glazing, water harvesting and a selection of efficient fixtures and appliances.

Throughout the design process, Mirvac undertook extensive research to gain a better understanding of the needs of its customers.

Their feedback inspired Mirvac to create a landscaped garden and meeting space atop an adjoining low rise podium where residents can enjoy communal barbecue facilities, patio and contemplative space.

Yarra Point residents will also benefit from a minimum of one car parking space included in each apartment.

As an integrated real estate group, Mirvac will exercise total control over the entire development process, from concept to completion. Construction is anticipated to commence soon after release with completion anticipated for 2013.

For further information visit [yarrapoint.com](http://yarrapoint.com) or contact Mirvac on 9645 9400.

## New residential sales record

**A new record sale price for Docklands real estate was set last month with Mirvac selling one of its new riverfront homes at Yarra's Edge for \$6.35 million.**

The north-facing four-level home, which features five bedrooms, a swimming pool, wine cellar, home gym and roof top lifestyle area and deck, was sold "off the plan".

With 571m<sup>2</sup> of internal living space and a total of 881m<sup>2</sup> of space, the house sold for \$6 million, with a private berth also purchased for an addition \$350,000.

Mirvac recently released five riverfront homes, seven terrace houses and five home offices in its new River precinct with 14 out of the 17 properties selling for a total of \$40 million.

Mirvac Victoria CEO John Carfi said the strong interest in prestige property was very encouraging.

"The ongoing sales activity and interest in River is a vote of confidence in the product, the location and Mirvac's reputation for quality living," Mr Carfi said.

Mr Carfi said following the unprecedented sell-out success of the first stages, the latest result was a testament to the desirability of the unique homes and their premium riverfront location.

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# Docklands is the most conservative

*Docklands was the most conservative polling booth within the Melbourne electorate which last month sent to Canberra the nation's first Greens local member.*

Out of the 40 polling booths which collectively elected Greens candidate Adam Bandt as the Member for Melbourne, on August 21, The Hub at Docklands recorded the Liberal Party's best result.

Liberal candidate Simon Olsen opted to not participate in the election campaign. But despite this, 39.39 per cent of Docklanders gave him their first preference.

Mr Olsen attracted the most primary votes only in Docklands and East Melbourne. In East Melbourne, he scored 36.19 per cent of the primary vote - which represented a 4.09 per cent swing against the Liberals. In Docklands, however, the Liberal Party picked up a 12.03 per cent swing.

In East Melbourne, Labor suffered a 9.3 per cent swing against it. But in Docklands, the Labor vote was down a massive 17.56 per cent - the largest swing across the Melbourne electorate.

In Docklands, the Labor Party attracted 26.90 per cent of the primary vote, compared with 28.38 per cent to the Greens.

These figures diverged significantly after the Liberal Party's preferences were allocated and resulted in a two-party preferred vote of 62.09 per cent to the Greens and 37.91 per cent to Labor.

Some 906 votes were lodged at The Hub polling booth on August 21. The primary vote was:

- Family First - 12
- Australian Greens - 250
- Australian Sex Party - 20
- Australian Democrats - 5
- Secular Party of Australia - 10
- Australian Labor Party - 237
- Liberal - 347
- Total - 906

There were no votes polled for the Citizens Electoral Council of Australia or the Socialist Equality Party.



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Rotary Club of Docklands immediate past president Mark Nutter, president Ann Ellis and secretary Alison Gouws get into the mood for the Oktoberfest.

## Oktoberfest for Docklands

*Docklanders are invited to fill their steins and enjoy a night of German Oktoberfest beer and food on October 16.*

The Rotary Club of Docklands is hosting the Oktoberfest night from 7pm at James Squires Brewhouse at Waterfront City - complete with Oompah band and entertainers.

Rotary Club secretary Alison Gouws said the club was looking for a fun way of involving the local community and raise some funds for charity at the same time.

"We just thought the Oktoberfest night would be something a little bit different and a lot of fun," Ms Gouws said.

Tickets are \$65 each and covers two courses of traditional German beerfest cuisine, beer, wine and a keepsake stein glass.

Tickets can purchased at the James Squires bar or by ringing Ms Gouws on 0409 947 780 or by ringing club president Ann Ellis on 0437 580 515.

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This high demand and splendid 2 Bedroom 1 Bathroom 1 Car Space apartment is now available. The apartment consists of views towards Yarra River and Port Phillip Bay. Included are two sizeable bedrooms, fitted with good quality window furnishing, stylish contemporary bathroom, stainless steel appliances, European laundry facility, heating/cooling unit and drawer dishwasher.

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Perfectly located on the North bank of the Yarra is this impressive 1st floor apartment which is spacious, light filled and has an extremely functional floor plan. Consisting of 2 bedrooms, a modern and stylish kitchen with stainless steel appliances, glass splash back, granite bench tops and plenty of storage. The two bedrooms have built in robes, perfect for entertaining family and friends before heading into the City for a night of fun.

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The gourmet kitchen is complemented with Miele stainless steel appliances and generous storage space. The apartment captures views of the Yarra River and Docklands precinct. Other features include air-conditioning throughout, separate laundry and an undercover car space. Also included is a membership to the exclusive health club featuring heated indoor lap pool, spa, sauna and fully equipped gymnasium.

**Docklands** 210 / 2 NewQuay Prom  
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This spectacular and luxurious 2 bedroom apartment is now available for sale. Located on the 5th level, this apartment includes Modern kitchen fittings, generous stainless steel appliances including cook-top, oven, range-hood and dishwasher. This near new apartment has two generous size bedrooms with BIR in master bedroom and second bedroom. Additional features include blinds to all windows, laundry facilities located in the bathroom, video intercom, storage cage and resort style facilities.

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# Serviced apartment critics take heart

By Shane Scanlan

***Docklands opponents of serviced apartments have taken heart from news from Paris and New York where owners there are being prevented from short-term renting.***

Serviced apartments have been a vexed and emotional issue in Docklands, particularly in NewQuay where some owner-occupiers are exploring legal avenues in an attempt to stamp them out.

Condor and Nolan Owners Corporations have allocated tens of thousands of dollars to commission some high-level legal drafting of replacement clauses for their owners corporation agreements.

But critics say they are wasting their time and money as they are unlikely to get the required 85 per cent of owners' approvals to enforce a change to the agreements.

This is because of low participation rates and the fact that many owners are reaping

greater returns from their property on the short-term serviced apartment market, which has turned about 25 per cent of the precinct into a hotel.

It is estimated that there are 250 serviced apartments of this type in Docklands, with about five major operators – the biggest being the MAB Corporation-owned Grand Mercure.

Owner-occupiers complain about the type of visitor this practice attracts and cite examples of rowdy and drunken behaviour, violence and property damage.

They say that a “no party” policies employed by serviced apartment operators have helped, but there are still many breaches which end up with 3am evictions.

“We didn’t buy here to end up living in a hotel,” is a typical response from owner occupiers.

At the same time, they are reluctant to speak about the issue publicly and fear that drawing attention to the issue will devalue their properties.

They also claim that some owners don’t know that their apartments are being used for this purpose.

Serviced apartment operators, however, point to increased property values for all because of the practice. They say that the owner-occupiers can’t have it both ways. They also point to the support that visitors bring for local restaurants.

It is understood that NewQuay owners corporations were seeking a united approach on the issue of funding the legal activity but that only Conder and Nolan were prepared to provide cash, with a small \$5000 “in principle” contribution from the combined Boyd, St Elia and Palladio Owners Corporation.

The Arkley Owners Corporation voted against contributing to the legal fund as it was felt it had little chance of success. It has made separate approaches to the Minister for Planning, Justin Madden, seeking a legislative solution to the problem.

Late last month New York City passed laws which will ban leasing residential apartments for less than 30 days. The new laws, which take effect next May, mirroring the situation in Paris.

New York Mayor, Michael Bloomberg, is quoted as saying: “When housing designated for permanent occupancy is illegally

converted into a hotel, unsafe conditions are created, the residential character of city neighbourhoods is harmed and the supply of much-needed units of housing is depleted.”

Local opponents of serviced apartments ask at which point does a residential apartment block become a hotel. “Is it 30 per cent serviced apartments? 50 per cent? When?”

They point to the extra wear and tear on common facilities, without extra contribution to owners corporation fees. They also ask whether owners of these apartments should be charged commercial rates.

MAB Corporation has banned serviced apartments above level 12 in its currently under construction, 22-storey H1 development, and will not allow competing serviced apartment operators into the new building at all.

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# Meet the candidates

**With one election behind us, Docklands faces another in late November when Victoria goes to the polls.**

So what can Docklands voters expect from their candidates? Come along to a special evening on Thursday, October 21 to hear directly from the Greens, Labor and Liberal candidates.

Docklands News has organised the three major candidates to each speak for 10 minutes and then answer questions from Docklands voters.

The subject will be strictly about what each candidate can specifically do for Docklands, and questions on other topics and matter will not be entertained.

The event is being held at 7.30 pm at the Harbour Kitchen, which is under the Bourke St NAB headquarters on the Victoria Harbour side.

The candidates are (shown left to right):

- Greens - Brian Walters
- Labor - Bronwyn Pike (sitting member)
- Liberal - Luke Martin

Each candidate will be given 10 minutes to explain what they would do for Docklands if they were elected to the lower house seat of Melbourne on November 27.

Following that, questions from the floor will be directed to candidates via event chairman Docklands News editor Shane Scanlan. Only questions of direct relevance to Docklands will be allowed.

Mr Scanlan said the night was designed to give Docklanders a personal look at their political candidates.

"Most of the major issues facing Docklands can be resolved at the State Government level so let's see how the candidates respond," Mr Scanlan said.

Harbour Kitchen will be open for business, so why not come out and meet your fellow Docklands residents in a social setting.

