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New port plan could save Docklands from bridge

By Shane Scanlan

A thoughtful plan for the future of Melbourne's port put forward last month would save Docklands from being choked by a low rail bridge.

Stevedoring company Asciano suggests that Swanson Dock be upgraded to handle expected demand for the next decade and to bring the Port of Geelong into the longer-term picture.

Ultimately, Asciano suggests that Geelong and Hastings should become dual gateways for all freight bound for Melbourne.

Apart from massive cost savings, the plan would mean the Port of Melbourne Corporation no longer had any reason to build its proposed rail bridge just eight metres above the water in front of the Bolte Bridge.

The Docklands community is vehemently opposed to the port's bridge plan which would disrupt marine traffic and undermine the maritime nature of the Docklands precinct.

The port currently proposes a "rail link" between its existing Dynon freight facility and a proposed \$1.3billion expansion at Webb Dock at Port Melbourne.

The port claims not to have a concrete proposal for a bridge, saying it has not decided between a bridge and a tunnel. But engineers advise that, even if there was money for a tunnel, there is simply not enough available distance available to cater for the required gradients.

The City of Melbourne supports the "rail link" but denies it supports the bridge. This is despite CEO Kathy Alexander admitting to the Docklands Co-ordination Committee meeting on September 16 that the tunnel idea was impractical.

VicUrban is also sitting on the fence, saying it has no position because there is no actual proposal for a "bridge" before it.



In June Ports Minister Tim Pallas signalled that he may be willing to reconsider the Port's Webb Dock/low rail bridge plan by calling for new ideas on the future of container freight in Melbourne.

In its new proposal, Asciano points out that there is no rail link between Webb Dock and the north side of the river where all the freight would ultimately end up.

It suggests activating the Port of Geelong, where a rail link already exists.

"This would deliver additional international container capacity sufficient to satisfy Victoria's demand through to 2030, and provide long term capacity to the west of Melbourne," its submission says.

Asciano further suggests that the Port of Hastings could be developed at a sustainable pace to pick up the rest of Victoria's container demand beyond 2030.

The Docklands Community Association last month responded to the City of Melbourne's draft Municipal Strategic Statement which supports the "rail link" with Webb Dock.

DCA president, Roger Gardner, said the feedback from the community was overwhelming objection to a rail bridge and support for a tunnel instead.

The convenor of "Defend our Docklands ... or" (DODO) Michael Lindell said if the State Government was serious about inter-modalism, it would be attracted to the Asciano plan.

"If they were serious about it, they would have a 20 to 30 year plan that provided a real statewide solution," he said.

"The only option that strengthens the west is Swanson in the short term and Geelong in the longer term," Mr Lindell said.

"Even with Hastings in the longer term, you have to ask how they are going to move this freight to the west? And, without freight also coming via Geelong, the answer is through the inner city."

ING Real Estate Development last month wrote to Mr Pallas opposing the bridge and supporting the tunnel option.

A spokesperson said a summary of the letter was:

"ING Real Estate has for many years continued to lobby and support like-minded groups who contest the proposed low level rail bridge from the northern Dynon and Swanson precinct to the southern river mouth Webb precinct."

"To ensure that Victoria Harbour, the Yarra River and Port Phillip Bay continue to be embraced by public and private water transport systems for generations to come, ING Real Estate Development's request is for the development of a tunnel corridor as the freight transport solution, to ensure the Docklands, the CBD and Port Phillip Bay is connected forever without impediment."



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Bronwyn Pike



Brian Walters



Luke Martin

Oktoberfest cancelled

The Rotary Club of Docklands has cancelled its Oktoberfest event scheduled for October 16 due to the closure of the venue.

James Squires Brewhouse is no longer available as a venue. The club apologises for any inconvenience and has urged people who purchased tickets through the venue to make contact for a refund.

Club secretary Alison Gouws can be contacted on 0409 947 780.

Come out and meet the candidates

Don't forget to come out and meet your state election candidates in Victoria Harbour on Thursday, October 21.

Docklands News is bringing together the Greens, Labor and Liberal candidates for a special night where they can meet the Docklands community.

The candidates will 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 matters 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:

- 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.

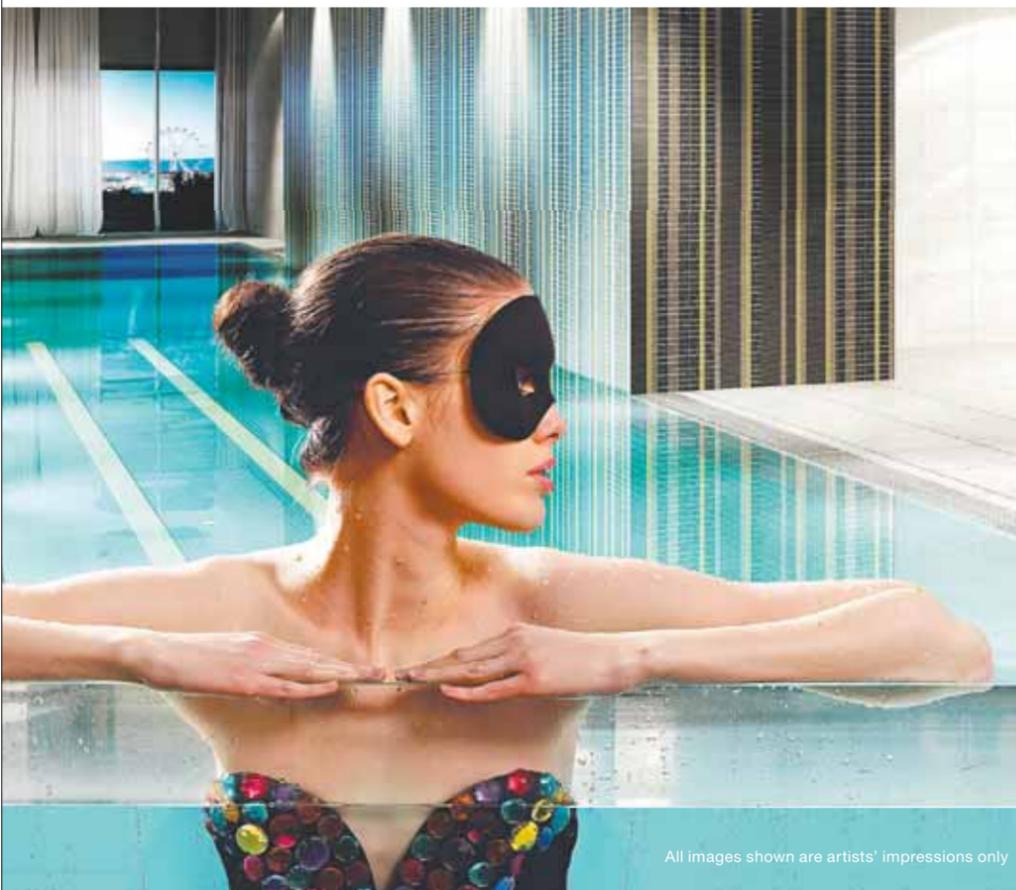
Mr Scanlan said the night was designed to give Docklanders a personal look at their political candidates.

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

Harbour Kitchen will be open for business, so why not come out and meet your fellow Docklands residents on a night with a serious subject, but which is held within a social setting.

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Licensing is back in the news in Docklands

Liquor licensing is back in the news in Docklands with two cases creating interest – an application by the Woolshed Pub to expand numbers; and the resurrection of the Uber Bar application for St Mangos Lane, NewQuay.

The Woolshed has gone back to the Liquor Licensing Commission to seek permission to open its “back bar” area for two extra hours to the general public. The Woolshed has a licence for 311 people for this area but only until 11pm – except for pre-booked events, when it is allowed to trade until 1am.

It’s application to the Liquor Licensing Commission seeks to align its trading hours for their internal areas to 1am.

It argued its case in a panel hearing on September 6 and was supported in its application by some Dock 5 residents.

Opposing the application was the City of Melbourne and Dock 5 resident Peter Henderson on behalf of the “Group for the Preservation of the Dock 5 Amenity”. A decision is yet to be released.

The Woolshed Pub took 18 months to get its licence after originally applying for a general licence for 1445 patrons. It was finally granted an on-premises licences for 675 people.

And in NewQuay, local businessman Chris Ellis has renewed his bid for a small bar in St Mangos Lane, with an application to

a Liquor Licensing Panel hearing on September 23.

Mr Ellis is seeking a licence for 57 patrons for an upmarket wine and cocktail bar in the MAB-owned premises at 29 St Mangos Lane. MAB Corporation failed to sell the property at auction on September 10 but it is clear that if Mr Ellis’s application is successful, he’ll be opening for business.

NewQuay precinct manager Simon Duffield said the Uber Bar would be welcomed “with open arms.”

Mr Ellis originally lodged his application last November but appeared to withdraw his application after opposition from residents emerged early this year.

Mr Ellis said personal matters forced him to put his application on the back burner. He said it was “black and white” case – if he was granted a licence, he would proceed and, if not, he wouldn’t.

In both the Woolshed and Uber Bar instances, they are now making application under a new political regime. Former Liquor Licensing Commissioner Sue Maclellan was replaced in May by Mark Brennan.

Ms Maclellan was renowned for her hardline approach to issuing licences against a background of increasing alcohol-fuelled street violence in Melbourne.

It was Ms Maclellan who in January 2009, rejected the Woolshed’s application outright, despite a panel recommendation for conditional approval.

Mr Brennan’s appointment in May was widely welcomed by those adversely affected by Ms Maclellan’s decisions.



Stars of the big screen – Docklands News journalist Alison Kinkade (left) and Docklands TV business development manager Linh Nyugen at Waterfront City. Photography David Simmonds.

From little things, big things grow!

Docklands TV migrated from the REALLY small screen to the REALLY big screen last month.

The internet-based docklandstv.com.au showcases our suburb to the rest of the world via live video streaming technology.

And a specially packaged DVD of each previous week’s shows is also shown widely around Docklands via large screen displays in shops, offices, foyers, pubs and cafes.

Docklands News editor Shane Scanlan thanked all the businesses which are now showing Docklands TV.

“In particular, I want to thank Rod Stoller of Logistics Events for generously offering to screen Docklands TV twice daily on the Waterfront City big screen,” Mr Scanlan said.

And coming soon is a three-month trial of live video streaming of City of Melbourne council and committee meetings. The first show is due to screen at 5pm on October 5.

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Andrew gives the gift of snow

By Alison Kinkade

While many people spend their free time indulging in their own hobbies, Docklands worker Andrew Partos volunteers himself to the community.

And for one weekend last month, Andrew helped two groups he is involved with combine forces to give Sudanese youth the time of their life.

On the weekend of September 18 and 19, Andrew and four other volunteers journeyed to Mt Buller with 17 Sudanese youths.

Having been involved with the Sudanese community for the past three years and having volunteered as a ski patroller for the past 20 years, Andrew saw the weekend as a

great opportunity.

"I put a proposal into the Buller Ski Lifts which offers assistance to charitable organisations and we also had a lot of help from the resort management board, ski rental, Quince's bus line and Princes Hill Secondary School," Andrew said.

He said the weekend was organised to give the Sudanese teens a chance to do something that they wouldn't normally get the opportunity to do.



Andrew Partos during a recent trip to Africa.



SAIL student Changkuoth Lok enjoys a snow mobile ride with ski patroller Rob Sparrow.

"It was very rewarding and it was great watching them ski because many of them are very athletic and picked it up very easily," he said.

Andrew, who has been working in Docklands with VicUrban for the past six years, became involved with the Sudanese Australian Integrated Learning (SAIL) Program through his work with VicUrban.

"I was working with VicUrban on the revitalisation of Dandenong and development of Footscray three years ago when I found out about SAIL," Andrew said.

"At the time Sudanese people were getting quite a hard time in the media and I thought I could choose to believe what was being said or do something and get involved so I joined SAIL."

As well as organising camps, Andrew tutors students at SAIL's Footscray campus and is also involved in helping youth sporting groups.

"It's very satisfying work and the community is so great at grabbing the opportunities when they arrive and are very willing to be involved," Andrew said.

To find out more information about SAIL visit <http://www.sailprogram.org.au/>

Toilet talks have a happy ending

NewQuay owners' corporations briefly closed their toilets to the public last month after becoming frustrated with the City of Melbourne.

The council has no public toilets of its own and relies on the private facilities of the various NewQuay buildings.

The owners and the council have had a memorandum of understanding in place for the last two years but the owners were becoming increasingly frustrated at what they believed was council apathy.

