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YMCA cleans up

A team of volunteers from YMCA Docklands gave up their time to clean up a neglected patch of riverbank last month.

YMCA manager Andrew Ward and YMCA staffer Elisa Spiller (pictured above) were joined by five other staff members for the clean up.

The team will continue to maintain the riverbank over the next 12 months.

For all the details see the full story on page 9

School is a step closer

By Bethany Williams

Docklands is a step closer to securing its own local primary school.

Places Victoria last month announced that it would seek bid proposals for the development and operation of a privately-run primary school in Docklands.

A 2050 sqm site near the corner of Harbour Esplanade and Dudley St, in Digital Harbour, has been earmarked for the project.

While the news has been welcomed, some have questioned why the State Government hasn't moved to deliver a public school for Docklands' growing population.

Resident, parent and Docklands Community Forum representative Janine Stanfield said she welcomed any school because it would help to build the community.

However, she said she would continue to encourage the Education Department to consider the need for a public, inclusive school in Docklands.

She also urged the department to reconsider school zoning in Docklands in the meantime.

Ms Stanfield began campaigning for a local, public primary school when she found out her now six-year-old son wasn't zoned to attend any local state school.

Fortunately, he had been accepted into a private school in South Melbourne, but this too was at capacity.

It's a familiar story for many Docklands families, with children having to travel considerable differences each day to get to schools that are just about bursting at the seams.

A Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) feasibility study assessing the need for a school in the Docklands and North Melbourne area is yet to be released.

A DEECD spokesperson said the department was working with the relevant agencies to plan to meet the future infrastructure needs of the growing Docklands community.

"DEECD plans for new schools through the regular monitoring of residential growth, demographic change and enrolment trends, to ensure that all schools demonstrate viable long-term enrolments," the spokesperson said.

"To enable the ideal breadth of curriculum and adequate classroom sizes within schools, government primary schools require a minimum long term enrolment of 450 students."

The spokesperson said the department had identified areas with a higher immediate demand for schools than Docklands, which had been identified in the state budget.

In the 2013-14 budget, the State Government

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Docklands school campaigner Janine Stanfield and her son Ethan.

School is a step closer

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has funded the land acquisition, planning and site preparation for a new primary school in Ferrars St, South Melbourne.

Although the Docklands feasibility study is yet to be released, it's widely accepted amongst Docklanders that the need for a local primary school is apparent, with many families moving out of Docklands when their children reach school age.

According to Places Victoria CEO Peter Seamer, Docklands is currently home to around 8000 residents and its population of children aged 14 and under is predicted to reach 750 by 2016.

Mr Seamer said a school was identified as a top priority for the community during consultation for the Docklands Community and Place Plan, released last year.

The Docklands Community Forum has also

identified a primary school as a priority.

Docklands Community Association president and forum representative Roger Gardner said the news of a school was good for Docklands.

"We're all agreed that we need a school. It's overdue and we're pleased with Places Victoria's action," Mr Gardner said.

Due to the size of the identified site, Places Victoria is seeking a vertical model for the school.

The school could be either a stand-alone development or part of a larger integrated development.

Places Victoria is encouraging proposals that will make a positive contribution to the community.

Bid proposals must be submitted by June 14, with the outcome likely to be announced in mid-to-late 2013.

We're 10 years old

By Shane Scanlan

Docklands News is 10 years old this month.

The Docklands Authority started the paper and the first edition was published 10 years ago.

In edition number two, its founder Peter Crowley outlined a mission statement that was crafted by a representative committee of community volunteers:

"The Docklands Community News seeks to strengthen the Docklands community through the provision of relevant community-based information in a regular newsletter"

That sentiment continues to drive our editorial decision-making.

The *Docklands News* of June 2013 pays tribute to the original committee, some of whom are still active in our community: Lea and Paul O'Halloran, Irene Wasenko, Kirsten Howe, Peter and Lyn Kelly, Anthony and Kerry Scott, Wendy Gersh, Duean White and Wanda Drozkowski.