## Still space at the Docklands News Networking Lunch

*There are still some places available for the September Docklands News Networking lunch at Waterfront Venues on September 17.*

Apologies to those who missed out last time, but we are again restricting numbers to 80 guests.

Mirvac Development Victoria CEO John Carfi is our guest speaker and will update the business community on the latest developments at Yarra's Edge.

The Docklands News Networking Lunch is held quarterly and is an informal way to make and renew contacts and friendships.

The September lunch be being held at Waterfront Venues, Moored Room, Level 1, Shop 19-22, 427 Docklands Drive, Waterfront City.

The cost is \$60 which covers antipasto entrees, choice of mains and dessert as well as white, red and sparkling wines as well as beer, soft drink and juice.

RSVP: By 5pm, September 6 to Alison Kinkade on [alison@docklandsnews.com.au](mailto:alison@docklandsnews.com.au).

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# Harbour Esplanade new works update

*Works to transform Docklands' Harbour Esplanade into a new harbourside destination are progressing well, but VicUrban has revised its planned traffic closures.*

VicUrban previously advised that Harbour Esplanade would be closed from Monday, August 30 to Friday, September 3 but has delayed the closure to minimise disruption to football traffic and other major events.

The road between Bourke and Latrobe streets will now be closed later in the year to transfer trams onto the new tracks.

The delay will also allow for all necessary underground services to be completed before the tram services change over.

A VicUrban spokesperson said VicUrban and Yarra Trams would provide further information regarding the five-day closure in due course.

"The new tram tracks have been positioned in the centre of the road between Bourke and LaTrobe streets, and construction of the tram crossing at the Dudley Street / Docklands Drive intersection has commenced," the spokesperson said.

The spokesperson said the first stage of works, between Bourke St and Docklands Drive, were due for completion in 2011.

"[The works] will result in the creation of a

tree-lined boulevard, dedicated bike and pedestrian paths, and the realignment of tram tracks into the centre of the roadway, to provide additional parkland and recreational space," the spokesperson said.

Construction has started on the pedestrian footpath on the eastern side of Harbour Esplanade and the majority of trees between Bourke and LaTrobe streets have now been removed.

Towards the end of this year more than 200 mature Norfolk Island Pines will be planted to replace the palms.

"The palm trees that have been removed along Harbour Esplanade have been relocated to the Established Tree Transplanters Nursery at Hoddles Creek while works take place, and will later be replanted at an alternative location within Docklands."

To stay informed with the progress of Stage 1 works, visit [www.docklands.com](http://www.docklands.com) or to be provided with updates via an electronic newsletter, please email [harbour.esplanade@vicurban.vic.gov.au](mailto:harbour.esplanade@vicurban.vic.gov.au).



The community dinner on August 21 was a hit.

## Working bee this month

**Docklanders are being asked to help Urban Reforestation move out of its Merchant St shop on Sunday, September 26.**

The local sustainability group has benefitted from a period of free rent courtesy of Lend Lease but now the shop is being handed over to another deserving community group.

So Urban Reforestation must move its headquarters into nearby temporary storage until it gets established on new plot land it has been granted between Victoria Green and the Myer building in Victoria Harbour.

Founder Emily Ballantyne-Brodie said Urban Reforestation had accumulated a lot of furniture, retail stock and other material during its six-month occupation of the Merchant St shop.

"We're really grateful to Lend Lease for the opportunity to get more established here in Docklands but we've got so much to move, we need the community to help," she said.

Ms Ballantyne-Brodie said locals wishing to

help should come to the shop at 71 Merchant St at 11am on the 26<sup>th</sup>.

"It won't be all hard work. And it will be a great chance for Docklanders to get to know each other," she said.

Urban Reforestation hosted a successful community dinner on August 21 where dress code required guests to dress as fruit or vegetables.

Ms Ballantyne-Brodie said Urban Reforestation had been granted a small extension on moving the Docklands community garden from the front of Dock 5.

"There's so much to do to prepare the new site and so much to organise that it is extremely difficult to contemplate moving the garden at this stage," she said.

Ms Ballantyne-Brodie said Urban Reforestation was continuing to work through, with the relevant authorities, various issues affecting the new land.

Docklanders willing and able to help with the move on September 26 are asked to contact Emily in advance via email to [emily.b.brodie@urbanreforestation.com](mailto:emily.b.brodie@urbanreforestation.com)

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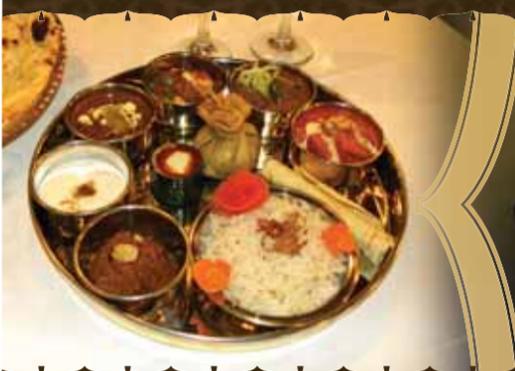
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# New trees for Victoria Green

*Docklands' Victoria Green Park is to get new gum trees because the first lot have died before reaching maturity.*

The City of Melbourne says the trees sustained significant damage from the severe hailstorm in March and have also suffered from an attack by sawflies.



The council "inherited" maintenance of the park from VicUrban in March this year, although the land is still under VicUrban control.

The council says when it assumed the maintenance contract in March it noticed that the trees were in poor health.

It recommended to VicUrban that the trees be removed and replaced with a similar looking and hardier type of eucalypt used successfully throughout the municipality.

The council says VicUrban has agreed to this and that new trees will be planted at a suitable time of year and when high quality stock is available.



## Help break the depression cycle

*The Orygen Youth Health (OYH) organisation is encouraging Docklanders to Suit-Up and Ride on Friday, November 19, to raise money to combat depression.*

The event will see teams race around Waterfront City and its piazza on RACV Melbourne Bike Share bikes. However, the catch is that all participants must wear a suit and tie or their usual office attire or uniform.

Kicking off at 1pm with a celebrity race featuring (among others) the patron of the event, Australian of the Year, Prof. Patrick McGorry, participating teams will race around a 3km flat track.

Teams can choose to enter the men's women's or the mixed category and each team's time will be judged on when the last rider crosses the finish line.

Prizes will be awarded for the fastest teams in each category, the best-dressed team as well as the team that raises the most funds. There will also be spot prizes for spectators.

Each participant must bring their own helmet and bike shorts and appropriate

footwear is encouraged.

Suit-Up and Ride aims to raise money for OYH's Headsmart program, which is delivered to year 10 students via high profile sport people who have lived with depression.

The program is designed to increase young peoples' knowledge of depression by helping them to recognise depression, support others, seek help and remove the stigma associated with depression.

To date, 2750 students have completed the program since its inception and Suit-Up and Ride aims to fund 1000 new OYH Headsmart programs annually via a program entitled "Headsmart 1000".

To enter, each team must make a tax-deductible donation of \$1000 to the Orygen Youth Health (OYH) Headsmart Program via the Suit-Up and Ride website: [www.suitupandride.com.au](http://www.suitupandride.com.au).

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Chris's past includes time spent in the navy, as an elite swimmer, in fashion, real estate, executive housekeeping and the banking industry giving her enough life experience to mesh with a wide range of clients. Her passion for cooking with only the freshest seasonal ingredients and offering the best personal client service makes this a rewarding job.

Chris moved to the Merchant in Bourke St, Docklands, last December from North Melbourne. She had spent the previous 14 years in Melbourne's inner city so she is fully immersed in the local scene.

She grew up in a refugee family which was displaced during the Second World War. Her mother arrived in Australia with three children under five years old. Cooking was how her mum earned the family's income.



"It occurred to me a little while ago that I was becoming my mother. How scary!" she said.

"But I really am indebted to my mother for showing us the richness available from the abundance of fresh produce that we have here."

This is Chris's passion in offering this great service and she is determined to succeed.

"I'm sure that, if I connect with the right sort of people, it will be a win for both of us," she said.

"The fact of the matter is that many people would like to eat well, but they are too busy to. What I am offering is the best possible outcome without even having to think about it."

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## CSC goes organic

**Docklands-based international information technology services provider CSC hosted an organic gardening expo for its employees at its Docklands Drive office on Friday, August 27.**

The gardening expo was held to expose CSC employees to some gardening concepts that would help them grow their own fruit and vegetables organically in any space.

The event was held as part of CSC's GreenWay program which was launched in December 2007 to ensure that the environmental impacts of the company were periodically assessed, with sustainability goals set and priorities met.

Environmental Sustainability Lead at CSC, Anthony Ogilvie, said CSC recognised that issues relating to the environment and sustainability were not just a concern of a single department at CSC.

"We believe that individuals throughout our business must be encouraged to take responsibility. To that end, GreenWay has launched a number of initiatives to raise the level of environmental and sustainability awareness amongst staff. The Organic Gardening Expo is one example of this."

Demonstrations on a range of gardening topics included owning chickens and building a garden in as little space as a window panel, were held by representatives from organic and permaculture groups as well as CSC staff members.

The expo was the result of a survey sent out to staff at the end of 2009, which showed that growing their own fruit and vegetables was an area of sustainability that was of interest to them.

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# Letters to the Editor



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## People power will prevail

It is really sad when ignorant people start posting comments without first doing their homework.

Residents/buyers of the Mosaic and Montage have always been told that the piece of land between the Gauge and the Montage/ Mosaic apartments, has been earmarked for the development of a low-rise community centre/library that will not be more than two to three storeys high.

The model shown in the sales office showroom was definitely showing that the development going into this area was not much higher than the terraces on Geographe St. The story told to Mosaic and Montage buyers by the sales people from Lend Lease was always the same – “the space will be used to build a low-rise community centre/library”.