Boyd, Palladio and St Elia owners corporation chair Paul O'Halloran also had an issue with the council changing traffic conditions without any consultation which resulted in removalists being forced to drive against the traffic up a one-way street.

"Despite our repeated requests to both MCC and MAB nobody has had the courtesy to contact us," Mr O'Halloran had earlier complained.

The council has subsequently met with the owners' corporations and Mr O'Halloran has agreed to open his St Mangos Lane toilets. He said the toilets in Aquatania Way would be only opened for specific events only.

"The council came down here and fixed the traffic problem in 90 seconds and it looks like we are going to be able to negotiate a five-year agreement on the toilets," he said.

The Arkley owners corporations has decided to keep its toilet closed to the public and the Nolan will close its Caravel Lane toilet.

Nolan owners corporation chair Michele Anderson said she was unable to negotiate a suitable deal with the council.

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James Squire locked out of premises

By Shane Scanlan

Docklands lost a cornerstone business last month when James Squire Brewhouse was locked out by its landlord over a rent dispute.

Neither the brewhouse's owner Graeme Thompson nor ING Real Estate were prepared to publicly discuss the matter due to legal constraints, but the closure is a blow to the Waterfront City precinct.

Squires was an anchor tenant and its management had become much admired and respected within the wider Docklands community.

Managers Grant Rigby and Jane Kinsey had been there from the start – December 22, 2005.

Their almost daily battle to hit revenue targets through the seasonal peaks and troughs which characterise hospitality in Docklands came to an abrupt end early on Thursday, September 16 when their cleaners alerted them that they could no longer access the building.

A notice posted by their landlord stated that demands for money made in June had not been met. Failing payment, it gave the business 14 days to clear out the premises, with particular mention of the upstairs micro-brewery.

"We're a little surprised," Mr Rigby said. "I always thought we'd work through this together."

For the 20 affected staff, the closure was even more surprising. Landlord representatives escorted the staff into the premises to collect their personal effects later in the day on the 16th.

For 24-year-old Cuong Ngo, Squires was the only job he'd known – having started there as a raw 19-year-old and subsequently completed formal training and worked his way into a management position.

"I only really stayed that long because I like the place so much," he said.

City on a Hill (formerly Docklands Church) minister Guy Mason shot to international



James Squire kitchen staff collect their personal effects and equipment from the Waterfront City business on September 16.

prominence in October 2007 when he started holding Sunday church services at Squires. The church had outgrown the venue for its Sunday morning service, but was still holding its weekly evening service there at the time of closure.

City on a Hill is currently holding a combined service at its Hoyts Cinema location in the CBD.

Docklands Rotary has also been forced to find a new home and has moved its weekly meetings to Waterfront Venues on the other side of the Waterfront City Piazza.

Another "original" Docklands business, Vic Harbour Kitchen and Bar, suffered a similar fate nearly a month earlier when it was locked out of its NewQuay Promenade premises by MAB Corporation.

NewQuay precinct manager Simon Duffield said negotiations were going well and he was confident that Vic Harbour would soon be re-opening.

But not everyone is upset by the latest news. The largest Docklands restaurant player Lou Jovanovski says it creates an opportunity for some "fresh blood".

"Perhaps we will get someone down there that will be more active in the precinct and

bring new ideas and a breath of fresh air," he said.

Mr Jovanovski was critical of both James Squire and Vic Harbour for failing to be part of combined marketing initiatives.

"To be very honest I really don't think it (the closures) will make any difference to us at all," he said.

Waterfront Venues owner Paul Misan agrees.

"My view generally for the precinct is that from time to time I would expect there will

be tenancy and tenant changes as there have been in the past and will be in the future. I do not see this as inherently negative as these changes bring with them new energy and a new 'buzz' to the area," Mr Misan said.

"Whilst I always watch events with interest, and given the new and ongoing developments in Docklands, I feel the direction of the precinct is to growth and further establishing its place in the Melbourne dining landscape for corporates, tourists and residents generally."

Ride to Work Day

Ride to Work Day is Thursday, October 13 and riders can expect a free breakfast and other rewards when they arrive in Docklands.

The Docklands breakfast is one of a series of breakfasts around Australia to celebrate the efforts of people who ride their bikes to work, often for the first time.

Melbourne City Sports, in conjunction with the City of Melbourne, will be hosting the Ride to Work Community

Breakfast in Docklands in the NAB forecourt (cnr Bourke St and Harbour Esplanade) from 7am – 9am.

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Docklands Rotary service projects director Adrian Stanners dishes out some punishment to the weeds at Kinglake.

Rotary Club helps out

A group of eight Docklands Rotarians and their friends travelled to Kinglake last month to help bushfire victims re-establish their lives.

The group spent Sunday, September 12 gardening, cutting wood and generally cleaning up the property of an elderly local resident and bushfire survivor.

Service projects director Adrian Stanners said that members of Docklands Rotary Club also volunteered in Kinglake this time last year.

"The fires have long past, but it will be a very

long time until a lot of these people get their lives back on track," Mr Stanners said.

"We welcome the opportunity to connect with the recovering Kinglake community and help out where we can."

Docklands Rotary meets every Tuesday at 6.30pm. For more information, contact Leisa Wheatland on wheatland.leisa@bigpond.com or 0448 945 555.

Council contact is increasing

The City of Melbourne's contact with Docklands via its Hub community centre continued to build last financial year.

Some vital statistics from the year include:

- 23,330 visits for the year, with an average of 1944 visits each month;
- Community use of The Hub meeting spaces was 4235 hours, compared with 3926 hours last financial year;
- Wireless access connections almost doubled with more than 1255 connections;
- The biggest increase was in community use of the library services offered from The Hub. Over the last year loans increased 169 per cent and returns increased by 179 per cent. On average, over 1000 library items are returned via The Hub each month; and

- The preschool story-time program continued to grow over the past 12 months with an average of 25 children attending each session compared with 19 children last year. There are also now 13 weekly playgroups compared with eight for the same time last year.

Activities aimed at building a stronger community in Docklands include:

- Hub Clubs @ Lunch sessions aimed at workers in Docklands have been successfully run since early May and have increased to two activity sessions per week; and
- Over the past 12 months a variety of users have booked The Hub to offer programs and classes. These range from yoga, meditation, kinder-ballet, Mini Maestros, U3A botanical art, Brazilian jiu-jitsu, YHA bushwalking, Toastmasters, Chamber of Commerce, Linux Computer Group, Brightstars children's dancing and acting, MS Society of Victoria information sessions and VicDeaf hearing tests.

Serviced apartments are good, says poll

Most Docklanders approve of serviced apartments, according to the September 'Docklands News' online poll.

Some 19 people responded with 11 (57.9 per cent) of them saying they liked serviced apartments.

Respondents were invited to leave comments. Some are reproduced here:

- Serviced apartments destroy the community and cause increased maintenance on the buildings with operators gaining all the benefits without paying a cent towards extra maintenance they cause.
- Many short stay visitors treat the residential areas with complete disregard. It is time to take action and stop this trend as this isn't a motel it is a residential precinct.
- I like, but I am cautious about how they work in mixed-use buildings for security reasons.
- Bringing more tourists to the area. As long as they are controlled and rules are laid down such as the ones in NewQuay.
- Yes, it brings a different opportunity to experience Docklands like a home.
- I am a resident and it is disruptive.
- I have more than one serviced apartment on my level and the common areas are the most dirty and poorly maintained.

Service apartments invite strangers into the neighbourhood and why would these strangers give a damn about the liveability of a place they will leave?

- I live at the Palladio and I am sick of seeing people with prostitutes for the night. I am sick of the way people who stay overnight put rubbish in the rubbish room and not down the chute. The smell of rubbish permeates the floor because of these people.
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Class action against Lend Lease looming over Serrata

Victoria Harbour residents say a legal class action against Lend Lease is likely over its Serrata development in Bourke St.

Montage and Mosaic owners are upset over the 15-storey development which they say is being built contrary to what they were told when they purchased their adjacent properties.

The residents say they were misled and are planning the class action for damages. They say they were told the site would be developed for low-rise community purposes.

Spokesperson Francis Ruggiero said the residents were speaking with a number of firms which "specialise in this sort of thing" and a decision on a class action would likely be made within the next two weeks.

"The issue hasn't gone away," Mr Ruggiero said. "We've continued our discussions with Lend Lease but they don't seem to understand that, even if they get the building up, the issue is not going to go away."

"They've got a fully-funded professional group opposing them who will pursue it to the end."

"A class action is being seriously investigated and discussed and a number of larger legal firms are currently looking at this matter," Mr Ruggiero said.

He accused Lend Lease of deliberate deception and said some residents were seeking their money back from the developer.

Mr Ruggiero said Serrata was poorly planned and would contribute to increasing parking and traffic amenity issues in Victoria Harbour.

Vivas Lend Lease executive director Hugh Martin has previously denied misleading the owners. Mr Martin said he had not received any notification of any legal action.

"It is not appropriate to speculate on how we would respond to this currently hypothetical situation," he said.

Lend Lease has announced it intends to sell half of the Serrata development to Sekisui House Australia.

"Sekisui House is a major international property developer with a strong reputation

for quality and sustainability," Mr Martin said.

"The joint venture is consistent with Lend Lease's preferred capital approach to major apartment development. Lend Lease has applied a similar capital partner approach to other previous buildings at Victoria Harbour over recent years."

Mr Martin said almost 100 of the 144 Serrata apartments had been sold.

"Lend Lease will retain a 50 per cent investment during the development alongside Sekisui House. In addition Lend Lease will provide all development, project management and construction services to ensure the successful completion of the new Serrata apartment building," he said.

October Survey

The Serrata development in Victoria Harbour has got locals talking.

Have your say online at www.docklandsnews.com.au/serrata



John Woodland's "The Victor and the Vanquished" is one of the great works on display.

Top maritime art on display

The prestigious ANL Maritime Art Prize and Exhibition is on again in Docklands this month.

This event raises money for the Mission to Seafarers at 717 Flinders St and has contributed about \$180,000 to seafarers' welfare since it was started in 2002.

All works exhibited are for sale and pay a 33 per cent commission toward supporting seafarers' welfare.

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Perfectly located on the South side of Village Docklands facing the Yarra is this impressive 13th floor, light filled apartment with winter Garden terrace directly overlooking the Yarra River. Consisting of 2 bedrooms (the master with private ensuite), a modern and stylish kitchen open to the dining/lounge, perfect for entertaining family and friends before heading into the town for a night of fun.

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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.

Docklands 110 / 60 Siddeley Street
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 2 bed 1 bath 1 car
Private sale \$550,000
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Contact Glenn Donnelly



This beautifully presented fully furnished one bedroom apartment located on the 5th level of Docklands Quest on Bourke complex is a must see. The apartment has a large balcony off the main living area that is ideal for the entertainer. The apartment is currently leased back to the secure tenant of Quest Service apartment group. What an ideal investment opportunity!

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Luxuriously appointed in the Conder, this enviable residence is a must see for those who expect the best. The gourmet kitchen is complemented with a large island stone bench top, Miele stainless steel appliances and generous storage space. The double size main bedroom includes a luxurious en-suite with twin vanities. The apartment captures over 280 degree vistas of the Yarra River and Docklands precinct. Other features include air-conditioning throughout, 3 bathrooms, separate laundry, 2 secure car spaces and a storage cage. Also included is a membership to the exclusive health club featuring heated indoor lap pool, spa, sauna and fully equipped gymnasium.

Docklands 1901 / 2 NewQuay Prom
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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.

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Docklands, the urban fantasy

By Alison Kinkade

It is somewhat fitting that crime-writer Lindy Cameron will be one of the first novelists to address the new Docklands Writers Group on November 10.

Lindy, whose first novel was published in Australia in 1998 by Harper Collins and featured Docklands, is two-thirds of the way through her sixth novel, an urban-fantasy also set in Docklands.

"My latest novel is about three or four parallel universes, with the main two being set in Docklands – one universe as Docklands is today and the other a separate world set around a school which has been wedged into it."

The book, which Lindy said was likely to be called *Spectrum*, follows three main teenage characters from the alternate Docklands universe as they time-travel, as well as visit the real Docklands in order to save the world.

"The real Docklands may not be all as it seems either. There might be one thing which isn't quiet the same but everything



Lindy Cameron ... looking in Docklands for the next-big-thing.

else will be and it will be clearly identifiable," Lindy said.

An established fiction and non-fiction crime-writer, with a three-part series published in America, *Spectrum* will be Lindy's first urban fantasy novel, but not necessarily her last.