While the paper started life as a government publication, for the past six years it has been privately owned and relies entirely on advertising revenue.

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Dion Newburn has a look at Victoria Harbour artwork Look.

Short-stay case is not over yet

By Bethany Williams

Despite a Supreme Court decision to be handed down on May 30, the Watergate short-term apartment case is likely to continue.

Docklands Executive Apartment operator Paul Salter last month appealed in the Supreme Court the Building Appeals Board's (BAB) decision to affirm City of Melbourne building orders issued in 2011 to Watergate short-stay apartment owners.

Docklands News understands that if the Supreme Court finds in Mr Salter's favour, this would mean the return of the case to the BAB.

And if the Supreme Court finds against him, Mr Salter said he would again take the matter to a higher court.

"Absolutely, I will continue. We, as a growing industry, need to have this matter resolved," he said.

Docklands News will report the Supreme Court decision online at www.docklandsnews.com.au on May 30.

The next step would be the Supreme Court's Court of Appeal and then the High Court.

The Watergate building is a Class 2 residential building according to the Building Code of Australia (BCA), but Council argued that short-stay apartments fall within the Class 3 classification, usually reserved for hotels and rooming houses.

Council's 2011 building orders demanded owners comply with regulations applicable to Class 3 buildings or stop trading.

Mr Salter operates his business, Docklands Executive Apartments in the Watergate

building and had appealed the building orders at the BAB.

Following the BAB's decision affirming Council's building orders, Mr Salter, with the support of the short-stay industry, lodged a Supreme Court appeal.

Justice Beach heard the appeal over two days of hearings on May 23 and 24.

Mr Salter's appeal was based on alleged errors of law in the BAB's determination.

Arguments from his lawyers included:

- The BAB misinterpreted the definition of Class 2 by giving the term "dwelling" a temporal requirement;
- The BAB took into account irrelevant evidence about other apartments in the building; and
- The BAB's finding that the building notices were validly issued due to a change in use that caused danger to life was incorrect because there was no change in use and no evidence of danger.

The BAB was not represented at the Supreme Court but has indicated it will abide by its decision.

The City of Melbourne was represented at the hearings and submitted that the BAB determination should be upheld.

Submissions made by council's included:

- That the BAB had correctly interpreted the BCA and the evidence presented during the hearings;
- That the board had found that short-term apartments were used more like a hotel; and
- That the use of the apartments as short-term accommodation was a change in use from what been initially planned and approved and therefore the building orders were necessary.

Take a closer look

If you took a walk along Victoria Harbour Promenade last month chances are you came across a range of unique artworks.

Rising, the Victoria Harbour Young Artists Initiative returned to Docklands last month for its sixth year running.

The exhibition featured seven artworks created by students of sculpture and spatial practice at the Victorian College of the Arts.

Look by Lauren Joelle Berkely was a one of the visually intriguing sculptures on display along the promenade.

The cave-like structure invited viewers to step inside and take a moment out from the surrounds of the city.

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Ute attack on waterfront eatery

By Sean Car

Vandals used a stolen car to smash in the front of Almina Cafe Bar on the waterfront under the ANZ Centre on May 2.

A red Holden rodeo ute traveled along the pedestrian shore-front extension off Collins St shortly after 4am before reversing three times into the front of the restaurant, which also damaged windows at a neighbouring business.