However, once Lend Lease has sold the majority of the apartments in both these buildings, they changed the model in their new showroom in stealth and started marketing the development/sale of the Serrata (a 15-storey building instead of the two to three storey community centre/library originally marketed to buyers of the Mosaic and Montage).

So John and Kent (who commented online on the “Save our Park campaign over Serrata” article), it is not hypocrisy nor is it “typical wealthy people behaviour” that the “Save our Park” campaign came about. It is about the principle of being lied to by a supposedly reputable company AND to show unethical companies such as Lend Lease that people power will prevail over greed.

Angel

## Aesthetic or dangerous?

After witnessing five separate falls on different occasions during the last two weeks, I feel compelled to write and ask if anyone knows if something is being done?

I live outside Docklands, but work in one of the Bourke St buildings, enjoying a stroll in the fresh air along the harbour-side walkway (yes, even in this “cool” weather!) on most days.

The problem is that on five different occasions over the last two weeks, I have witnessed people take a fall, some quite nasty, as a result of the wet timber decking along the walkway.

The main culprit is the decking closest to the buildings which are shaded by trees. During summer, the shade is welcome and inviting however, during winter this same shade ensures the decking does not dry out properly.

It is now growing moss and algae in some places and, when wet, is more slippery than ice!

After checking to make sure all five people were OK, they have fortunately all walked away with what appeared to be little more than a bruise or two, some dirty clothes, and slight embarrassment.

However all were taken completely by surprise, and none expected the decking to be so slippery.

Whether anyone has suffered ongoing problems (joints, back, knees, etc), I cannot comment, and only hope all recovered quickly.

While appreciating the aesthetic appeal of this timber decking, I can only wonder how much longer it will be before someone suffers a serious injury, possibly even life threatening.

The law of averages suggests that if I have seen five in two weeks and, given the thousands of people who work in, live in, or visit the Docklands precinct each day, there has to be many more similar incidents. Following this line of thinking, it is only a matter of time before someone suffers more than a bruised ego – and decides to sue!

Potentially compounding the problem, timber work is used extensively throughout the entire precinct, and I am only talking about first hand experience in one small area.

I wonder how many others have a similar concern, or have “fallen” victim to the slippery wet decking?

Are the people in charge of this type of thing in the Docklands area aware of the problem? If so, why has nothing been done? And if not, why not (timber and water are never a good mix – think pool/spa deckings)? Or is it something as simple as forgetting what winter is really like after so many years of drought?

Chris Aulich

## Left turning lane needed

With the new stage for the redevelopment of Docklands, I would like to make a suggestion that the road from Harbour Esplanade making a left hand turn into Docklands Drive desperately needs a left turning lane.

This intersection becomes very congested when there are events and peak hour traffic, please consider this at this stage while work is underway because this is desperately needed, I am a resident here and realise the importance of this much needed change.

Silvana Tomassi

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## Shame on you Vivas Lend Lease

When I originally negotiated for the purchase "off the plan" of my apartment in the Mosaic in Docklands from Vivas Lend Lease, I was told by the sales people (all three at the time concurred) that the area where they have now decided to build Serrata was designated for community use only and the most that would be built there was a four storey community centre.

This statement was repeated at the launch of sales of the Montage. On the basis of this information I purchased a two bedroom apartment on the seventh level that had "dual aspects" and clear views in both directions. Brochures I have been provided describe the apartment the same way.

If Serrata proceeds, the views on the one aspect will be totally obstructed and the feeling of open space we currently enjoy will be forever lost and we will be left staring into the middle of a concrete building.

Furthermore "our park" by which it has affectionately become known has become a most valuable lung in an otherwise concrete jungle allowing feelings of open space and a place where families can relax - where parents can play with their kids or where corporate employees can play a bit of football at lunch time.

Why would anyone who has created such a great environment now destroy it? "Our park" is also used by exercise groups in the morning and, in fact, is a total lifestyle for the area.

When we started dealing with Vivas Lend Lease the relationship was one of conviviality and trust and in fact their motto advertises

them as a firm of "high integrity". Right now I doubt they can spell the word.

What has happened to their ethics and ethos that now makes them behave this way? Is it pure greed? Shame on you Vivas Lend Lease and shame on you decision makers in government that allows this to happen.

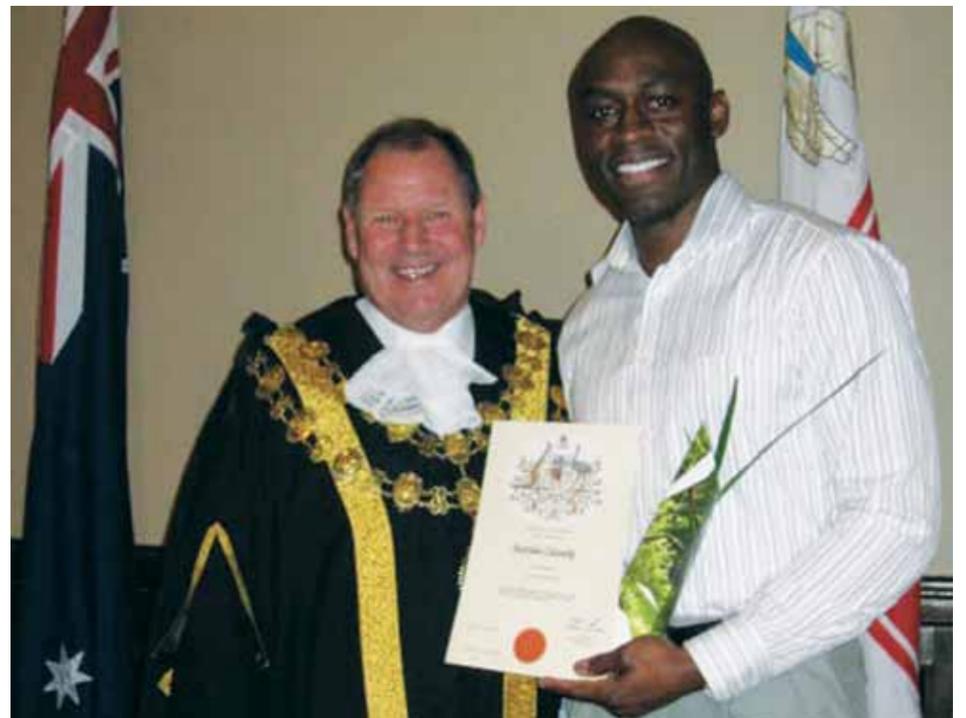
How does someone with the integrity of Justin Madden, a man who states he is committed to the community, allow this travesty to occur and to authorise the passing of the planned Serrata? Shame on you too Mr Madden.

Wake up now and take responsibility for the community and leave the park as it is. Go back to the basis that Melbourne has become known for - its beauty and parks. We are the Garden State - let's keep it that way. Let us not become known as the "Concrete State".

The adjacent "Village Green" will soon become known as the "Village Brown" being immersed in shadow 24/7. What a prospect to look forward to! What about the families we are trying to encourage to live here? What can we offer them?

Vivas Lend Lease - are you just in the business of flogging buildings or are you trying to build communities? Seems obvious you are the former - shame on you!

*Jeff Slabe*



## Now it's Aussie John

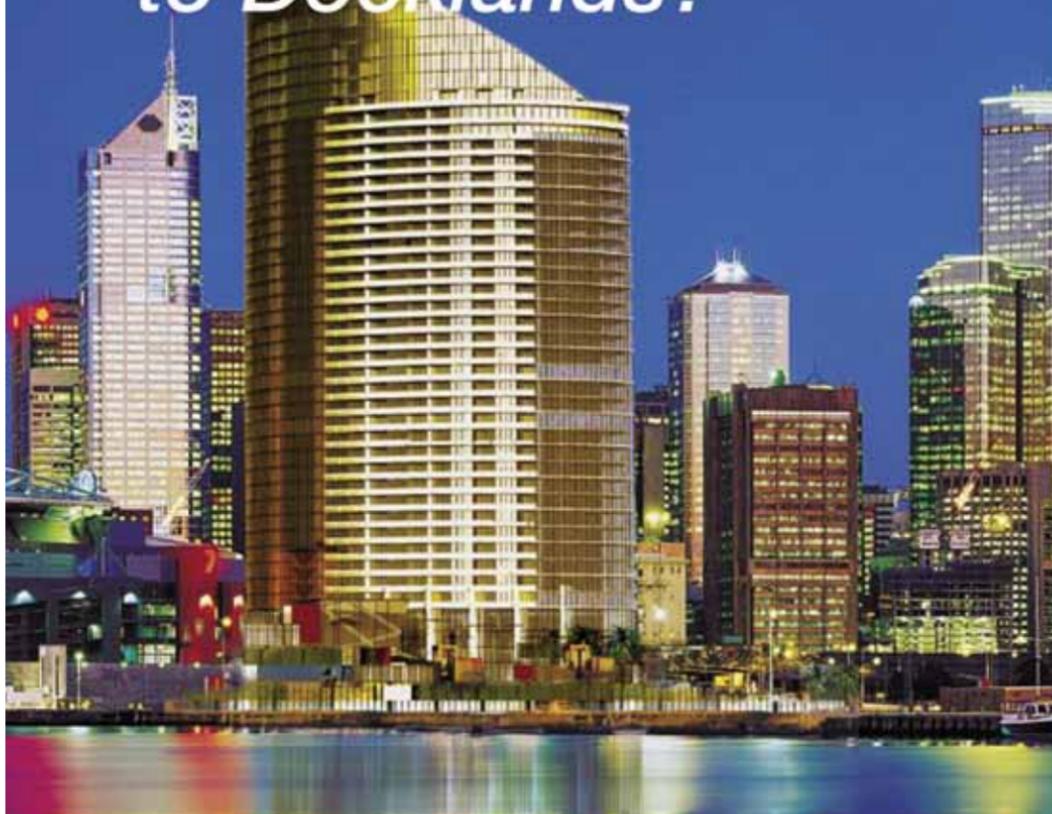
**Local physiotherapist John Bradshaw was recently granted Australian citizenship at a ceremony at Melbourne Town.**

Lord Mayor Robert Doyle presented the Dock 5 resident with his certificate of citizenship on May 12. Cr Doyle also gave John an Aussie flax plant after he stated his pledge to Australia and sang *Waltzing Matilda* and *Advance Australia Fair*.