"I've always loved fantasy novels and grew up reading books like the *Famous Five* so it just seemed like a natural progression."

A member of crime-writers support group, Sisters of Crime, along with Rose Mercer, the host of the Docklands Writers Group, Lindy can see great benefit in writers' groups.

"I'm involved in a few writers' groups and they're fantastic for fostering great writers and finding new-up-and-coming writers who may have otherwise fallen through the cracks," she said.

Lindy has now set up her own publishing company, Clan Destine Press and hopes to discover the next-big-thing through her involvement in writers' groups.

The Docklands Writers Group will be held every week at The Hub starting on October 6, to help foster new and established writers in Docklands.

For more information on the writers group, contact Rose on rose@grahammercer.com.au.

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Advertisers wishing to be in front of Docklands residents and workers for the whole of 2011 should act fast and contact the Docklands Directory 2011's sales manager Linh Nguyen.

Ms Nguyen said display advertising in the directory was now available, but she couldn't guarantee that spaces would be available for long. "The first in will be best dressed, no doubt about it," she said.



The directory was introduced this year and has proven to be a great success for the businesses involved.

This year, the directory will feature free listings for more than 600 Docklands businesses under a wide range of categories.

"We will list their name, address, precinct and phone number for free," Ms Nguyen said. "We expect about 16 pages of business line listings."

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Ms Nguyen can be contacted on 0424 155 160 or linh@docklandsnews.com.au

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Docklands showcased to the world

Urban Reforestation director Emily Ballantyne-Brodie last month represented Urban Reforestation, Docklands and Australia at the CUMULUS Young Creators for a Better City, Better Life Design Conference at the World Expo in Shanghai.

The theme of the World Expo 2010 is Better City, Better Life. The expo stimulates thought and action to promote ecologically responsible lifestyles and sustainable development as 55 per cent of the world's population has already become an "urban civilisation".

Urban Reforestation is a project that embodies sustainable design and social innovation in practice. Emily's paper highlighted Docklands as leading the way in this new wave of innovation that is helping to create sustainable and connected urban communities.

Emily was selected for the conference's Working Group on Sustainability. She was excited to be on a panel with a world leading sustainable designer Ezio Manzini from Politecnico in Milan.

The Docklands Urban Reforestation concept, can give integral "clues" for other communities and cities around the world on how to inspire and enable a best practice sustainable urban community.



Urban Reforestation director Emily Ballantyne-Brodie outlines her Docklands project to the CUMULUS Young Creators for a Better City, Better Life Design Conference at the World Expo in Shanghai.

This highlights the global context of the project and the importance of continuing to support the project.

"Moving into the next phase of recreating the garden and sustainable living centre on Geopraphe St it is very important to get this

right," Ms Ballantyne-Brodie said.

"The project will need continuing support and participation from the Docklands community and its stakeholders such as developers, businesses and the local and state governments."

"Docklands is a very important place to showcase models and lead the way in the sustainable design sector and services for the world. We are very lucky in Melbourne and Australia that we have wealth, we are open to new ways of doing things and Melbourne is a leader in design. Therefore we have a great opportunity to create changes towards sustainable living in an urban context."

The Shanghai exhibition, the largest world expo ever held, serves as a platform for cross-cultural dialogue and co-operation and a centre of innovation and interaction.

Participants and visitors are exposed to new habitats, lifestyles and working conditions in order to find new approaches for building better cities and therefore better lives.

Up to 70 million people are expected to visit Expo Shanghai 2010 from its opening day on May 1, to its closure on October 31, 2010.

Over 180 countries and 50 international organisations are expected to participate.

For more information visit:

World Expo Official Site:
<http://en.expo2010.cn>

CUMULUS:
www.cumulusassociation.org

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www.urbanreforestation.com

DESIS Network; Design for Social Innovation and Sustainability:
www.desis-network.org

The Cat Got Your Tongue?

If you've ever tried to give your cat a pill you'll know that it's usually a recipe for a scratch and cats are not the only pets who don't like taking medicine. With people now keeping new and interesting pets, it's amazing the sorts of injuries angry pets can cause. Little wonder pets object to dosage forms that were designed for humans, but what can pet owners do?

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There's magic at Harbour Town these school holidays.

Holiday time buzz at Harbour Town

The holidays crowds were back at Harbour Town in September with much interest in the attractions as well as the shopping.

Farmer Darryl and his animal farm was a great drawcard, as was the resident magician and tarot readings on Level 1.

Centre marketing manager Ellen Stowers said many repeat shoppers returned to Harbour Town during the holidays.

"The centre has been popular again these school holidays and as the weather is getting better more people are coming to spend the day at the centre," she said.

"September school holidays is a busy time for Melbourne so we are looking forward to families and friends coming to the centre to enjoy all the free school holiday entertainment, do some shopping and enjoy the cafes and restaurants at Harbour Town."

Among the attractions was an opportunity to win a family trip to Queensland with tickets to Dreamworld.

"We also have a new locals free VIP card which entitles them to further savings at participating retailers. It is free to join, simply visit the Tourism Lounge or harbourtownmelbourne.com.au," Ms Stowers said.

Yarra's Edge is at last reconnected with the city

After about four years being cut off from the South Wharf area, the pedestrian and cycle linkage under the Charles Grimes Bridge was finally and permanently reinstated last month.

This is two years earlier than was expected, thanks to the dedicated efforts of a band of Yarra's Edge residents who fought Melbourne Water and contractor John Holland's plans to keep the link closed until 2012.

Firstly the trail was closed for three years due to the construction of the South Wharf complex. Then Melbourne Water and John Holland proposed a further three-year closure as part of the Main Melbourne Sewer Replacement project.

Resident Cobien Watts intervened and, with a lot of help from her friends, negotiated a temporary reinstatement. That involved a "rickety" set of stairs and some dodging and weaving but hardy souls could at least negotiate access.

Financial woes struck the project about four months ago and work on the permanent access stopped.

So Cobien fired into action again with emails to the hierarchies of the various associated companies of builders, owners and managers.

The result was that the path was finally opened in late September and Cobien couldn't have been happier.

"Well what can say? It really is a wonderful feeling shared by many Dockland residents and workers who have sent me many a big thank you for actually getting it done," she said.

"First I battled with Melbourne Water and John Holland. Then we were presented with rickety steps thrown together from left over building materials by South Wharf Retail ignoring cyclist, wheelchair and disabled access."

"Then with the financial problems at DFO the building of the walkway was stopped half way for several months."

"Eventually after negotiations with Melbourne Water and John Holland (and the banks) Contextx agreed to finish the walkway /ramp by the end of September."

"Yep I am happy. It was definitely worth the effort," Cobien said.

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John Katris and Melissa Mascaro

Deals done over lunch

Fun was had and deals were done at the Docklands News Networking Lunch on September 17.

More than 80 Docklands business people attended Waterfront Venues at Waterfront City, with the last leaving after 5pm.

Docklands News editor Shane Scanlan said there was a distinctive buzz in the air during and after the lunch.

"I think it might have been our most successful event yet," Mr Scanlan said. "The feedback has been great with people making new contacts and doing business together."

One participant later emailed:

"We thoroughly enjoyed the network lunch and did manage to create a potentially lucrative liaison during same. We will be back!"

Docklands News hosts the lunches quarterly in an attempt to bring Docklands businesses closer together.

"We're all in this together and have to help each other," Mr Scanlan said. "No one else is going to do it for us."

The next lunch will be held on Friday, December 10 at a venue to be announced.



Georgina Hood from the Icehouse and Sally Bastone of LeasePlan.



Docklands News' Peter Crowley and John Carfi of Mirvac.

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DCA president Roger Gardner, Cr Kevin Louey and Harry Nguyen of Northwind Group.



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Waterfront City winners

Congratulations to Joanne Farrugia who won the major prize in Waterfront City's winter competition.

Throughout June and July, shoppers at Harbour Town had the chance to win one of 10 great prize packs.

Other winners were Chi Keen Low, Angela Johnson, Matthew Yurman, Colin Majoros, Danielle Pyatt, Jan Adolph, Sandra Dickenson, Alexis Wilson and Elise Johnson.

Each prize pack included:

- A family pass to ice skate at the Icehouse;
- A \$50 Harbour Town Shopping Centre Gift Voucher;
- A family pass for The Amazing Bodies Exhibition;
- A \$50 dining voucher valid at Fish Seafood Grill, Bellissimo Cucina & Trattoria and Butchers Grill; and
- Plus a free membership from Costco Wholesale!



Major prize winner Joanne Farrugia.



Lisa Dillon, is presented with her prize by Gold's morning announcer Craig "Huggy" Huggins.

Docklands is the place to be

It seems that Docklands is where everyone wants to be, if the response to a recent radio promotion is any guide.

Radio station Gold 104.3 FM usually gets between 50 and 500 responses to its online competitions. But when the first prize was a night's luxury accommodation in Docklands, more than 1200 people responded.

"This is absolutely phenomenal for an online comp," Gold's promotions manager Kat Izzard said.

The result is very encouraging for Destination Docklands, the precinct's co-operative marketing group, which was behind the spring competition.

Executive officer Michelle Kemp said the details collected from entries would be

added to a database which would be used for future Docklands promotions.

"Listeners were directed to Gold's website through the week of September 13-17 where they could register to win one of four \$150 vouchers from Harbour Town Hotel and a fantastic family break at Docklands valued at \$1500," Ms Kemp said.

Lisa Dillon from Avondale Heights was the lucky winner of the major prize. She said it was "awesome to win!"

Lisa and her husband already spend weekends at Docklands when they have time off, enjoying the restaurants and shops. They also like to bring their nieces with them when they can.

"More people need visit the Docklands to discover everything it has to offer," Lisa said.

Ms Kemp thanked Docklands businesses for generously donating the prizes.

2010 Dragon Boat Challenge

Now in its third year, the Corporate Dragon Boat Challenge features an afternoon of dragon boat racing action on Victoria Harbour on October 27.

Throughout the afternoon teams compete in a round robin format and then in a finals series to determine the champions of the 2010 Corporate Dragon Boat Challenge.

Each dragon boat crew consists of up to 20 paddlers and one drummer. Teams need to work together and in harmony to steer their dragon boat to victory.

Event Date and Time:

Wednesday, October 27, 3pm-6.30pm

Event Location:

Victoria Harbour, Docklands

Costing:

\$1050 (inc. GST) per team

Inclusions:

- All equipment (dragon boats, paddles, life jackets) provided in addition to an accredited helm/sweep to steer each team and a comprehensive safety briefing prior to racing;
- Up to 26 participants per team (which includes five reserves);
- Two x 1 hour coaching sessions included;
- Snacks and bottled water provided post event; and
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Did you know?

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Known as Melbourne's Green Zone, the program is a collaboration between the RACV, EPA and Future Climate Australia via the Low Emission Vehicle (LEV) Automotive Partnership.

Docklanders are invited to inspect and drive all the cars on display in the vacant land on the Collins St side of the Fox Classic Car Collection in Batman's Hill Drive.

The drive lasts only a few minutes, but is long enough to show off the real world everyday

performance of low emission vehicles.

At least 10 different vehicles will be available for a test drive at any one time. Test drivers are encouraged to pre-book their drive at a special website that has been set up for the event www.greenzonedrive.com.au

The Green Zone event opens at 9am on Saturday and Sunday and closes at 7.30pm. On weekdays the event is open from 8am until 6.30pm. It finishes on Friday, October 8.

Testers will need to present their full valid Australian driving licence in order to be accepted for a drive.

The organisers said they chose Docklands for three reasons: "We chose the area because of the high number of corporate HQs in the area, the open space and the proximity to major transport hubs."

"Also, because of the modern feel of the area which is in keeping with the concept. And lastly, because of the ability to be able to run a loop drive circuit through the area."



The Green Zone test drive route takes you up Bourke St, Docklands.

The feedback is in

The City of Melbourne and VicUrban say they have consulted with 3701 people on the future of Docklands during the first phase of their Second Decade of Docklands project.

Of these, they say 1892 people have responded, with some 1772 giving written feedback.

The biggest single group of respondents (665) were people who were asked their thoughts on Docklands while visiting VicUrban's office, the Goods Shed North, during Melbourne Open House in July.

They say they had a further 319 comments off a website as well as 292 comments via Herald Sun newspaper online polls.

They say they collected 150 comments from a Docklands "speak out" event on August 8 and 40 comments from specially organised sessions with "hard to reach" youth, disabled, culturally and linguistically diverse and elderly people. A further 35 community comments came from a community forum on July 29.

The rest of the comments came from business and government.

During the next phase of the project the council and VicUrban will analyse and present their findings. They promise to "clearly identify the actions needed to deliver the shared vision" by April next year.

At the Docklands Co-ordination Committee meeting on September 16, VicUrban social economic development director Sunny Haynes outlined the findings to date.

Ms Haynes said people had polarised views

on Docklands. People either loved it or they hated it, she said.

She said the most popular themes emerging under the various headings employed were:

- **Embracing the harbour:** Ferries, view-lines, boating events and water taxis;
- **Events and attractions:** Markets, outdoor cinema and watching and playing sport;
- **Creating character:** Diverse population, nooks and crannies, primary school, trees and green spaces and small businesses;
- **Getting to and around Docklands:** Prioritise bike lanes and pedestrians and more parking;
- **Technology and sustainability:** Windpower and free wifi.

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Docklands' response to MSS

The Docklands Community Association has responded to the City of Melbourne's request for feedback on its draft Municipal Strategic Statement (MSS). An edited version of the response is presented below:

Walking

Pedestrian pathways are too limited. There are no dedicated paths to access the Flagstaff Gardens, for example, or other parts of the CBD nor is there any along Footscray Rd. See also our recommendation below for provision of a footbridge over Footscray Rd. We should also point out that wooden decking on promenades, whilst attractive, is causing two problems needing review – one is people slipping on it when wet; the other being warping and some splintering of planks causing tripping.

Bicycles

There is much criticism in Docklands of dual usage paths for both bicycles and pedestrians, and we would recommend they be separated. In any event they should be clearly marked and signs erected warning cyclists not to speed. This should be policed.

Car parks

We do not agree with the proposed discouraging of new commercial car parks because of the severe lack of street parking. Commercial car parks are essential for visitors and to draw people to the area. They need to be easily accessible and affordable. Vacant lots currently being used for street level parking are gradually being built on, therefore further reducing parking availability. At the same time the population continues to grow. Free bus shuttles to the waterfront and venues should be considered.

Freight transport

The Docklands community, both residential and commercial, is overwhelmingly opposed to the construction of a rail bridge and supports a tunnel. A freight rail bridge would be unsightly, would create unacceptable noise and would hamper the movement of masted vessels. This view has been expressed previously.

Skyline

The lack of soul in Docklands is partly due to the unsightly bland exterior design of low cost high-rise buildings. There is no co-ordination or standards. Whilst setting standards may be difficult, due to lack of precedent, this should not preclude some guidelines being developed and issued. For example, some colour instead of dull grey concrete facades (but not in the form of Lego-like attachments), some relief in sheer wall facades and some angular structures on otherwise flat top roofs. Contrast Docklands' present "dog's breakfast" with the multitude of elegant lightly-coloured buildings on the Gold Coast with manicured gardens and incidentally less wind tunnel effect. Docklands is supposed to be a major attractive waterside development but is falling far short in its appearance.

Wind tunnels

The public is highly critical of the wind problem in Docklands. The problem has two causes – exposed areas and wind tunnels due to buildings and their positioning. We recommend that wind protection measures be provided for both new and existing buildings and exposed areas. Measures could include erection of canopies affixed to buildings over footpaths and installation of barriers and wind breaks at ground level.

Public open space

Lack of land for parks and open space is also a major problem. There is no park of any size. A "Second Decade" leaflet from VicUrban states that 98 per cent of developable land has been contracted out to developers, which doesn't leave much. A small, out of the way patch under Bolte Bridge is hardly ideal for the purpose. Existing small green patches here and there such as the so-called Docklands Park (some 100 by 200 m) are token areas. Residents are saying that the vacant grassed block in Bourke St west opposite Ericssons should be retained as open parkland but it has been contracted to Bovis Lend Lease for building on. Perhaps some land should be resumed from development.

To help offset the inadequate open space in Docklands, we recommend that public open space and parkland be reserved and made available in the E-Gate area after the railways are removed.

We also recommend that a footbridge be constructed across Footscray Rd to enable access to that area and to Dudley St as crossing Footscray Rd on foot is too dangerous.

Community facilities

Amenities that authorities have mooted for Docklands include a new community centre incorporating a library, an indoor court stadium, community boating hub and primary school. This is very good. There is, however, no indicated timing for the construction of these amenities which, we believe, are overdue.

We would also like the ferry service between NewQuay and Federation Square terminals to be resumed and recommend that the western end of Central Pier have a public park with an iconic theme.

Maintenance

Whilst not familiar with the formal scope of the planning scheme, we would expect that planning in its broadest sense would include maintenance.

Within this context, we would suggest that council should plan to introduce a requirement that owners of existing buildings in a dilapidated condition, such as worn-off paintwork, be requested to repair it.



Hangin' around Myers

It would be easy to think that abseiling down buildings all day would be a dream job.

And wouldn't you see some interesting things, particularly in the residential buildings?

But have you considered what it would be like when the Docklands winds get up to speed?

And what about the lovely rain we've been having lately? And the winter? And the sunburn in summer?

And, really, how glamorous would it be when it's all boiled down?

At the end of the day, cleaning windows is cleaning windows. We think the novelty would wear off after about one week of hangin' around Docklands (or any other place).

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The company is running a naming competition and is offering either a \$5000 discount on a share in this truly luxurious vessel or (if not a prospective owner), an all-you-can-eat dinner for two (including wine of your choice) at Melbourne's famous Lobster Cave restaurant.

Yachtshare is currently marketing a limited number of shares in the Seawind 1250 for Port Phillip Bay and the Gippsland Lakes in 2011. Fully optioned, fully serviced, fully maintained and fully managed for her owners, the yet-to-be-named catamaran will offer the ultimate in cruising luxury with a true, premium, walk on, walk off service.

This boat is to be based at Victoria Harbour, for the summer and relocated to the Gippsland Lakes for the winter. This vessel will have every option imaginable. Owners will have the opportunity to be onboard for the coastal transition trips to and from the lakes if they wish.

Please email your entry to info@yachtshare.net.au along with your contact details. The winner will be contacted by phone and also announced in the December *Docklands News*.

For more information on Yachtshare's Seawind catamaran syndicates, visit the Yachtshare web site www.yachtshare.net.au or email info@yachtshare.net.au or contact Wayne Woodward 0438 722 888.



Five day closure in November

VicUrban expects to close Harbour Esplanade in November for five days to link up its new tram tracks.

This closure had been earlier scheduled for last month but tracks are still being laid. At the time, VicUrban said it was delaying the closure to avoid disrupting football crowds, despite no football being played at Docklands between August 30 and September 3.

VicUrban's general manager responsible for Docklands David Young thanked all those affected by the works for their patience.

"We recognise that there have been delays along Harbour Esplanade as works progress to realign the tram tracks into the centre of the road," Mr Young said.

"Considerable progress has been made during the first stage of the redevelopment, with the majority of works due for completion by late 2010."

"The remainder of the works, including the planting of up to 210 Norfolk Island trees and the construction of dedicated bike and pedestrian paths, will be completed by early 2011."

VicUrban and Yarra Trams will provide further information regarding the five day closure once the dates have been confirmed.

For further information regarding Stage 1 of the Harbour Esplanade redevelopment visit www.docklands.com or to be provided with updates via an electronic newsletter, please email harbour.esplanade@vicurban.vic.gov.au.



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CUISINE UNDERCOVER

INDEPENDENT REVIEWS FROM DOCKLANDS' PHANTOM DINER

Mecca Bah

Some good things have been around so long, you tend to forget they are there.

Spouses, for example. I mean, in the early days they are all you need, you can't believe how good they are. Time and time again they never fail to please. But then, these hot new things start to pop up offering all kinds of temptations and variety and, honestly, who doesn't appreciate a bit of variety now and then?

Mecca Bah is a bit like Docklands' first lady. One of the first to arrive on the scene, she made her name early and encouraged multiple visits – all of which satisfied. Yet even though she was there for me and never let me down, soon my palate started to wander. Until recently, I realised it had been a couple of years since I'd paid her a visit.

And by god she's held her age well. The Middle Eastern restaurant boasting the "seductive style of Morocco" is still working hard to please its diners. The mosaic

crocery and tagines, the great swathes of silky colours adorning cushions and couches, and the rich aroma of lamb mingled with spices quickly served to get you in the mood – not to mention the beautiful harbour views, which the circular restaurant takes full advantage of.

It's the menu that reminds me what first attracted me through her doors however – with a choice of mezze dishes, tagines and Turkish pizzas, there is plenty of variety to choose from. The pizzas have proved so popular, these days there is even a take-away component to the restaurant.

As tempting as the array of mezze dishes were, I was determined to allow for dessert and so gave them a miss (I do recall on previous visits the bastilla – Moroccan chicken pastries – were a flaky, savoury delight with a touch of cinnamon infused sweetness). Torn (quite painfully) between the Mecca Bah fish and chips and Moroccan potato cakes, the Turkish lamb kofte pizza with spicy tomato sauce and labne, and the spiced chicken eggplant pizza with rocket and tahini sauce – I ended up choosing the

Turkish lamb pizza, only to be delivered the spit roasted lamb version with rocket, yoghurt and sumac. And I kid you not – it was so goddamn good, it wasn't until three hours later while enjoying coffee at a friend's house, I realised I'd been given the wrong order!

I must have been side-tracked by the beautifully warm, soft-on-the-inside-crisp-on-the-outside pita bread base, which stayed warm, soft and crisp right up to the final bite. My friend was equally impressed with her tagine of lamb with preserved lemon, green olive and harissa, the tender meat offset by the sharp, hot and sour ingredients.

Now I kept things simple for dessert – opting for three scoops of the house made ice-cream and selecting the flavours of chocolate, vanilla and halva (pistachio nut). And it was here I began to question why I'd ever wasted time with those other cheap (and expensive) tarts (Bopha Devi aside – you will always have a special place in my heart). The rich, creamy smoothness of the chocolate and vanilla ensured it was among the best ice-cream I had ever tasted, the

savoury nuttiness of the halva sealing the deal.

To cap things off, the service was impeccable and that's saying something in Docklands – regrettably. I suspect it's hard to maintain quality staff for restaurants that only really hit their stride on weekends.

Forgive me Mecca Bah – I should never have strayed. But thank-you for not judging me and welcoming me back with such enticing, welcoming arms.

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As adults, we can be nerve-wrackingly unsure of leaving a job we can no longer tolerate turning up to, we can be immobilised with fear stepping into a gym for the first workout, we can be scared of leaving a partner for fear of being on our own - we can be intimidated by our own choices!

Even though we know what we should be doing, and what we shouldn't be accepting, sometimes it's just so hard to really make that change. When we really look at it, at why we resist leaving what's familiar, what's secure, they all come from the same thing - moving onto the unknown can be scary because, well, you don't know what it's going to be like!

It's hard to leave the security of the known, but sometimes we need to in order to grow and develop and be truly happy.

So we have a choice - stay where we've outgrown ourselves, under our security blanket, holding mums hand, in a dead end job, unhappy with our health and in a relationship going nowhere - or we can look back on life and realise, you know what? I always ended up somewhere better - somewhere

further, somewhere more stimulating, somewhere where I didn't know it would be as fantastic as it was.

We can make our "choices" happen, rather than just wishing we'd chosen something else ... Come on, if you're stuck in a rut, don't be! You are worth so much more!

Sometimes we just need the courage to know that the future may be a mystery, but we can't let the fear of not knowing that we'll necessarily find what we're looking for stop us.

Embrace a change of career choice, choose to pursue true love not "guess it's better than being on my own" tolerance, kick arse at the gym and find your passion for who you know is the real you inside.

Determine what is important to you in your life, and don't be afraid to leave the things that don't fit that picture. That doesn't mean quit your job tomorrow, but it does mean making a plan to get the role you want, the partner you want, the lifestyle you want - and don't accept anything less!

This spring, spring-clean your choices, and clean the clutter out of your life with a clear direction forward - choose YOU and believe in yourself, you just might find life can be better than you ever imagined.

Till next month.

Abby x

A santa invasion

Docklands will be awash with red and white on Sunday, December 5, as Variety Victoria holds its second annual Santa Fun Run.

Building on the success of its inaugural event, the Santa Fun Run 2010 will take a brand new route around Docklands starting and finishing at Waterfront City.

Variety Victoria expects over 2000 participants to don their santa suits and runners and embrace the festive spirit in support of children in need.