John is very proud to now be called an Australian and, of course, calls Docklands home. Although he has retained his American citizenship, John believes Australia is a great country and is proud to be able to participate as an Australian citizen.

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# CUISINE UNDERCOVER

INDEPENDENT REVIEWS FROM DOCKLANDS' PHANTOM DINER

## Nuevo 37

*I almost felt guilt, crossing the river – and I'm not just talking Yarra's Edge.*

That's right, I'm talking about the competition – South Wharf. I mean, it's not as though the restaurants are exactly full to overflowing in Docklands. Should I really be reviewing anything in this neighbouring precinct?

But, to those who live and work here, it's all local. Competition may exist between a bunch of developers and government bureaucrats, but let's face it, for Yarra's Edge, parts of Victoria Harbour and around 6500 ANZ employees, South Wharf is more a part of their landscape than Harbour Town.

Besides, Docklands has nothing to worry about because, frankly, it ain't much yet. Yes I know it's not yet finished, but you'd have thought if they'd learned one thing from Docklands it might be not to market a place as a finished product until the job is done.

Otherwise, within five minutes of arrival you're disappointed. And it was in this frame of mind that I ventured past the barren, empty shopfronts and into the cavernous space of Nuevo 37.

Part of the Hilton complex, Nuevo 37 is I guess what you'd call "a drawcard" restaurant – large and flashy, an award winning wine list (already!) and an executive chef trained under the legendary Ramon Freixa in Barcelona. Claiming to offer the finest produce and Spanish-inspired "Australian" dishes, the atmosphere is impressive, despite the concrete jungle upon which it looks and the fact that only three of its several tables are occupied.

The service is friendly and very quick, but here's the thing. I don't believe I'm on my own when I admit to not knowing as much as I should about Spanish wines – and sherries in particular. So when I asked for some help with a sherry to accompany my croquettes of cured ham and roasted chicken, I expected a little more than, "Um, oh, this one is quite popular ..."

Well of course it would be, it was the first on the list and among the cheapest. Not what I meant. I guess the sommelier doesn't work the lunch shift.

The croquettes however are good and stodgy, just like you'd find in a San Sebastian pintxos bar and my spirits lift. The sherry, despite being cheap and popular, helps to cut through the rich, gamey stodge and I'm very glad I still have it on hand when my next dish arrives. The tagliatelle with braised "David Blackmore" wagyu and sautéed mushrooms is so decadently rich, I feel as though I should be celebrating a momentous occasion on a hot date as opposed to grabbing a quick business lunch. Convinced I won't be able to do dessert, my mind is changed by an intriguing tasting dish of spiced raspberry sorbet, chocolate bread and banana crumble.

Each morsel is delectable, offering a sweet and savoury contrast I'd normally acquaint with Asian food. The spice of the sorbet makes it incredibly sharp, the chocolate dollop resting on toast is dusted with a rock salt and the warm, soft banana is coated in

a remarkable crumble of nuts I expect to be sweet but is surprisingly savoury. So unusual yet so rewarding.

Nuevo 37 is certainly trying, but honestly, it could try a bit harder. The sherry advice or lack thereof aside, a side dish of a delicious-looking olive and walnut bread arrived after my tapas, so it couldn't really be enjoyed as bread should be. I admit these are minor things, but when you're one of only three customers, in one of only three dining establishments in the precinct, you expect a little bit of something special. Particularly when there's so much more to choose from just across the river ...

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# What *With* Women *Abby* Want *Crawford*

***A friend of mine has asked me to organise his wedding. This is odd for so many reasons.***

Now don't get me wrong, I can throw a pretty damn good party and I've had a turn at organising weddings with pretty good results (as far as the co-ordinated themes and catering go anyway!), so I think I'm an excellent choice to organise a spectacular bash. I mean that it's odd that it's the guy who's asked me. He's straight, he's attractive, he's successful and – he's getting married. But more than that, he seems to be more excited than his lucky fiancée ...

I've heard of a few men who have proposed in well thought out and romantic ways, but I'm thinking it's unusual for the guy to be the one who is keen to get the date sorted, the event booked, the friends there to celebrate, etc. Maybe it's just my experience (and my group of single friends!), but I have found that most men these days are more likely to want to pull their fingernails out with pliers than say the big "I DO".

What's with that? Why do some men run screaming at the thought of making a commitment to a girl, even a girl they love ... It's like a massive Peter Pan complex has taken over their brain and the idea of growing up is just way too much. Or perhaps more specifically, the idea of growing up with just one girl is way too much!

I admit, I have seen a bride-to-be or two frantically racing through venues, hunting down "dove-releasing" special effects (here's a hint: only use doves if you have an outdoor ceremony. Still haunts me being a guest where THAT wasn't thought of!) and stressing out catering companies.

I will say (in the most friendly way) that some were momentarily turned into "bridezillas". And of course I've also seen some absolutely divinely calm and organised brides pull together beautiful weddings and take all the organising in their stride with grace and elegance.

But I have to say that very rarely have I witnessed the guy saying, "hey, I love you, and I want to give this marriage thing a crack. I'll make a few calls and get it sorted". Nope, definitely don't see that often.

It has impressed me enormously to see my friend be so clear and calm about what he wants. And to act on how he feels. I think that's the biggest difference. So often we all might think of wonderful things to do and say to our partners, but we don't often follow through. We expect that they know what we're thinking and feeling. But the truth is that unless it's communicated or shown to that person, they're simply not going to know.

So if you've been thinking of showing someone you care, make the effort to follow through and get the message across. If you're nervous, be strong and just say what you mean, from the heart, and watch doors just open.

I think my friend's fiancée is a very lucky woman. She has a man who respects and loves her, and he's making sure she knows just how much he can take care of her. Fingers crossed her bridesmaids like apricot, and she always secretly wanted a Vegas themed wedding (just kidding!).

Have a great month everyone, and why not try showing – as well as telling – someone how much you love them.

*Abby xx*



## From the Institute

### *The restaurant at Sol3*

The Institute recently received several persons dressed as film and television science fiction characters seeking, as so many do, our assistance and approval in finessing business plans, permits, etc.

This was about a concept restaurant in Docklands which did little to inflame passion amongst our team of dedicated thinkers and their research assistants.

As, one by one, the elements of the business format were broken down to be analysed, it became clear that the adornments of the initiative were not so objectionable that the quality of Docklands' life issues could be offended.

- The look: Steel and glass, utilitarian, brutalist in the extreme. Nothing unusual there.
- The food: Molecular transmogriphication cuisine including the use of liquid nitrogen.
- Paraphernalia: Cutlery made for alien limbs, uncomfortable for humans. What could be worse than chop sticks?
- Live food: No mere fish from tanks, but lying in a coral will be a five metre salt water crocodile.
- Bathroom fittings: Of impossible complexity and unknowable purpose.
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As well as providing the latest in mattress technology, South Wharf's Snooze also has a range of beds that are exclusive to them and a team which knows what its talking about.

Prior to opening his Snooze store David worked in the wholesale industry selling bedroom furniture to businesses including Snooze.

"It was through my wholesaling to Snooze that the opportunity came up to own the shop here in South Wharf," David said.

"Snooze is a fantastic company, with really personalised furniture and service and the opportunity to be here at South Wharf with all the other major outlets committed was a major draw card," he said.

David said he loved being in The Hub at South Wharf, even if it means he is up against his direct competitors.

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# MARINA NOTES

BY ALLAN CAYZER,  
MANAGER MARINA YE

## Extreme Ways is an extreme adventurer

*Marina YE is at present enjoying the company of the 46 ft multi-hull Extreme Ways. Perhaps another name for this much-travelled vessel would be "extreme locations".*

Owned by Melbourne couple Mick and Sheryl de Jong, Extreme Ways arrived at Marina YE after 12 months cruising mainly in the Kimberley Coast region.

Mick and Sheryl purchased Extreme Ways in Darwin and sailed west to the Kimberley Coast to explore everything that area has to offer the cruising yachting, before heading home to Melbourne.

They invited many of their Victorian friends to join them on a series of two week cruises out of Wyndham during their stay in this area. They undertook six of these cruises in total. Peter, a guest on one of their cruises told of his astonishment at the colour of the water when they sailed out of Wyndham, "not unlike wet cement" was his description, but the water soon turned to the perfect clear blue colour that all on board expected to see.

After talking with Mick and the crew I came away with the feeling that the scenery, fishing, abseiling from the cliff tops

and the sailing Extreme Ways enjoyed in this area will live with all on board forever.

The remoteness of this area makes cruising an interesting task involving reversing into cliff faced water falls to shower, wash their clothes and fill water tanks. As well, the abundance of fish, in particular barramundi, made seafood an important part of the diet for all on board. The stories of the barramundi caught seem too good to be true. However, their encounters with crocodiles and the size of some of them gave another perspective to their adventures.

Extreme Ways encountered a number of those illegal fishing vessels we hear so much about in our northern waters but they left them to the authorities to deal with. On the return journey from Wyndham to Darwin a low flying aircraft passed over them and soon after, a radio call came through asking them to identify themselves and all on board. They appreciated the call and were gratified that their taxes were at work. Mick explained the difficulty identifying local vessels when boats in the Northern Territory do not have to be registered nor do skippers have to be licensed to operate the boat.

After a short rest in Darwin, Extreme Ways started the long journey home to Melbourne which involved a two-month stopover in Gove. While in Gove, Mick met the skipper of Highway Star, another multi-hull spending time in Gove and to his amazement learnt that Highway Star was also on route to Melbourne and Marina YE.



The journey back to Melbourne, although with a little less scenery, was pleasant and uneventful. When I asked Mick his favorite spot during the journey he quickly replied that it was Forbes Island, which is on the eastern side of Cape York. The abundance of crayfish and beautiful beaches from where he was able to catch coral trout made this place truly paradise.

Mick and Sheryl and their friends plan to return to Darwin and the Kimberley Coast in 2012 but until then they are looking forward to enjoying what Victoria has to offer Extreme Ways.

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Well if you can't answer any of these questions then don't feel bad because we couldn't either when we tested our skills at James Squires' trivia last month.

If you're looking for something to do on a Wednesday night, whether you want to hang out with friends, family or bond with your fellow workers (as was the case for us) - then head down to James Squires Brewhouse at Waterfront City for a game of trivia.

We started our night with dinner at the venue to prepare ourselves for game time. Though it wasn't exactly brain-food, many of us were happy to see the return of the 1.2kg rack of ribs.

With a full belly and a drink at hand to quench our thirst we began the trivia with some rather competitive Docklanders.

Thinking we had no chance, we all argued (I mean bonded) over what could be the right answer to every question.

The questions were definitely a lot harder than what we had anticipated and, even with training from our Docklands TV cameraman Blake Curtis, who quizzed us over what was heavier - a tonne of bricks or a tonne of feathers, we still struggled.

In the end we managed second place and won a \$50 food/drink tab to share - Pretty good for a free game of trivia.

The night was fantastic and we all left scratching our heads as to why we don't play more trivia - it's so underrated. Next time we're going to take out first and win the \$100 tab, so watch out.

By the way, in case you were wondering, the first CD player hit the market in 1982, Carlos Estévez is better known as Charlie Sheen and the 2002 winter Olympics were held in Salt Lake City, albeit with bidding controversy.

## HE SAID WHAT?

By **Guy Mason**  
City on a Hill Pastor



**CITY ON A HILL**

## Why I date my wife

*Marriage is a special gift. I married my wife in June 2002 - a day I'll never forget.*

That being said, I know for many of us men we can take our marriage for granted. The love and romance that brought us together is often left at the altar and, as such, our wives feel devalued, unloved and as though the best days are behind them.

In the bible we find a strong word for married men - "Husbands love your wives as Christ loved the Church." (Eph. 5v25).

It's my responsibility to love my wife in such a way that when she thinks of me, she thinks of Christ. I am to serve my wife with sacrificial love. I am to protect and provide for my wife both physically and spiritually. I am to lay down my life for my wife.

In this we must pursue our wives with passionate and persevering love. We don't pursue a woman to marry her and stop pursuing her. We pursue a woman to marry her and pursue her with more passion and creativity than ever.

All women of course are different - and need to be loved specifically. Some feel loved when we buy gifts, for others its cuddles on the couch, for others its words that matter most. When it comes to my wife its acts of service. She has a saying: "I love hugs, I love kisses - what I love most is help with the dishes!" The key is to ask your wife this question: "What is it that I say or do that makes you feel most loved?"

One of the practical ways to keep the flame alive is by having regular "date nights". Your date night doesn't have to cost you an arm and a leg (though a bit of a splurge is ok) - the important thing is that you're out together and having fun.

My wife and I have a regular date night for a number of reasons:

Firstly, dating your wife keeps the romance alive. Plan out your date nights. Ask your wife in advance what sounds good, see what the options are, and make a plan. She'll be thankful. In addition, build expectancy before the night itself. For example, send flowers in the day, leave a note



on her pillow, come home early, buy her an outfit, etc. If you have kids, find a babysitter. If you can't afford a babysitter, find another couple with kids and offer to trade babysitting services.

Secondly, dating your wife builds intimacy. By meeting up regularly for conversation and interaction we build our understanding of each other and help grow together. Date nights are an opportunity to ask inviting questions, listen, and learn about her. It's also a night to open up and let her do the same. In addition, be sure to turn the phone off. Letting technology interrupt your time together (Facebook, email, SMS, footy score update, etc) will kill your date and her respect of you.

Thirdly, date nights are an opportunity to say thanks. My wife stays home full-time to manage our two energetic children (one and three). Date night is an opportunity for me to say how thankful I am for what she does.

Fourthly, date nights are an opportunity to demonstrate that we know our wife. It's important that we study our wives and plan dates accordingly. When you tailor a night to her tastes, interest, and passion you demonstrate that within all the business of your day - her life is still at the forefront of your mind.

Fifthly, by making time for date nights, we deliver a message of commitment to our wives. It demonstrates our desire to make marriage work despite the obstacles and challenges.

Lastly, if we don't date our wives - someone else may eventually volunteer for the job.

Guy Mason is the pastor of City on a Hill, a church that is committed to making a difference in Melbourne for the glory of God. The services are on Sundays at 10am (Hoyts, Melbourne Central) and 6pm (James Squire Brewhouse, Docklands).



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**GREETINGS FROM THE DOCKLANDS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

## An amazingly beautiful gift

*He may have been an unplanned birthday gift, but PJ is now just another member of the family.*

Having previously owned spaniels, Kerrie, a staff member of Harbour Town's QueensPark, hadn't envisaged owning another dog after having to put down her last spaniel.

"My husband fought cancer for about four years and the dog seemed to take on all the same symptoms and I rang up Werribee hospital and they actually said that it was quite common," she said.

Kerrie said that following the death of her husband five years ago they decided to put the dog down because it got so sick and was the fairest thing to do.

"After our last dog died we didn't think we would ever have another dog, but my boys were only 14 and 15 and I wanted them to still be kids," she said.

Kerrie was walking through a shopping centre four and a half years ago, looking for a present for her son's birthday when she walked passed PJ. She couldn't resist and hasn't looked back since.



"He's absolutely gorgeous. He's very loving and smart, but also very stubborn and if he wants to go for a walk he'll go out the back and pick up his lead and bring it inside to me."

Kerrie's partner brings PJ in to visit her at work sometimes.

"He will come in and brighten up everyone's day. But sometimes I actually have to put a security tag around his collar to make sure he doesn't walk out the door," she said.

Watching the gorgeous Kerrie and beautiful PJ play together, it is obvious that PJ wasn't just a present for her son!

### The public input forums conducted by VicUrban for the Docklands Second Decade were well attended.

I attended the community forum at Waterfront City on July 29 where numerous ideas were put forward for developing Docklands, including such things as resuming the ferry service, converting the end of Central Pier to a public park with marine theme, more public open space and parks, provision of wind breaks, roof gardens, house boats, a theatre and more. VicUrban will review and present proposed plans in due course.

The City of Melbourne's new Municipal Strategic Statement has also been released addressing development planning for the whole city area including Docklands in terms of broad policy. The DCA intends to provide comment with members' input.

There has been a gathering of resident opposition to the proposed building construction on the "Village Green" in Bourke St, being the only sizeable space for community use including games. A Save Our Park movement has been organised by local residents.

Planning for our members' Christmas party is underway with choice of venues being investigated. The indicated date at this stage is Friday, December 10. We are also planning to organise a wine and cheese tasting night for around end

October, although this is not so easy these days because of licensing laws.

The election of the three additional members to our committee will boost our resources for handling matters, adding ideas and assisting with activities.

Representatives of resident groups including the DCA are meeting the newly-appointed Liquor Licensing Director next week to find out about his views and policies.

I trust you are managing to deal with the temporary disruption due to the Harbour Esplanade works, which seem to be progressing at a good pace.

Welcome to our new members who have recently joined. Anybody else wishing to join is encouraged to contact Paige Jay on [andypaige@optusnet.com.au](mailto:andypaige@optusnet.com.au) who will be happy to assist.

If any member, or reader for that matter, has any suggestions they wish to put forward to the DCA with respect to activities or issues to take up on their behalf you are welcome to do so by contacting us on the email address above.

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# DOCKLANDS FASHION



## Fashion on the streets of Docklands

### Angela Muzzin

**LOCATION:**

Digital Harbour.

**WEARS:**

Grey boyfriend-jacket, black shift-dress, grey, black and orange checked scarf, black tights and black knee-length boots.

**DESCRIPTION:**

The look is stylish yet conservative. Corporate with a little edge.

**WHAT BRINGS YOU TO DIGITAL HARBOUR:**

Our head office is based at the Docklands and I thoroughly enjoy my time here. The food and coffee seem to taste better here. The people are all smiles and the atmosphere has a subtle yet powerful pulse.

**WHERE ARE YOU FROM:**

I have my own finance practice in Kew but hope to re-locate here soon.

**WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE THING ABOUT SPRING:**

Seeing the trees go green, the clothes get lighter, and the general optimism in the air.

**WHAT MAKES A GOOD OUTFIT:**

Something you feel comfortable in. Not too outrageous yet practical enough to wear every day.

### Chermayn Yee

**LOCATION:**

South Wharf.

**WEARS:**

Black-knit scarf, baby-blue singlet, tweed-boyfriend jacket, black leggings, black handbag and black ballet flats.

**DESCRIPTION:**

It's very chic. I would say it's casual yet feminine.

**WHAT BRINGS YOU TO SOUTH WHARF:**

I'm shopping. Just doing some browsing and I live in the area.

**WHERE ARE YOU FROM:**

North Wharf.

**WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE THING ABOUT SPRING:**

The floral prints, nautical theme and the nude tones that are in season. Nude colours are some of my favourite to wear.

**WHAT MAKES A GOOD OUTFIT:**

Nothing too over-the-top and wearing an outfit with confidence.