Individuals, families and community groups of all abilities are encouraged to join the fun run and will have the option of either a five km or 10 km course.

The Santa Fun Run kicks off at 9am and participants can run, walk or wheel their way around the course to assist Variety Victoria in raising funds for its work with disadvantaged and special-needs children.

Marathon runner, gold medallist and event ambassador Steve Moneghetti said: "I'm delighted to be involved with Variety Victoria's Santa Fun Run. This is a fun event for the whole family. I'll be bringing my wife, Tanya, and my four children along to run for this great cause."

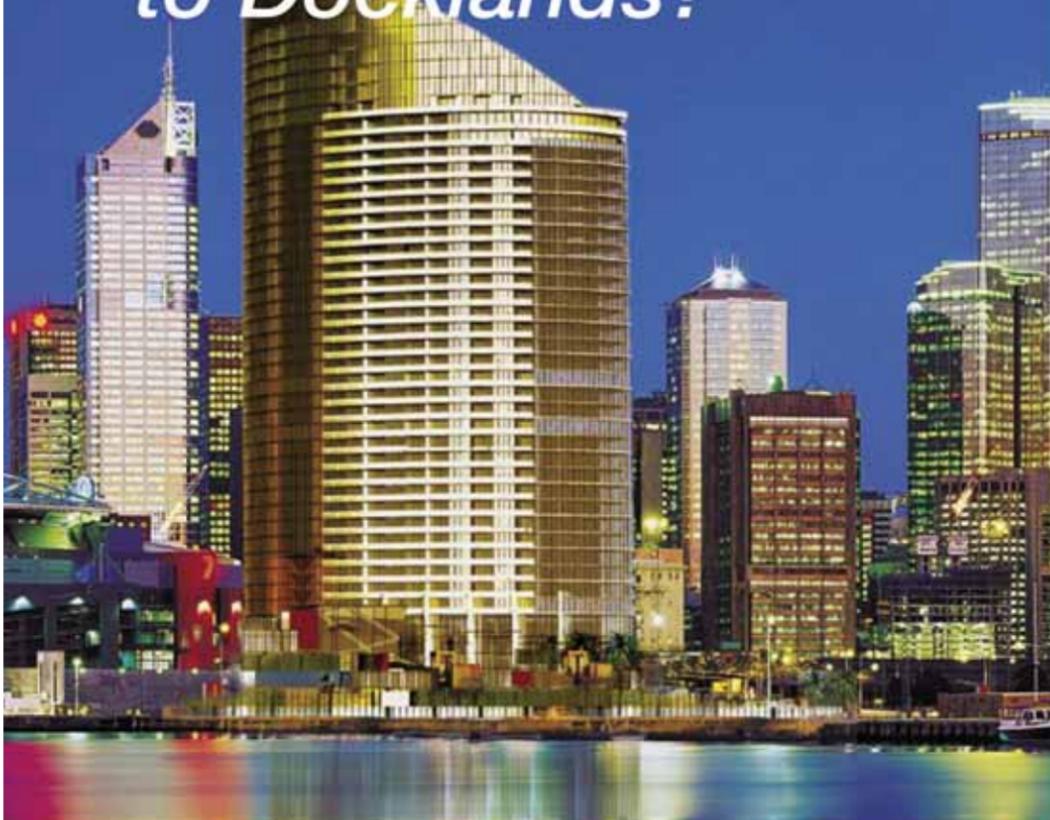
A registration fee of \$30 per person will apply and Santas are being encouraged to seek sponsorship donations online with the support of GoFundraise in order to hit their fundraising targets.

To make sure participants look the part, all contestants will receive a complimentary, official, five-piece santa suit.

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11:00	 <p>The FONE Guy Matt will talk to you about the latest trends and technology in communication.</p>		 <p>The Trike Man Docklands' very own Alan Maxwell takes us on unique tours.</p>		
12:00	 <p>Urban Goes Green Emily will help you bring out your green thumb.</p>				
13:00					
14:00	 <p>Jewish Community Centre Rabbi Shlomo welcomes everyone to the Jewish community.</p>		 <p>PET stock animal supplies ... part of your family! Offering expert advice for your pet.</p>	 <p>Community Safety Day Weekly programs prior to the big day on October 24</p>	
15:00		 <p>Docklands Waterways An exciting syndicate of Docklands operators talking about what can be done on our waterways.</p>		 <p>Chamber of Commerce President Keith and others will update the business community.</p>	
16:00				 <p>waterfrontcity docklands What's on at Waterfront City Local businesses strut their stuff.</p>	
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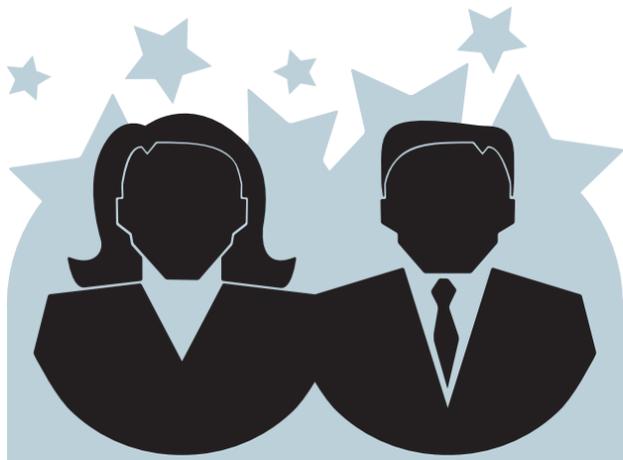


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Annette
10/09/1982

Mars in Scorpio
Venus in Virgo
Moon in Gemini
North Node in Cance

Darren
26/11/1984

Mars in Aquarius
Venus in Capricorn
Moon in Capricorn
North Node in Taurus

Annette - North Node in Cancer:

Your path of soul growth is to cultivate your roots and learn to draw on your personal life of home, house and family for emotional sustenance. Your path of least resistance is to constantly tend to your social life and career for your identity. You have brought an understanding of how to be successful forward from previous lives and can easily find all the social and professional success you want in this life. But if success prevents you from having time to develop your personal life, you have been cut off from your path of growth.

Both Darren and Annette's Venus is placed in earth signs which means they are both very compatible and speak the same language of love. This partnership brings the satisfaction of finally meeting the person who shares the same high standards and has the work ethic to live up to them. Both very practical, no nonsense types, frugal when needed and yet lusty and sensual when no-one is looking.

Mars in a difficult alignment means at times it can be difficult for each of you to keep from trying to take control of the relationship. When one can't hold back there are likely to be brief periods of anger or even estrangement. Happily you are too much in love to stay angry for too long and this adds to you both not becoming too bored with your relationship.

Darren - North Node in Taurus:

Your path of soul growth is to provide for yourself abundantly through developing your own skills and talents. The path of least resistance is to rely on others for support. You developed this deep rapport with your partner for your security in a previous life, and can easily attract support in this life. But if this leads to co-dependency, you are cut off from your growth, which comes from developing your personal ability to provide for security for yourself and others.

Combined

You are both able to help each other achieve what you most need in this lifetime and that is that Annette will need to teach and encourage Darren to become successful enough to provide for himself and others and Darren will teach and encourage Annette to depend on others for her security while she continues to nurture her family, community and others.

Definitely a match made in heaven if you are both willing to let go of old patterns.

Featured terminology

Mars - Each of us expresses our passion in special ways according to the sign our Mars is in. A compatible Mars means you have the ability to spark each other's deepest desires.

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"Our buyers travel the world for the best products and our retail philosophy for choosing staff is we rely on expertise and high experience. We believe that if you're going to spend \$4000 on a piece of furniture you should be able to know every little detail," Mr Atme said.

With 25-year's experience in the retail furniture industry, Gabriel leads a highly qualified team, which he refers to as "The Grey Army" and says Berkowitz believes in employing people who see furniture as their career not a passing job.

"Between us we would have close to 100 years expertise. A few of us have 25 years, someone else has 29 years and the youngest person we have on staff still has nine years," Mr Atme said.

The focus on a family-run business is clear at Berkowitz, with director Peter Berkowitz calling Gabriel during the interview, while on holidays, to check how he was and that everything was running smoothly.

"That's just the type of people they are. They're very kind, sensitive human beings. They are great retailers and great bosses because they understand the needs of families, both clients and employees," Mr Atme said.

Mr Atme said store patriarch Lionel Berkowitz was now 76 and retired but stayed involved at a personal level and was actually coming into the store to have a coffee and catch up with him the next day.

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The most girly of girls

Meet Mia, a four-year-old toy poodle that enjoys long walks along the Docklands waterfront and a trip to the hairdressers/dog-groomer every six weeks.

Mia is the adorable and intelligent pooch of Docklands pioneers Lea and Paul O'Halloran, and may just be the most spoiled dog in Docklands.

"She's our baby, now that all our kids are grown up. She's very spoilt and even has a different colour collar and leash for every day and pearls for the special occasions," Lea said.

Known affectionately as "Miss Mia" to Lea and Paul, the gorgeous dog also loves to be pampered and has a fondness for the hairdryer and grooming kit.

Lea said: "She loves having a bath and the hairdryer and every time I get the grooming kit out she comes running. She's definitely a girly girl."

Mia is also a very playful and affectionate dog and keeps all the dogs at doggy day-care entertained when she goes once a week.

"They have a small, medium and large pen, and she's a real leader so she'll play with all of the small dogs, but once she's bored of them she'll squeeze through the slats, bypass the medium dogs and play with the big dogs."

Mia may be the most spoilt dog in Docklands, but why wouldn't she be ... she thinks she's human and that may just be because she doesn't smell like a dog and rarely barks.

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GREETINGS FROM THE DOCKLANDS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



The DCA response to the Council's Melbourne Strategic Statement has been submitted following inclusion of input from members. This is being posted on our website for information.

Major points by the DCA include objection to any proposed rail bridge linking Webb Dock to the freight terminal abutting Footscray Rd; request for parkland to be set aside across Footscray Rd after the rail terminal is relocated; request for a footbridge across Footscray Rd and provision of wind barriers in open spaces and on or adjacent to high-rise buildings.

The Port of Melbourne Corporation has requested responses to its plans for container freight development. Our proposed response is to repeat our opposition to any freight rail bridge; also to oppose any increased noise affecting residents and oppose any recurrence of unsightly container stacking within sight of Docklands.

On the events front there is the twilight walk on Thursday, October 7 to help the drive against juvenile diabetes. In addition, we are organising a family fun day in the park for Sunday, November 7 to include kiddies games and adult entertainment. Let's hope the weather's OK.

The DCA Christmas party is scheduled for the second week of December although it is difficult to find a suitable venue since council decided to make the Hub an alcohol free zone. We are working on it and will let you know as soon as finalised.

We hope you are continuing to cope with the traffic disruption caused by the

Harbour Esplanade works. VicUrban is doing a good job in keeping us regularly updated, which we pass on to members, along with other news as it comes to hand.

I continue to attend monthly meetings of CoRBA, the combined residents' group, whose main current focus is the planning scheme as it affects other areas of the city - with Docklands being a special case.

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 they are welcome to do so by contacting us on docklands.community.association@gmail.com

Welcome to our new members who have recently joined. Anybody else wishing to join is encouraged to contact Paige Jay on andydypaige@optusnet.com.au who will be happy to assist.

Good to talk with you again and we will continue to keep in touch. If you would like to talk to me about any aspect you are welcome to call me on **0412 097 706**.

Sincerely
Roger Gardner
President DCA



The man from Heaven

My daughter is at the age where she is beginning to ask some big questions about God. Only recently she asked: "Where is God?", "What does he look like?", "How big is God?"

All very important questions that are for some a stumbling block to genuine faith.

When the first Russian cosmonaut went into space in 1961, a leading atheist made headlines not long after saying, "we sent a guy into heaven and he didn't see God." This was for him clear evidence that God didn't exist.

CS Lewis, author of the Narnia books and *Mere Christianity* responded with these words:

"If there was a God who created us you wouldn't relate to him the way a person on the first floor relates to a person on the second floor." He says rather: "If God created us, we would relate to him the way Hamlet relates to Shakespeare. Hamlet is never going to find out anything about Shakespeare by doing tests in a lab. Hamlet is not going to find out anything else by going through back stage. The only way Hamlet will know anything about Shakespeare is if Shakespeare writes himself into the play."

This is not only an insightful observation, but also one that thankfully finds its answer in the gospel of Jesus.

The great news for all of us is that God has not left us to walk aimlessly in this life speculating and relying on what some call "blind faith." Rather, he has chosen to reveal himself to us, by writing himself into the play.