### Christine Doggett

**LOCATION:**

South Wharf.

**WEARS:**

Grey jacket, cream bag, black jeans and black calf-length boots.

**DESCRIPTION:**

It's just something that's comfy.

**WHAT BRINGS YOU TO SOUTH WHARF:**

I'm just down from Sydney for two days for a shopping spree and I'm staying at South Wharf's Hilton.

**WHERE ARE YOU FROM:**

Sydney.

**WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE THING ABOUT SPRING:**

The colours, the flowers. I love everything about spring.

**WHAT MAKES A GOOD OUTFIT:**

Classic colours, and a good cut and tailoring.

# Launch into spring

*The sun is shining and birds are singing and it's all because spring is here ... and with the beginning of spring comes a new fashion season.*

Now some may shrug off fashion as though it isn't important, but you must remember that fashion impacts many facets of our lives.

Fashion represents an immeasurable number of jobs and millions of dollars. We have events in its honour, social outings with friends to buy it, it can define us, we discuss it, judge people on what they're wearing and most importantly we live our lives through fashion. Like it or not it's important.

So to celebrate fashion and the launch of Melbourne Spring Fashion Week *Docklands News* has decided to simplify things for women and bring you the top trends of the season.

**Bare it all** - Nude is probably the most talked about trend of the season with many designers opting to include at least a few designs in a nude tone. Though a pretty and delicate looking trend, nude shades tend to wash out many people's complexions. So if you want to work the trend, then perhaps opt for a black top with a nude skirt. This way the nude colour is away from your face and will have less chance of washing you out. Alternatively, opt for nude accessories including scarf, sunglasses, handbags and shoes.

**Romance flourishes - Pastels and flowers** Pastel colours are back with baby blues, pinks and yellows prominent on the catwalk. Again, subtle colours can wash out people's complexions. So stick to accessories or, if you must, invest in a good tan.

Though if you just want to get in on the romantic feeling of spring then try a dress with a floral print. Ruching, frills, draping and fabric folds are also a major trend.

**70s are back** - The 70s are back at least in the pattern stakes so if you feeling like making a bold statement this spring then the pattern is here to help. When trying on clothing with patterns make sure you check out your problem areas (if you have any) because patterns can draw attention to those areas.

**Military precision** - Now don't go reaching for your combat boots. Military is back in the form of khaki being the dark colour of spring with tones ranging from greens to browns to sandy-colours. Military detailing, lightweight jackets, shirts and pants are also in style. This trend will work for most people so go crazy with it and have fun.



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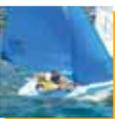
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TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
09:00					
10:00	 <p><b>This Week</b> Tune into Linh to find out what's ahead on DocklandsTV for the week.</p>	 <p><b>Docklands Media Centre</b> Kris will show you how you can improve your marketing with graphic design.</p>			 <p><b>Docklands News Update</b> Join Alison for a news update on a few Docklands news stories from the week.</p>
11:00	 <p><b>The FONE Guy</b> Matt will talk to you about the latest trends and technology in communication.</p>	 <p><b>Squires Best Match</b> Jane shows you how you can best match beer with fine cuisine.</p>	 <p><b>The Trike Man COMING SOON</b> Docklands very own Alan Maxwell takes us on unique tours.</p>		 <p><b>YMCA</b> Billy and Nadia take you through fitness and health tips for wellbeing.</p>
12:00	 <p><b>Urban Goes Green</b> Emily will help you bring out your green thumb.</p>				
13:00					
14:00	 <p><b>Jewish Community Centre</b> Rabbi Shlomo welcomes everyone to the Jewish community.</p>		 <p><b>PET stock</b> animal supplies ... part of your family! Offering expert advice for your pet.</p>	 <p><b>Community Safety Day</b> Weekly programs prior to the big day on October 24</p>	
15:00		 <p><b>Docklands Waterways</b> An exciting syndicate of Docklands operators talking about what can be done on our waterways.</p>		 <p><b>Chamber of Commerce</b> Keith and others will update the business community.</p>	
16:00				 <p><b>waterfrontcity docklands</b> <b>What's on at Waterfront City</b> Local businesses strut their stuff.</p>	
17:00					
18:00					 <p><b>The Nixon</b> Paul will get you ready for your weekend.</p>



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It's a Spring Carnival at Waterfront City. Whether you are looking for a spring day out at the Icehouse or to treat the family to some of the many free School Holiday activities at Harbour Town Shopping Centre, Waterfront City is the place to be.



## Icehouse

Visit the Icehouse's "Ice Carnival" these school holidays, for a fantastic carnival-style day out the whole family will enjoy. Kids will love meeting and dancing with brand new Icehouse characters at every morning and noon skating session. And for bigger kids – the Icehouse's 'Battle of the Bands' competition will play out under lights on the entertainment rink, for fantastic live music and great prizes up for grabs! Plus, there's pond hockey sessions, delicious icy cold snow cones, yummy carnival food, face painting, a spinning wheel game and a free ride giveaway for every guest!

**Time:** See icehouse.com.au for details

**Venue:** Icehouse, 105 Pearl River Rd, Docklands



## Harbour Town Shopping Centre – Spring Carnival

Harbour Town is the place to be these school holidays with tons of free activities. With Farmer Darryl's free Animal Farm and a Kids Craft Centre (free with a valid \$10 receipt from any store), the kids will be entertained and have the opportunity to walk away with a souvenir. You'll be spoilt for choice at Harbour Town this spring.

Harbour Town is also giving away a family trip to Dreamworld as part of the festivities. For your chance to win, all you need to do is spend \$20 at any Harbour Town Shopping Centre or Waterfront City retailer.

**Time:** From September 20th

**Venue:** Harbour Town Shopping Centre



## Amazing Bodies Exhibition – Extended

Due to popular demand the Amazing Bodies Exhibition has been extended for a limited season. The Exhibition is designed to vividly display where we came from, the intricacies of the animal and human body and teaches us about health and diseases – all in a captivating display of science and art.

**Date:** Everyday - until 31 October

**Time:** Everyday (except Friday): 10am – 5pm *last entry 4:15pm.*  
Fridays (open til late): 10am - 8pm *last entry 7:15pm*

**Venue:** Waterfront City Pavilion

**Cost:** Adult \$25 · Child \$16 · Family \$75 · Concession \$23

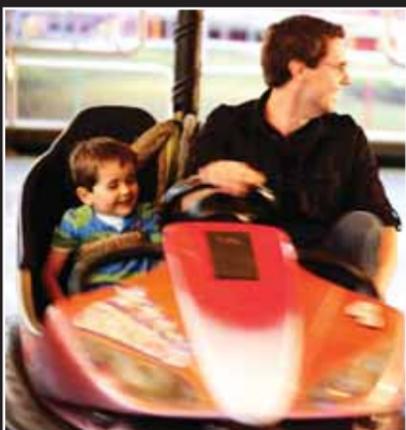


## Snow Works Tube Run

Didn't get up to the snow over winter? Not to worry, Waterfront City has brought the snow to you. For only \$5 (with a receipt from any Waterfront City or Harbour Town Shopping Centre retailer) you can ride the snow on an inflatable tube. Race your mates down the slope - Snow Works is ideal September Holiday fun.

**Venue:** Waterfront City Piazza

**Cost:** \$5 for 5 rides (with a receipt from any Waterfront City or Harbour Town Shopping Centre retailer).  
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## Mystique Illusion Spectacular at Wonderland Fun Park

Bring the family to Wonderland Fun Park these school holidays and see amazing acts of intrigue and wonder. The world class Mystique Illusion Spectacular is fun for the whole family.

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**Date:** September 18 to October 3

**Time:** Showtimes – 11am, 1pm and 3pm

**Venue:** Wonderland Fun Park

**Cost:** See wonderlandfunpark.com.au for details

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**Linda:** North Node in Aquarius Venus in Scorpio

Linda, Jacob's purpose in your life is to teach you grounding, patience and steadfastness. He will teach you the discipline to edit and soften your communication with family and in the home. This will assist you enormously to achieve your worldly goals. He will lure you with the promise of a stable warm family home and the sense that he will take care of you but this is not likely to happen. After much angst and possible separation you will learn what you need to learn in order to attract the right relationship for long term.

(Jacob's south node is the same as your Jupiter) which means this relationship can seem like a prison sentence in some ways for you and may even dampen your enthusiasm and motivation for life. Not suitable for long-term happiness.

**Jacob:** North Node in Taurus Venus in Scorpio

Jacob, Linda will teach you everything you need to know about hard work and day-to-day work flows and the necessary routines you need to adopt in order to fulfill your purpose. It is most fortunate (actually divine intervention) that you both have a very hot sexual attraction with each other which will entice you to stay together longer than you'd really like so that you can both learn your lessons.

(Linda's south node is the same as your Jupiter) which means this relationship can seem like a prison sentence in some ways for you and may even dampen your enthusiasm and motivation for life. Not suitable for long-term happiness.

### Featured terminology

**South Node** - The parts of us that we do automatically but don't enjoy and wish to change.

**Jupiter** - The planet of luck and where we are destined to find things come easy to us.



Corinne Civaleri - finding her voice with Toastmasters.

## Find your voice at Docklands' Toastmasters

### Do you have trouble giving speeches?

Is English your second language? Perhaps you find it hard to socialise or maybe you need to give a speech or "emcee" a birthday or wedding?

If so, then Toastmasters may be just the thing that you need to help you overcome your nerves and learn to communicate effectively.

Dock 5 resident Corinne Civaleri recently joined Toastmasters, but was already an experienced member, having experienced the group in Canada.

"Like most people who join I had heard of it prior and people had told me to go, but I just pushed it aside and forgot about it," she said.

Corinne said it wasn't until she was having problems communicating with people because English is her second language, that she decided to join the group to learn how to be more assertive.

"I decided last October to find a group and found one here in Docklands and it's a great group and very different from other groups because it's a wide mixture of people with different ages, backgrounds and professions," she said.

Docklands Toastmasters is held at The Hub (80 Harbour Esplanade) every second and fourth Monday of each month.

For more information about Toastmasters email [docklandstoastmasters@yahoo.com.au](mailto:docklandstoastmasters@yahoo.com.au) or visit <http://docklands.freetoasthost.org/>



## DOCKLANDS FENG SHUI

September (Sept. 8-Oct. 8)

Month of the Rooster



**Monthly Element:** Wood

**Polarity:** Yin

**Favourable Colours:** Maroon, lavender, peach

**Tip of the Month:** Influenced by the yin energies, September focuses mainly on your ego, awakening the sense of confidence and self-esteem. Wanting to be the centre of attention can make you a little more eccentric and superficial than usual. In fact, being in the spotlight will become your priority this month. Appearances and first impressions will be increasingly important,

making you more critical to the way you perceive yourself and others. In search for perfection, you might be inspired to join the gym, refresh your wardrobe or change your style altogether. Enjoy these transformations, just be responsible with your budget, and discover the "new you".

**Feng Shui:** Try to create a unified style for your interior by paying special attention to small traffic areas, such as hallways, corridors, passages, spaces in between rooms, above or near the staircase. Avoid leaving them empty and undecorated, as this can be just as "harmful" as clutter. In feng shui, such spaces are regarded as unfortunate, as they create a void, where positive chi cannot be accumulated and also there is nothing to block the negative chi from coming in. To fix this problem, it is important to decorate these transitional spaces, however small they may be. Try using your imagination and think of them as little "shopfront displays", showcasing your favourite furniture, artwork and collectables. Ideally, these spaces should look neutral and functional, designed in accordance with the overall style of your dwelling.

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## JUNK FOOD WITH A DIFFERENCE

*Do you have a craving for some "Junk" food? No I'm not talking about the burger and chips variety. I'm talking about some delicious food cooked on a traditional Chinese junk boat. Well have no fear because Hazel Jones is here.*

Having worked in the kitchen of boats for the past 12 years both interstate and internationally Hazel and her partner Peter decided to invest in a boat of their own four years ago.

"We'd both worked in Sydney and also on super-yachts in Italy and France and when we came back to Melbourne we decided to get a boat of our own," Hazel said.

Initially looking for a yacht that they could charter, the pair stumbled across the junk, which was built in Malaysia in 1988, and fell in love with its charm.

"She needed a lot of work, but we were surprised at how big she was inside and how beautiful all the teak wood was," Hazel said.

Originally focused on running the Oriental Queen as a charter business, it was only after requests from friends and clients that Hazel decided to indulge her love of cooking.

Starting the business "Junk Food" three years ago, Hazel now holds cooking lessons twice a week on the boat.

In the reliable hands of Hazel, who has studied both teaching and cooking, Junk Food offers a range of cooking classes from pastry making, to seafood, to pasta or Asian cuisine and Hazel can teach up to 12 people at a time.

"I love cooking. It's something I've wanted to do since I was a kid and I don't want to do



anything else. In fact, I don't think I could do anything else," Hazel said.

The classes cost \$140 per person and includes the cooking tuition, recipes, a "Junk Food" apron to take home, the three-course meal and a glass of wine.

"We cater to individuals or group bookings and you find that it's a really good option for a gift to someone or a hens night or even a work event," Hazel said.

Hazel and Peter also charter the Oriental Queen for parties and events of up to 40 people.

For more information on Junk Food and Oriental Queen Cruises visit [www.orientalqueencruises.net](http://www.orientalqueencruises.net)

## AT LAST A BARBERS SHOP FOR DOCKLANDS

*Alex Tabakman has turned his attention to Docklands and will open his second The Barber Club shop in Victoria Harbour on September 6.*

Alex opened his first The Barber Club shop in Bentleigh in 2006.

He said The Barber Club idea came from traveling across Europe and USA where he participated in various male grooming advanced seminars and workshops.

"I experienced many things - from the decors of masculine salons, to the most advanced and experienced men's hairdressing in the world. I decided to adapt the idea with an Australian direction mixed with a lot of simplicity and professionalism," Alex said.

Spending the last four years building The Barber Club brand and running his Bentleigh store, Alex decided to open a shop at 844 Bourke St after many queries from clients.

"The Barber Club was very fortunate to be noticed by some of our corporate clientele, who highly recommended that we bring the concept to the Victoria Harbour corporate world," Alex said.

Mr Tabakman said he also recognised the need for an up-market men's barber shop in Docklands - in which busy men could feel comfortable and receive quality service along with excellent grooming.



With a huge following, great pricing, convenient hours and well-trained professional barbers, The Barber Club is sure to be a success and Alex can't wait to make his mark on Docklands.

"I think Docklands is the 'new city' in Melbourne. I love the atmosphere and the vibe," he said. "It's got great coffee shops and bars on the water and generally just nicely dressed people rushing around. It seems it has a closer community feeling."

Alex's new The Barber Club shop is located underneath the Merchant building, opposite the post office.

## MEDIBANK OPENS RETAIL OUTLET

*Docklands chalked up another milestone in August with the opening of the first private health insurance sales and service centre in the precinct.*

Medibank opened the new store on the ground floor of its national headquarters at 700 Collins St and is supporting the Docklands as a destination through its new naming rights sponsorship of the Icehouse.

With health service providers such as dentists, physiotherapists, massage therapists and others moving into Docklands, the store opening is timely and will be welcomed by residents and workers alike.

Store manager Simon Rumbold said Medibank was focused on helping those who had put off buying private health insurance or who just want to make sure they are on the right product for their needs.

"Consumers often tell us they find private health insurance confusing. Fortunately our friendly and approachable staff are trained to take that little bit of time to make sure all



queries are answered. We want customers to walk out happy and confident they have made the right choice," he said.

According to Simon, the new outlet is no ordinary Medibank retail centre, with its proximity to the national headquarters meaning it will be the first to receive the latest retail innovations and the freshest look.

"We recognise that customers are often

pressed for time so we are making it quick and easy for our Docklands members to claim benefits. Members can simply pop in and drop-off their claim and we will pay benefits directly into their bank account," Simon said.

Medibank managing director, George Savvides, who oversaw Medibank's move to Docklands in 2004, has personally championed the 700 Collins St store.

"Docklands is Melbourne's fastest growing business and residential precinct and the home of Medibank, so it makes sense for us to establish a store in the precinct and ensure we are seen as the private health insurer of choice for the Docklands community," he said.

Mr Savvides is a big believer in the Docklands.

"Certainly for us, the move here has really paid off so it is exciting to open our latest retail centre here and add, in a small but meaningful way, to the level of services available in Docklands," he said.

Through its naming rights sponsorship of Icehouse, the largest ice sports and entertainment venue in the Southern Hemisphere, Medibank is also supporting the Docklands as a vibrant destination for workers and residents.

The venue contains two Olympic sized ice rinks, state-of-the-art sound and light systems, stadium seating for up to 1000 people, sports and fitness gym and a café, bar and function rooms.

"By investing in the Docklands community through these initiatives we hope to help create a sense of community within the area," Mr Savvides said.

# DOCKLANDS FACES OF



**ANDY KELLY, 30**  
Franchise Manager, Jetts

Andy has enjoyed the new clientele at Jetts Docklands and believes our suburb is full of open, friendly people. He likes the more relaxed feel of Docklands compared with the inner city and looks forward to seeing the area further develop and become a bit more active.



**DANNY SADDOO, 28**  
Venue manager, Harbour Kitchen

Danny describes Docklands as "a fantastic development that is really starting to come good." Suggesting that it reminds him of modern waterfront, he added: "It has a lot going for it. It is very cosmopolitan - like a little city on its own."



**TONY SACCUZZO, 50**  
Flagman, 24/7 Traffic

Tony has become a familiar face along Harbour Esplanade over recent months as "Melbourne's Verandah" takes shape. "Docklands is an interesting place," he said.

In particular, Tony has found some great places for coffee and loves the fish and chips from NewQuay.



**SHARON EVANS, 50**  
Manager, Room to Room, South Wharf

Sharon thinks Docklands/South Wharf is an evolving area and, like other new areas, it will take time to reach its full potential. Originally from Queensland, she has come to appreciate this area since she began working here and now thinks of it as a fantastic place to go.



**DR JOSEPH MOUSSA, 48**  
NewQuay Dental Cosmetics

Joseph describes Docklands as a "booming" area that is turning into a great new part of Melbourne. He observes that it is almost growing too fast but believes that this is what makes Docklands an exciting place to be.



**ELISE HULL, 24**  
Pharmacy assistant, Victoria Harbour Pharmacy & News

Asked about Docklands, Elise replied: "I love it! It is so close to the city yet has the quieter feel of a suburb." Elise loves walking along Docklands waterways with her dogs.



## DOCKLANDS' BEST COFFEE

### Illy rules the coffee

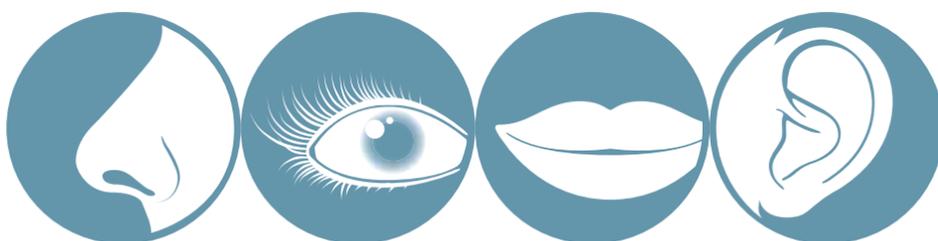
Illy caffe maintains its position as providing Docklands' best coffee after five months of open online *Docklands News* survey and more than 250 responses.