In the gospel of John he makes remarkable claim about Jesus being the revelation of God. He says: "In the beginning was the Word and the Word was God and the Word was with God." He adds: "and the Word

became flesh and dwelt amongst us." (John 1)

In other words, God has not chosen to look on (as Bette Midler once sung) "from a distance" - but instead entered the stage of human history in the person of Jesus Christ. He is God made flesh. A God who became man. A God who desired to be made known to us the majesty and magnitude of his power and grace.

We live in an age where people are hungry to know whether God exists and what he is like. The answer to that longing, and all our longings, are found in Jesus.

He is the treasure of the universe and in him we find answers to our biggest questions. What does God think about injustice in our world? Look to Jesus. What does God think about the environment? Look to Jesus. What does God think about wealth and possessions, the environment, sex, marriage, politics, sport? Look to Jesus. What does God think about me and my purpose in the world? Look to Jesus. Jesus is the perfect and complete revelation of God - and in him we not only see God, but discover who we are and what God has purposed for our life.

John ends his opening chapter with these eye-opening words:

"No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the father's side, he has made him known."

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. For service times and venues, see www.cityonahill.com.au



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Curves Bar and Restaurant at Yarra's Edge now has two live music sessions each week, the latest being acoustic music every Thursday night from 8pm until 10.



Curves has featured Sunday afternoon entertainment for a long time now, but the Thursday night gig is a recent addition.

Yarra's Edge is a connected community and Curves is central to the life-blood of the community.

It's a place for locals to meet, eat and interact. And the Thursday night session fits this pattern.

On the night that *Docklands News* attended, there seemed to be mostly locals and relatives of owners Meri Aceska and Miki Kostantinovic.

Kids are welcome and the band plays almost in the background as people eat, converse and generally catch up with each other and with what's happening.

Andrea, Dee and Paul (who collectively are known as the somewhat uninspired ADP) play softly in the background. So, if you visit specifically to watch a band, you had better sit right up the front.

Andrea and Paul McGee are Docklands locals of nearly three years and have lived in Victoria Point and two different towers at Yarra's Edge.

They both have day jobs but Dee Vuki is a professional musician and has played in other Docklands venues in the past. The trio met at the Lounge in NewQuay in 2008.

"Paul and I met in New Zealand five years ago and played in a four-piece acoustic band there together. We relocated to Melbourne in 2008 and are very happy to be supporting our local bistro by performing there," Andrea said.

"We love the Docklands and like supporting the local community."

ADP plays covers to suit most generations - its promotional flyer says they play artists such as Van Morrison, Fleetwood Mac, Eva Cassidy, Bon Jovi, Sting, U2 and Pink.

Now that the weather is improving, Curves makes a great walking destination from the rest of Docklands. Take in the evening air and head for the Webb Bridge.

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DOCKLANDS FASHION



Fashion on the streets of Docklands

Jessica Coombes

LOCATION:

Harbour Town.

WEARS:

Pink and nude floral headband, nude dress, grey jacket, baby-blue mini shorts, caramel bag and black calf-length boots.

DESCRIPTION?

It's floaty and whimsical. It's actually all from Japan because I just spent three weeks there shopping.

WHAT BRINGS YOU TO HARBOUR TOWN?

Just a bit of shopping. I've been down for the weekend with a few friends for a friend's 21st.

WHERE ARE YOU FROM?

Brisbane.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE THING ABOUT SPRING?

Going to the beach.

WHAT MAKES A GOOD OUTFIT?

Wearing something with character and not always playing it safe. Also trying something different. So many people stick to the one style, but if you have a pay with clothes you can find the result looks really good.

Alyce Murphy

LOCATION:

Harbour Town.

WEARS:

Black and pink sequined top, blue hoodie, black tights, turquoise and caramel thongs and black bag with gold chain.

DESCRIPTION?

It's earthy, chilled, comfy and casual. It's just something that I can chill out and relax in.

WHAT BRINGS YOU TO HARBOUR TOWN?

Just having a look around while my mum shops at Costco.

WHERE ARE YOU FROM?

Rosanna.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE THING ABOUT SPRING?

Definitely the weather.

WHAT MAKES A GOOD OUTFIT?

Steering clear of trends and just wearing something that you're comfortable in and can wear with confidence.

Jane Crowhurst

LOCATION:

Harbour Town.

WEARS:

Purple and red tartan scarf, black and grey woollen jumper, black tights, black combat boots and quilted handbag.

DESCRIPTION?

It's probably a casual, rock chick look.

WHAT BRINGS YOU TO HARBOUR TOWN?

Just chilling and shopping.

WHERE ARE YOU FROM?

Rosanna.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE THING ABOUT SPRING?

The sun and being able to wear summery things.

WHAT MAKES A GOOD OUTFIT?

Definitely confidence. If you have confidence in what you're wearing you'll look good no matter what.

Shoes glorious shoes

Shoes, they are the must have accessory - literally.

They're not sunnies or a scarf, they are the accessory that you can't live without, even to the point that if you see someone walking down the street not wearing any, you think to yourself: "well that's weird".

So if they are the "must have" accessory then why not do-it in style and become acquainted with the latest offering from Princess Yasim of The Designers' House.

In the words of Cameron Diaz's character, Maggie Feller, in the film *In Her Shoes*: "Shoes like these should not be locked in a closet! They should be living a life of scandal, and passion."

Princess Yasim is the latest store to join The Designers' House and is offering the best shoes the world has to offer.

Now you're probably thinking that means that they must have Manolo Blahnik, Jimmy Choo, Christian Louboutin, Prada, Dior, Chanel and much more? Well you would be correct.

It seems nearly all the brands worn by the *Sex and the City* girls are on offer and at up to 60 per cent off, not to mention some stunning Alex Perry dresses - so it's time to get shopping girls.

Princess Yasmin brand manager Peggy Nomikos said Princess Yasmin was about providing the best of the world's most stylish and famous labels to Australia.

"Princess Yasmin is for women who love designer labels and are after that classic shoe or handbag that they can wear time and time again, to provide those one off pieces that shine though and stand out at every occasion," Peggy said.

Expanding from their flagship store in Queensland, Princess Yasmin is bound to make a splash in Docklands.

"We at Princess Yasmin feel that Docklands is going to evolve into one of the most prestigious locations and we love the holiday feeling that you get when walking around the wharf, it has a certain presence that captivates you, without the hustle and bustle of the city life."

So if you're after that perfect pair of shoes, or perhaps the Manolos that Big proposed to Carrie with in the first *Sex in the City* movie, then head to Princess Yasmin, located in Harbour Town's Designers House.

And in the words of movie character Rose Feller: "I get something out of them. When I feel bad I like to treat myself. Clothes never look any good ... food just makes me fatter ... shoes always fit."

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Tina's Grand Marnier ice-cream with chocolate truffles

Each month Docklands News will be bringing you a recipe of the month.

Docklands News encourages readers to submit a recipe of no more than 500 words and an image of their fabulous creation. The recipe chosen to be featured for the month will win a Sunday roast dinner for two at Mad Duck Café in Yarra's Edge.

Tina's Grand Marnier ice-cream with chocolate truffles serves six.



**A method of testing sugar syrup to see if it has boiled to the proper stage of cooking - it's the point when a drop of boiling syrup is dropped into cold water and it forms a soft ball.*

Ice-cream

INGREDIENTS

- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup water
- 7 egg yolks
- 1 cup heavy cream
- 1/4 Grand Marnier

METHOD

Cook sugar and water in a small saucepan, on low heat without stirring, until a syrup starts to form and reaches soft ball stage*.

Place the egg yolks in a blender and process while adding the hot syrup in a thin stream.

When all the syrup has been added, stop the machine and let the mixture cool.

When cooled, process again for about a minute.

In a separate bowl, lightly beat the thickened cream, then fold in the egg yolk and syrup mixture and add the Grand Marnier.

Divide the mixture between six glass dishes and place them in the freezer until firm.

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Chocolate truffles

INGREDIENTS

- 90g chopped dark chocolate
- 1/4 cup cream
- 30g butter
- 1 tbsl Grand Marnier

METHOD

Melt chocolate in a bowl over hot water.

In the meantime, bring the cream to boiling point and remove from the stove.

Stir the butter into the hot cream until dissolved.

Then stir the cream and butter mixture into the melted chocolate until smooth and creamy.

Stir in the Grand marnier and refrigerate until firm

Once set, shape the mixture into six rough balls and place one in the centre of each ice-cream ready to serve.

Trailable Yacht Festival for Docklands

This year's Trailable Yacht Festival is being hosted by Docklands Yacht Club and will be held in Victoria Harbour on November 6 and 7.

On the Saturday afternoon there will be a walking tour of the Docklands from 3.30 to 6.00pm. This will include visiting the Alma Doepel and Wooden Boat Centre. It will culminate at the Docklands Yacht Club where there will be a barbecue from 6.30pm.

At 9am on the Sunday morning the club has booked Berth restaurant for breakfast and at 10am participants will gather at the Harbour Room at Waterfront City where Mike Smith will be the guest speaker.

Mike has taken over the editorship of the popular *Creeks and Harbours Cruising Guides* originally authored by Richard Hawkins. Mike will talk about the two recently-released editions and how he would like to see the books develop in the future.

Following the breakfast meeting participants can enjoy seeing a bit more of Docklands or support the "Go Sailing Day".



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WHAT'S ON AT WATERFRONT CITY IN OCTOBER

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Wander into Spring at Waterfront City. Join the twilight Walk to Cure Diabetes and watch the sun set over the harbour, browse for something special at the Docklands Sunday Market and take the kids to Wonderland Fun Park for some amazing rides! Don't forget, the Amazing Bodies Exhibition has been extended for a limited season so bring the family down and visit this fantastic display of science and art.



Join the Walk to Cure Diabetes

The Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation will be holding the 'Walk to Cure Diabetes – Twilight' fundraising event in the Docklands precinct on Thursday 7th October 2010 from 5pm till 7.30pm. Walkers will enjoy a scenic 1.2km around the Docklands starting from Victoria Harbour and finishing at Waterfront City. Participants in this exciting fundraising event will experience the best of Melbourne's unique and picturesque skyline whilst supporting JDRF to raise vital funds to find a cure for type 1 diabetes.

Date: October 7th
Time: Walk to Cure Diabetes commences 6pm
Venue: Finishing at Waterfront City



Amazing Bodies Exhibition

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
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



Wonderland Fun Park

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Check the web site out for special events and Family Savers coming up.

Time: Weekends, Public and School holidays from 11am
Venue: Harbour Town Shopping Centre



Docklands Sunday Market

Find a treasure and enjoy views of the City as you meander along the Waterfront City Promenade. The Docklands Sunday Market offers a range of fashion, accessories, arts and crafts. You'll find Australian beauty products, reclaimed wood furniture, second-hand books, candles and much more.

Time: Every Sunday 10am – 6pm
Cost: FREE
Venue: Waterfront City Promenade

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80's Countdown

7pm Fridays

Looking for some Friday night fun? Then dig out your legwarmers, fluoro and shoulder pads and get to 80's Countdown at Medibank Icehouse. Skate to your favourite 80's tracks with live DJ, song requests, prizes for the best dressed 80's skaters and the Icehouse paparazzi snapping your groovy outfits, it's a totally rad night out!

Sunday Classics 'The Kings of Cool'

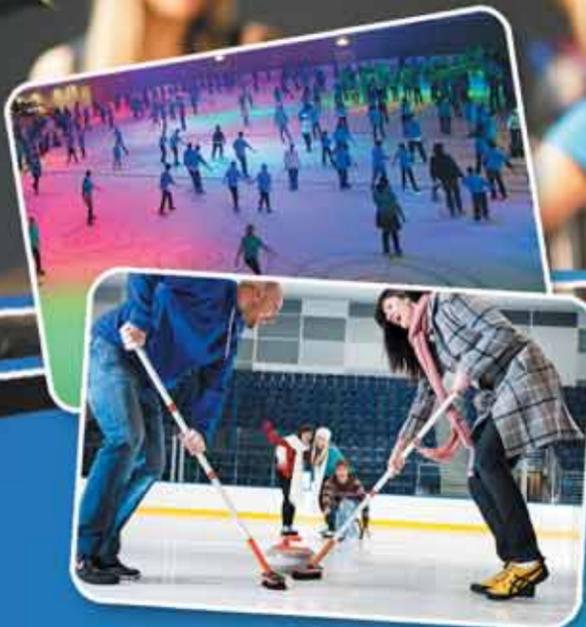
5:30pm Sundays

Sunday Classics is a time where the rink atmosphere is transformed into a session evoking cool sophistication and class. With classic Rat Pack tunes and footage on the big screen, this skating session is the best way to slow you down into your perfect Sunday mood. With songs from the 'Kings of Cool' and just a touch of nostalgia, there is no better way to chill out on a Sunday.