Illy, in the ANZ Centre in Victoria Harbour, has received 122 nominations, with more than 95 per cent rating its coffee as "superb". Le Cirque in Harbour Town must have a good brew with 85 per cent of 20 respondents ranking it "superb".

Espresso Alto on the stadium concourse is a solid performer with 84.2 per cent of its 19 respondents claiming the "superb" category. A comment to our survey on August 24 went further: "Espresso Alto - definitely the best. Not only do they remember how you like your coffee but also your name."

Mad Duck Café at Yarra's Edge (with 34 respondents) and Embankment Café in Victoria Harbour (9 votes) make up the rest of our top five coffee spots in Docklands.

The survey remains open and we will each month publish the top five. To vote for Docklands' best coffee, go to [www.docklandsnews.com.au/coffee](http://www.docklandsnews.com.au/coffee). To view the current standings, go to <http://tinyurl.com/2d6vktj>



## DOCKLANDS SECRETS

### A rusty secret

***Docklands has quite a few peculiar artworks - for instance the rabbit near The Hub or the woven metal placed along Harbour Esplanade - what do they convey and why are they here?***

The rusty anchor, named Steel Beam, on NewQuay (out the front of Medici) however makes perfect sense, because it fits into the nautical feel of the area.

What doesn't make sense about this piece of art is that fact that its natural rust was earlier this year painted over with fake rust for maintenance purposes. But rust never sleeps and the new fake rust has since been corroded leaving the real rust to shine through.

When *Docklands News* noticed the maintenance work in January this year we contacted the designer, architect Karl Fender, to see whether he was aware that his piece was being changed.

Mr Fender was unaware that the steel beam had been painted and promptly came to Docklands to survey the damage.

He said he half expected to see it painted "mission brown" and was somewhat relieved to see it painted to look like "corten", which of course it was already.

"The corten in its original state would have weathered to a beautiful orange colour thanks to its saltwater exposure and now, I suppose, it will remain looking a little immature. Oh well, it could have been worse in the name of maintenance," he said.

The anchor was painted to stop the rust dripping onto the pavement below. But now that the paint hasn't worked we wonder what they will do?

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# DOCKLANDS COMMUNITY CALENDAR



## DOCKLANDS WRITERS' GROUP

**Starting October**

*The Hub, 80 Harbour Esplanade*

Docklands Writers' Group coming to The Hub in October 2010.

Expressions of interest to [rose@grahammercer.com.au](mailto:rose@grahammercer.com.au)

## COMMUNITY SAFETY DAY

**Sunday, October 24**

*Victoria Harbour*

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## CHECK YOUR HEARING

**Every 2nd Thursday of every month**

*The Hub, 80 Harbour Esplanade*

Free adult hearing checks at The Hub every second Thursday of the month. For more information contact The Hub on **8622 4822**.

Appointments are necessary.

## YOUNG FILMMAKERS HOLIDAY WORKSHOP

**September 21-23**

*Open Channel, Shed 4, Victoria Harbour*

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Phone **8610 9300** or go to [www.openchannel.org.au](http://www.openchannel.org.au)

## RIDE TO WORK COMMUNITY BREAKFAST DOCKLANDS

**Wednesday, October 13, 7am to 9am**

*Docklands Precinct (Venue TBC)*

Features: Breakfast, massages, helmet hair repair. The Ride to Work Day Community Breakfast celebrates the efforts of individuals in the community who ride their bikes to work.

## FINE LINE DRAWING AND BOTANICAL ART CLASSES.

**Monday and Thursday**

*The Hub, 80 Harbour Esplanade*

The University of the 3rd Age offers two classes on Mondays and Thursdays. To make an enquiry regarding the classes, please ring U3A on **9639 5209**

## SPRING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS AT DOCKLANDS!

**Saturday, Sept 18 to Sunday, Oct 3**

*The Icehouse*

*105 Pearl River Road*

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## TRY SAILING DAY FOR THE COMMUNITY

**Second and fourth Sundays of the month, 11am to 3.30pm**

*Docklands Yacht Club, Shed No. 2 North Wharf Rd*

Suitable for all ages and abilities and no booking required. Contact Sonya **0400 932 477** or visit

[www.docklands.yachting.org.au](http://www.docklands.yachting.org.au)

## VARIETY SANTA FUN RUN

**Sunday, Nov 28 7.30am - 11.00 am**

*Waterfront City Piazza*

Adult: \$30 Child (5-10 yrs): \$20

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## DOCKLANDS ROTARY

**Every Tuesday, 6.00pm**

*James Squires, Waterfront City*

First Tuesday of the month is fellowship hour. Regular meetings on other Tuesdays. All welcome. RSVP to Susan Rogan by noon on meeting day for catering purposes: **0415 119 558**.

## DOCKLANDS INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS COMMUNITY (DISC)

**Every Friday, 5pm, 6.30pm**

*The Hub, 80 Harbour Esplanade, Docklands*

Every Friday international students from Docklands and Melbourne CBD can meet up, share food, enjoy English conversation and study the bible. For more details phone Kitty Cheng on **0411 838 966**.

## HUB CLUBS

**Lunch time activities**

The Hub @ Docklands hosts a range of clubs for city workers. Including: table tennis (Mondays); mind games (Tuesdays); power walking (Wednesdays); craft (Thursdays); and language conversation (Fridays). For details **8622 4822** or email [docklandshub@melbourne.vic.gov.au](mailto:docklandshub@melbourne.vic.gov.au)

## 2010 CORPORATE DRAGON BOAT CHALLENGE

**Wednesday, October 27**

*Victoria Harbour (Promenade), Docklands*

The Corporate Dragon Boat Challenge features boat racing action at Victoria Harbour, Docklands. Teams need to work together and in harmony to steer their dragon boat to victory.



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**Every 3rd Saturday of the month**

*Cinema Room, The Hub, 80 Harbour Esp.*

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## DOCKLANDS SUNDAY MARKET

**Every Sunday, 10am to 4pm**

*Waterfront City Docklands Drive*

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## THE FINDERS KEEPERS SPRING/SUMMER MARKETS

**Saturday, October 9 & Sunday, October 10, 10am to 5pm**

*Shed 4, Victoria Harbour North Wharf Rd*

The markets are a bi-annual event to showcase and support the work of emerging designers and artists from Australia and New Zealand.

## COMMUNITY WALK

**Every Wed at 5.30pm and Fri 12.30pm**

*YMCA Docklands, Level 4, 100 Harbour Esplanade*

In conjunction with the Heart Foundation, a great opportunity to meet new people, walk and talk.

## THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (QUAKERS)

**Every Sunday**

**10.30am-11.30am**

*The Hub, 80 Harbour Esplanade, Docklands*

Meet for worship and enjoy a tea or coffee afterwards.



## MUMS WITH PRAMS

A new walking group for 'Mums and Prams' has recently formed. Walks are held each Wednesday morning leaving the hub at 9.30am and are followed by coffee after. If you would like to get fit and meet other mums at the same time, contact the Hub @ Docklands on **8622 4822** to register your spot in this group.

## STORYTIME

**Every Monday at 11am**

*The Hub, 80 Harbour Esplanade, Docklands*

Storytime is a special time for children (aged 2-5 years) and their care-givers to share time together enjoying stories, songs, rhymes and simple craft. No bookings required.

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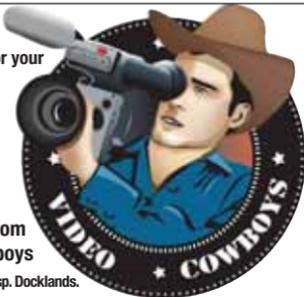


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# DOCKLANDS SPORTS PAGE

## Melbourne Ice are the champions

*Melbourne Ice made history on the last weekend in August by winning the Australian Ice Hockey League (AIHL) champions trophy, the Goodall Cup.*

Having won against the Sydney Bears 2:1 in the semi-final on Saturday, Melbourne Ice went on to victory in the grand final on Sunday, beating the Adelaide Adrenaline 6:4.

Coach Paul Watson said of Saturday's victory: "We've lost in the semi finals the last few years in a row, so this is a big milestone. We got the monkey off our backs, which is a huge relief".

But when the final siren sounded, minds immediately turned to the task that awaited the following day.

In a closely fought grand final battle, Melbourne Ice claimed victory over Adelaide, who had beaten the Newcastle Northstars the day prior for their place in the final.

AIHL president Tim Frampton presented Melbourne with the Goodall Cup in front of 1300 fans who packed the Icehouse to see the best Australian ice hockey played.

The team did a victory lap with the cup to thank their cheering fans.

The celebrations then moved to Harbour Town Hotel where players and supporters could still be found days later.



Melbourne Ice goes nuts after the game. They were still going days later at the Harbour Town Hotel!



## Women on Docklands waterways

*Docklands girls certainly found sailing on Victoria Harbour this winter great fun.*

"We may have had to rug-up a little during the last few months, but the general sailing conditions on Victoria Harbour have been superb," reports Docklands Yacht Club instructor Coral Allen.

"Our club is pleased with our growing number of new lady skippers. We find that the girls possess a natural ability, to very quickly learn to control our small sailing dinghys. They pick up the skill a lot quicker than the lads."

Club development officer Terence O'Donnell agrees with Coral.

"Lady sailors certainly do have a special gift when it comes to learning how to read the wind," he said.

"So, with our new Learn To Sail opportunities starting late September, we wish to welcome lots more ladies of all ages and abilities to the Docklands Yacht Club, which is now an official Yachting Australia Training Centre.

"Hey chaps ...you're welcome too," Terry said.

Check the September training dates online at [www.docklands.yachting.org.au](http://www.docklands.yachting.org.au)

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