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Businesses in Docklands

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NEW PHYSIO AT NEW ENERGY

New Energy Physiotherapy on Merchant St Docklands has welcomed a new physiotherapist Adrian Pranata.

Graduating from the University of Melbourne in 2009, Adrian joins the New Energy team with a passion for delivering a superior quality of therapy, and has particular interests in sports and spinal injury rehabilitation.

Adrian's clinical experience includes the Austin Hospital, Heidelberg Repatriation Hospital, Royal Talbot, The Royal Children's Hospital, as well as working in physiotherapy practices in Endeavour Hills, Narre Warren, Singapore and Cambodia.

Adrian joins John Bradshaw and the team at New Energy, working at both the Docklands and Queen Victoria building clinics. New Energy continues to offer a high level of customised service to each client, working closely with local doctors and surgeons to optimise client recoveries.

Adrian said: "I'm very excited to be working in a fully equipped clinic that is so professional, with all the latest technology and electronic client management systems."

"John is one of the most impressive physiotherapists I've met. He has a unique ability to diagnose and treat clients quickly and effectively. I also love the Docklands energy and diversity. It's so new and vibrant and it's a great place to be working."

Adrian, born in Jakarta Indonesia, is fluent in Indonesian and is learning Mandarin, so book in for both your treatment and conversation!

Principal physiotherapist John Bradshaw said: "I am already very impressed with Adrian's assessment skills and his treatment delivery. I'm sure our clients will gain great value from Adrian's work."

John and Adrian are available every day at the clinic, and on Saturday morning by appointment, and look forward to working with you. You can find them at www.newenergyphysio.com.au



Adrian Pranata (left) joins New Energy principal John Bradshaw.

DESMOND'S TOY STORY



When Better Learning owner Desmond Jeremiah started selling toys 11 years ago with just \$200 in his pocket, he never imagined he'd successfully own three stores across Melbourne today.

Having opened his Docklands shop on the second level of Harbour Town in November last year, the kind-hearted Desmond (pictured left) didn't waste much time before opening his third store in South Yarra last month.

Starting his business at a market in Bentleigh, Desmond decided to sell wooden toys on the advice of a friend and, one year later, he was opening his first shop.

"A woman who worked in a childcare centre in Brighton decided that she would buy some toys from me and from then on we started to supply to childcare centres and kindergartens," Desmond said

Opening his first store in Edithvale, Desmond began developing and learning various models of education so that he could supply products that were not only fun but educational.

"I learnt about the Steiner, Montessori and Reggio models of education and taught myself the complete Montessori system and now we're the only toy-shop in Victoria that sells toys for all three systems," Mr Jeremiah said.

Desmond's passion for education can be seen in all his products and can be pinpointed to one very special person in his life.

"Mum was a teacher and she started her own school with just two students and when I left India 20 years ago she had 700 students and the school's still going today," he said.

Going back to India each year to visit his family, Desmond also spends his time there working with AIDS and child sex-slave victims.

"I'm passionate about helping people and would love in the future to be set up enough to be able to spend my time working there more often."

Along with three retail outlets, Better Learning continues to supply childcare centres and kindergartens, including some within the local area, with educational toys.

Desmond's passion for educational and quality products, along with his warm and friendly personality make his toy shops stand out from the rest.

DOCKLANDS - IT'S ALL PART OF THE PLAN

When banker Josephine Tan opened her first Bank of Queensland (BOQ) franchise in Exhibition St in 2005, she was already making plans to open up her next in Docklands.



Having worked in banks for 24 years, Josephine decided to open up her first bank branch just over five-and-a-half years ago after receiving the wake-up call of a lifetime.

Josephine (pictured with her staff - centre) was the branch manager for the biggest HSBC branch in Victoria and was hosting a grand prix breakfast when her wake-up call came in the form of an absent boss.

"I found out my boss had suffered a heart attack and she was only 41. Thankfully she was ok, but it told me I needed to get out, de-stress and take control," Josephine said.

After discovering the BOQ model, Josephine did a business plan and in that plan she decided owning a franchise in Docklands would be a top priority.

"I've always seen Docklands as an area of great growth and I want to be a part of that. I tell all my friends to get in and invest in Docklands now because in five years time you won't be able to afford to."

Having successfully set up her first franchise, Josephine decided it was time for a new challenge and opened her Harbour Town branch last month.

Josephine said she decided on the BOQ franchise as it was the only banking model where you could own a branch as your own small business.

"All other banks are owned by big companies, but BOQ is the only bank where the owners of the branch are also its managers. Like with any small business, this makes you more accountable."

Josephine's relationship with her clients is clear when walking into her new branch with boxes and vases of flowers in every corner, sent from clients.

"I love forming relationships with my clients and the BOQ model is a great model for my clients as they know in 10 or 20 years time, I'll still be here," she said.

Josephine's infectious personality has also made her a much-loved and admired employer, with three of her staff from HSBC still working for her today.

"Three of my best staff followed me when I left HSBC and they share in the success that I have had and it's really like a family business as we've all grown in skill and life together," she said.

So if you're looking for a bank with a difference, check out Josephine's BOQ branch in Docklands' Harbour Town.

THE BIG BUSINESS THAT CARES

International vehicle leasing and fleet management company, LeasePlan, moved into its South Wharf building in July and the company is eager to get involved in the local community.

Starting out in this country in 1988 in a townhouse with four people, LeasePlan Australia has grown to become the nation's leading vehicle leasing and management provider.

But although LeasePlan Australia is a business focused on vehicles, when it comes to the community, it's all about the kids.

LeasePlan national marketing communications manager Paul Scully said moving to Docklands presented not only the opportunity for business growth with businesses within Docklands, but also the opportunity to work with them for a cause.



Vin Camilleri ... barracking for the kids.

"Carn the Kids is our charity program that started in 2003 and was actually born out of a meeting with Bob Skilton at the Royal Children's Hospital," Mr Scully said.

LeasePlan new business manager, Vin

Camilleri said the conversation with legendary footballer Bob Skilton got staff thinking and it was the staff who came up with the Carn the Kids program.

"It was the staff who said if we are going to do something let's do it for the kids and not just one group of kids that have a particular misfortune, but anyone who is misfortunate," Mr Camilleri said.

Carn the Kids was started at a very opportunistic time, when LeasePlan had signed on to sponsor the Western Bulldogs and it was this sponsorship that presented the program with a purpose.

"We decided that Carn the Kids would focus on giving kids who wouldn't normally have the opportunity a chance to experience a fun day at a football match and from there it's grown to anything entertaining, like theatre," Mr Camilleri said

The Carn the Kids program has grown rapidly since its inception with about 17,000 kids and carers enjoying a day out in the last 15 years.

"Carn the Kids is our organisation and we're passionate about it so of course we would

love to get more Docklands businesses involved, just as Etihad has been," Mr Camilleri said.

LeasePlan, offers three different types of leasing to large and small businesses and modifies the lease depending on the size of the business to offer the best possible option.

"We have an operating lease with a monthly payment and with that we take on all of the risk that comes with the car so if it drops in value for any reason that's our problem," Mr Scully said.

He said LeasePlan was also the only company in Australia to use an open calculation method on the operating leases which meant that the rental was monitored.

"If for whatever reasons the value of the car drops, we will actually lower your lease payments on the car so you pay less and are risk-free," Mr Scully said.

LeasePlan is located on level seven of the South Wharf Tower.

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SAM AND FEY'S REPUTATION PRECEDES THEM



Sam and Fey Kucukkaya have been married for 34 years and have owned small businesses for just as long, and it seems their business, Sam and Fey's Alterations, is just as strong as their marriage.

Having first opened their tailoring and dry cleaning business in Dandenong Plaza, Sam and Fey decided it was time for change earlier this year.

"We closed our shop in Dandenong because we were looking for a change, and because we had a good reputation Lend Lease, who had our shop in Dandenong, asked us to come and check out Docklands," Fey said.

The Kucukkayas said they loved Docklands, the shop and its location underneath the Myer building so they decided to move in and have been welcomed with open arms.

"It's been quite funny, the other day just after we opened two of our customers from Dandenong, who work at ANZ, saw us and were so excited that they were able to bring all their clothes to us again," Sam said.

The gorgeously-modest couple who seem to be adored by even their new Docklands clients shouldn't be surprised by their fans however, as their fan-base has reached far and wide for years.

Fey said that when they had their shop in Dandenong she got a call from her sister to tell her that she had been recommended by the service desk at DFO Moorabbin.

"My sister was shopping and thought she would get some clothes taken up while she was there. But when she asked where to go they apologised for not having a tailor but said they would tell her the best place to go and it was us," Fey said.

But a reputation like this doesn't come easy with the couple spending most of their lives tailoring clothes.

Fey said Sam began tailoring clothes when he was nine years old in his dad's manufacturing factory in Turkey and when she married Sam she had to learn too.

Sam said his father was a great tailor and a fantastic teacher, with many of his siblings also taking up the family trade.

"Dad was so good it was hard to believe. He was able to just look at a man and make a suit to measure," he said.

Sam's dad obviously taught him well.

For all your clothing alteration and dry-cleaning needs, visit Sam and Fey at Shop 8, 800 Collins St, Docklands and be charmed by their work and personalities.

Sam and Fey offer same-day alterations, as well as dry cleaning, if dropped off before 9.30am and picked up after 4.30pm.

PRISCILLA IS PASSIONATE ABOUT HAIR

Celebrity hairdresser and stylist to the stars, Priscilla has brought her knowledge and expertise to Docklands all the way from the UK and Europe to change the way Australians see hairdressing.

With 16 years experience in hairdressing and styling, Priscilla has loved being able to open her first hair salon in Docklands' Siddeley St.

"I've worked in salons in Southbank in the past and I love the clientele around the area. Everyone is so down to earth and friendly," Priscilla (pictured below) said.

Having migrated from Italy to Australia as a child, Priscilla journeyed back to the motherland, as well as London, to train as a hairdresser.

"I based myself in London where I trained and worked for five years in some of London's best salons working with a wide range of celebrities," Priscilla said.

During her time in Europe, Priscilla travelled to Italy to work with her uncle where she worked with some of Italy's most famous.

"Training overseas I've learnt so many techniques that aren't taught here, for instance, different ways to cut different types of hair, and its that type of skill that I would like to bring to Australia," she said.

Priscilla said she was also offering the full "my home is your home" European experience when it comes to the service.

"I want people to walk in here and feel as though they are coming into my house. Every client who walks in will receive 100 per cent service and they will not leave here without perfect hair," Priscilla said.

Bringing back the service of yesteryear, Priscilla aims to make your trip to the hairdresser the ultimate pampering experience, with champagne on offer to add that extra touch of glam.

"Having your hair styled or cut should make you feel special. So many great salons change once they build up their popularity and their service goes out the window, but that's how we're different."

With an amazing passion for hair, Priscilla attends Australian training sessions to keep herself up-to-date with the local techniques and also travels to Europe or London once a year to brush up on her skills.

"Europe and London seem to be a few steps ahead of us so it's great to be able to go over there once a year and train there."

"The most important thing in business is how you educate yourself. You have to continue to better yourself because you are your best asset," she said.



FACES OF DOCKLANDS



SKATER DUDE, AGELESS
Icehouse mascot

Being a keen ice skater, Skater Dude doesn't mind the fact that it can be a bit cool here in winter. He enjoys the fun and entertainment which is a feature of Docklands and looks forward to welcoming the many visitors to the precinct.



NICOLE ROBERTS, 18
Receptionist, Lucas Real Estate

Nicole sees Docklands as a fresh, new area that is very clean and attractive – although a bit cold and windy in the winter. She likes the many dining and shopping opportunities that Docklands provides.



RABBI SHLOMO NATHANSON, 25
Chabad of Docklands

Shlomo says Docklands people are “welcoming and friendly.” “In the south eastern suburbs where I live, many people like Docklands and would love to live there,” he adds. He marvels at the rapid growth of Docklands, and declares that he “looks forward to working with this emerging community.”



HRINDER DULIA, 22
Executive consultant, Coldwell Banker

A resident of the CBD, Hrinder had not visited Docklands for a year before she began working here a month ago. She was amazed at how much Docklands had grown and expanded in that year, especially the local shopping opportunities. Hrinder likes the scenery in Docklands plus the abundant fresh air.



ROMAN HECHT, 43
Customer service supervisor, Harbour Town Tourism Lounge

Roman loves working in Docklands. He believes there's always a lot to do here and he likes the way the precinct is growing and always delivering fresh, new things to see and do. He also loves working with the friendly people who come to the Harbour Town Shopping Centre.



MARY AXIOTIS, 26
Concierge manager, The Designer's House

Although she's new to working in Docklands, Mary has been a Docklands visitor for many years and has attended many local events and activities. She loves the area and really enjoys working with the local people and the many visitors who come to the area.



DOCKLANDS' BEST COFFEE

Le Cirque is on top

Le Cirque of Harbour Town has taken the lead in the *Docklands News* online coffee survey.

Admittedly, at the time of going to press, Le Cirque had attracted only 36 responses compared with 173 votes polled for previous leader illy caffe of the ANZ Centre, but Le Cirque had a slightly higher average score – 3.81 compared with illy's 3.79 (out of a possible score of 4).

Some 32 of the 36 (88.9 per cent) assessing Le Cirque ranked its coffee as superb.

A recent comment to the survey (September 10) also testified to Le Cirque's quality: “Best coffee and service at Le Cirque that I have had in Melbourne. We are off to Sydney tomorrow!”

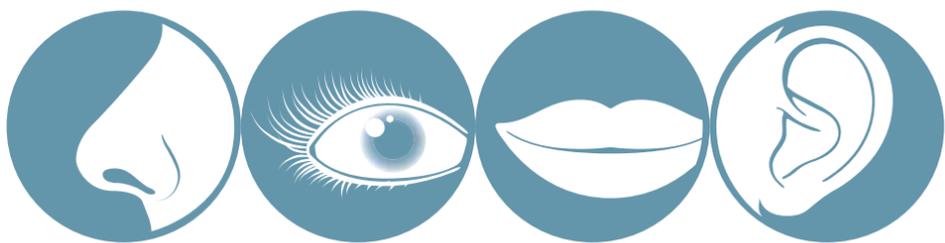
Making up the rest of the top five are:

- Gate 10 (Stadium Concourse) – score 3.54 – 24 votes cast;
- Espresso Alto (Stadium Concourse) – score 3.50 – 24 votes cast; and
- Mad Duck Café (Yarra's Edge) – score 3.49 – 41 votes cast.

More than 335 people have now cast their vote for Docklands' best coffee.

The survey remains open and we will each month publish the top five rankings. To vote for Docklands' best coffee, go to www.docklandsnews.com.au/coffee.

To view the current standings, go to <http://tinyurl.com/2d6vktj>



DOCKLANDS SECRETS

Heritage

Docklands is home to some of the nation's most modern buildings and also some of its oldest.

Heritage classifications apply to many Docklands features, the best known of these are the Queen's Warehouse and Mission to Seafarers, plus Rail Goods Shed No 2, Central Pier and Victoria Harbour, although the last three, despite their heritage listing, have been the subject of significant modification.

Another heritage building in our neighbourhood is Shed 21, one of the last remaining areas with an uncertain future.

This is the old shed between the Grimes Bridge and the Mission to Seafarers, on the north bank of the Yarra.

As well as the lack of clear plans for its future, another little-known detail of this historic shed is that its heritage listing is all to do with the crane that runs on an elevated track along the front of building. The building itself is just one more old waterside shed and not dissimilar to other waterside sheds on the opposite side of the river.

Stories about this crane are plentiful. As a sometime home for homeless people in the late 90s it was arguably Docklands first high-rise apartment.



DOCKLANDS SPORTS PAGE

Muscle meets Docklands

Docklands' Waterfront Venues hosted a fundraiser for 40 of Australia's best body sculptors on Saturday, September 11.

The event was held to raise money for Team MBS - sculptors from MBS Gymnasium - ahead of upcoming international competitions in America.

Waterfront Venues' corporate sales and events manager Photini Drivas said the event was held in the anticipation that 80 per cent of the team MBS competitors would make it through the qualifying event.

"The qualifiers are at Moonee Ponds on September 26 and those who make it through will go on to compete in New York, LA and Miami in the following weeks," Ms Drivas said.

Ms Drivas said the fundraiser was a great send-off for the team and was a huge success with more than 300 patrons attending.

"It was a great night with *Australia's Got Talent* runner up Cameron Henderson and DJ- Chuckie Chuck performing and we also held a charity auction," she said.

The MBS team is the biggest it's ever been with 40 members, ranging in age from 20 to 55, competing to go overseas.

"I will be going to Moonee Ponds to support them and we wish them all the very best," Ms Drivas said.



The MBS Gymnasium team showed its best side when it visited Docklands on September 11.

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DOCKLANDS COMMUNITY CALENDAR



<p>DOCKLANDS WRITERS' GROUP Starting October 6 <i>The Hub, 80 Harbour Esplanade</i> Docklands Writers' Group coming to The Hub in October 2010. Expressions of interest to rose@grahammercer.com.au</p>	<p>COMMUNITY SAFETY DAY Sunday, October 24 <i>Victoria Harbour</i> Sirens, car-cutting and water rescues will all be part of the family fun. Get close to helicopters, boats, fire trucks in action, pat working dogs and horses. Phone 9247 3937 or email electra.wellens@police.vic.gov.au</p>		<p>CHECK YOUR HEARING Every 2nd Thursday of every month <i>The Hub, 80 Harbour Esplanade</i> 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.</p>
<p>NATIONAL SPEED SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS October 1st and 2nd <i>The Medibank Icehouse</i> The first Australian Ice Racing Short Track Speed Skating National Championships in 20 years this October. A number of local, national elite and sub-elite athletes will be competing for the divisional national titles across a number of racing distances.</p>	<p>DOCKLANDS ROTARY Every Tuesday, 6.00pm <i>Waterfront Venues, Waterfront City</i> 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.</p>	<p>FINE LINE DRAWING AND BOTANICAL ART CLASSES. Monday and Thursday <i>The Hub, 80 Harbour Esplanade</i> 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</p>	<p>SPRING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS AT DOCKLANDS! Saturday, Sept 18 to Sunday, Oct 3 <i>The Icehouse</i> 105 Pearl River Road Glow-in-the-dark Black Light Mini Golf <i>Harbour Town, Level 1, Shop 35 Star Cres.</i> Suitable for all ages</p>
<p>KINDER BALLETT Every Saturday <i>The Hub, 80 Harbour Esplanade</i> 9am - 9.45am - 3 to 5-year-olds. Cost \$13.00 10am - 10.30am - 2-year-olds. Cost \$10.00 1300 606 949 or info@kinderballet.com.au</p>	<p>MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID TRAINING October 4 and 11 <i>The Hub, 80 Harbour Esplanade</i> Norwood is a not-for-profit organisation providing rehabilitation services for people with a mental illness for more than 25years. Cost: 12 hours (2 days) is \$220. Phone 93659500 or email jzammit@norwoodservices.org.au</p>		<p>FOR CAR ENTHUSIASTS Every Tues 10am to 2pm Feb to Nov <i>The Fox Classic Car Collection, Queen's Warehouse cnr Batman's Hill Drive and Collins St, Docklands.</i> Visit one of the best car collections in the southern hemisphere. Door entries support charity. Visit: www.foxcollection.org.au</p>
	<p>TRY SAILING DAY FOR THE COMMUNITY Second and fourth Sundays of the month, 11am to 3.30pm <i>Docklands Yacht Club, Shed No. 2 North Wharf Rd</i> Suitable for all ages and abilities and no booking required. Contact Sonya 0400 932 477 or visit www.docklands.yachting.org.au</p>	<p>VARIETY SANTA FUN RUN Sunday, Nov 28 7.30am - 11.00 am <i>Waterfront City Piazza</i> Adult: \$30 Child (5-10 yrs): \$20 The Variety Santa Fun Run is a 5km run/walk or 10km run. You can run it, walk it, skip it, hop it - finish it however you like. Phone 8060 0000 or email events@eventsaust.com.au</p>	<p>RIDE TO WORK COMMUNITY BREAKFAST DOCKLANDS Wednesday, October 13, 7am to 9am <i>NAB Forecourt</i> 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.</p>
<p>DOCKLANDS INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS COMMUNITY (DISC) Every Friday, 5pm, 6.30pm <i>The Hub, 80 Harbour Esplanade, Docklands</i> 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.</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>2010 CORPORATE DRAGON BOAT CHALLENGE Wednesday, October 27 <i>Victoria Harbour (Promenade), Docklands</i> 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.</p>	
<p>LINUX USERS OF VICTORIA Every 3rd Saturday of the month <i>Cinema Room, The Hub, 80 Harbour Esp.</i> Newcomers to Free and Open Source Software (FOSS) are invited to develop their skills and knowledge at an informal hands-on workshop. Must bring your own computer. See www.luv.asn.au. Call Donna on 0418 310 414.</p>	<p>DOCKLANDS SUNDAY MARKET Every Sunday, 10am to 4pm <i>Waterfront City Docklands Drive</i> Discover treasures from the hoardes of some of Melbourne's finest antique and pre-loved specialists, including art, jewellery, retro clothing, vintage books and car boot sales.</p>	<p>THE FINDERS KEEPERS SPRING/SUMMER MARKETS Saturday, October 9 & Sunday, October 10, 10am to 5pm <i>Shed 4, Victoria Harbour North Wharf Rd</i> The markets are a bi-annual event to showcase and support the work of emerging designers and artists from Australia and New Zealand.</p>	<p>COMMUNITY WALK Every Wed at 5.30pm and Fri 12.30pm <i>YMCA Docklands, Level 4, 100 Harbour Esplanade</i> In conjunction with the Heart Foundation, a great opportunity to meet new people, walk and talk.</p>
<p>THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (QUAKERS) Every Sunday 10.30am-11.30am <i>The Hub, 80 Harbour Esplanade, Docklands</i> Meet for worship and enjoy a tea or coffee afterwards.</p>		<p>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.</p>	<p>STORYTIME Every Monday at 11am <i>The Hub, 80 Harbour Esplanade, Docklands</i> 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.</p>

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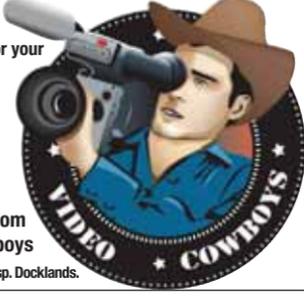


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CONNECTING BUSINESSES WITH DOCKLANDS

This newspaper directory is for ALL businesses - both within Docklands and beyond. Business card ads cost \$100+GST. Two-line classified entries are free for new Docklands-based businesses for the first three months and \$100+GST after that to remain in the directory for a year.

Our publication *Docklands Directory 2010* is out now and lists all Docklands businesses free of charge. Send an email to news@docklandsnews.com.au to have your Docklands businesses listed for 2011.

Our online business directory is updated throughout the year and will form the content of next year's printed Docklands Directory. Send an email to advertising@docklandsnews.com.au to have your Docklands business online.

HARBOUR TOWN HOTEL

12 Star Circus, Harbour Town,
 Docklands, 3008
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harbourtownhotel.com.au

Weekly Dinner Specials
 From 5pm

Sunday
 Last Chance Sundays!
 Enjoy all of our Weekly Dinner Specials (Below) for only \$12!

Monday
 \$13 Parma Night
 Enjoy Traditional or Gourmet Toppings

Tuesday
 \$15 Steak Night
 A Succulent 250g Porterhouse Cooked to your Liking with Chunky Chips & Salad & Your Choice of Sauce

Wednesday
 \$15 Burger Night
 Choose from one of our many Delicious Burger Varieties

Thursday
 \$12 Pizza & Pasta Night
 Choose from a Range of Delicious Pizzas and Pastas

\$15 Lunch Menu!
 Available Monday - Friday
 11:30am - 4:00pm
 New Menu Available Now

\$10 Cocktails
 Every Friday 5pm - 9pm

Happy Hours
 Monday - Friday 5-7pm & 9-10pm
 \$3 Selected Pots | \$5 Basic Spirits
 \$4 House Wines & Sparkling

SPRING RACING CARNIVAL!
Everyone's a Winner!
 Present your losing betting slip at the bar to receive

50% OFF YOUR TOTAL BILL!

*Valid until 9th November
 *Maximum discount \$75.00
 *2010 Spring Racing betting slips only