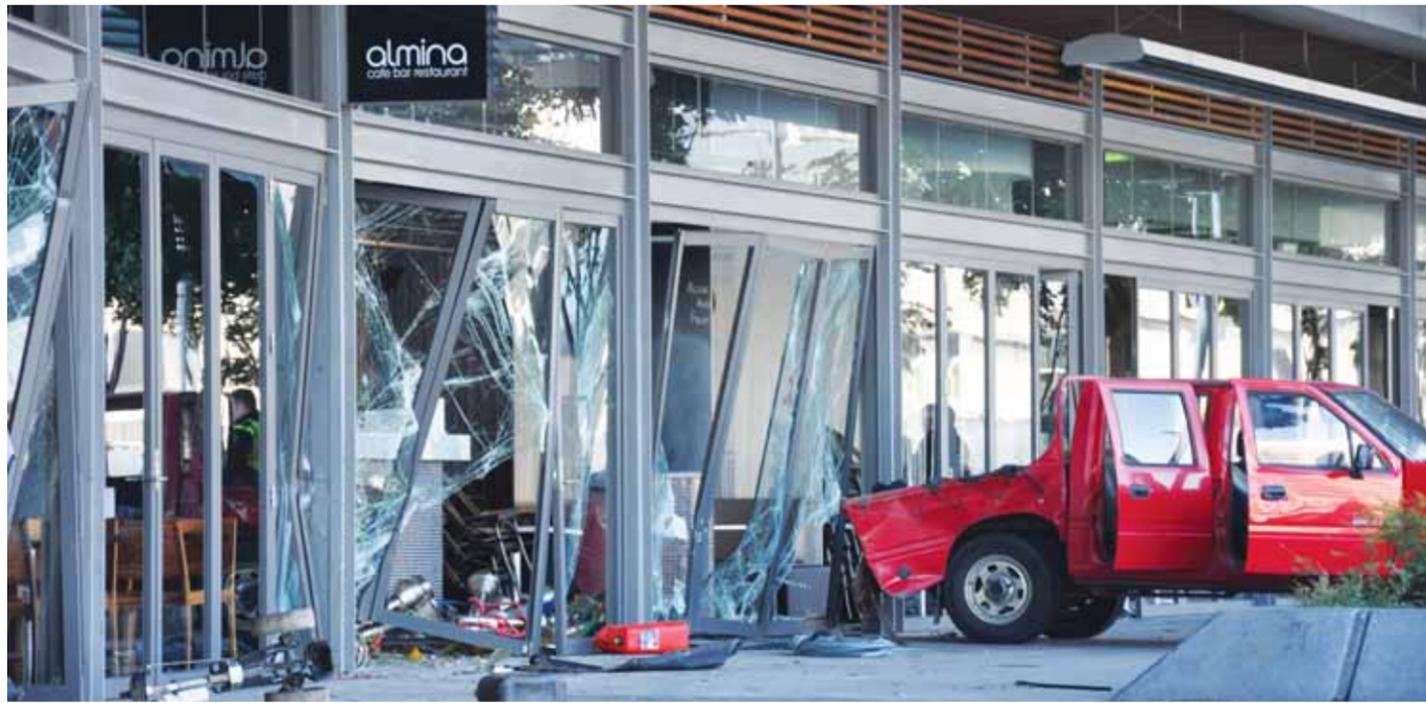
After smashing multiple shop-front windows, the occupant of the vehicle then dispersed an unknown chemical substance inside the shop with the intention of starting a fire, however the substance failed to ignite.

The two culprits then fled the scene on a motorbike before security arrived at the scene shortly after.

Almina Restaurant owner, Nazem Ahmed, said he was fortunately sleeping in the premises at the time of the attack.

"I'm very lucky I was in the shop," he said. "I was woken up at around 4.10 maybe and heard a big smash."

"I go put my clothes on straight away and go outside and they are running away on a bike."



Extensive damage was caused during the May 2 attack.

Mr Ahmed said this was the second time his business had been attacked in four months, with the previous incident currently being heard before the courts.

"The cops stopped three guys who are in court already," he said.

"For me I don't have any problems with anyone I have no issues we have best customers."

"But I can't guarantee, there has to be a reason for it."

Snr-Sgt John Rodger, of Melbourne CIU, said police were investigating any links between the two attacks but said there was currently nothing to suggest a link.

"We are still conducting the investigation there's nothing that we know at this stage which links them," he said.

Snr-Sgt Rodger said police were unsure of the motivation, but labelled it a brazen act.

"It would be quiet down here at four o'clock in the morning but to come up and reverse in such an open manner is a brazen attack."

He said police were continuing their analysis of CCTV footage and forensic evidence and were calling on witnesses to contact Crime Stoppers on **1800 333 000**.

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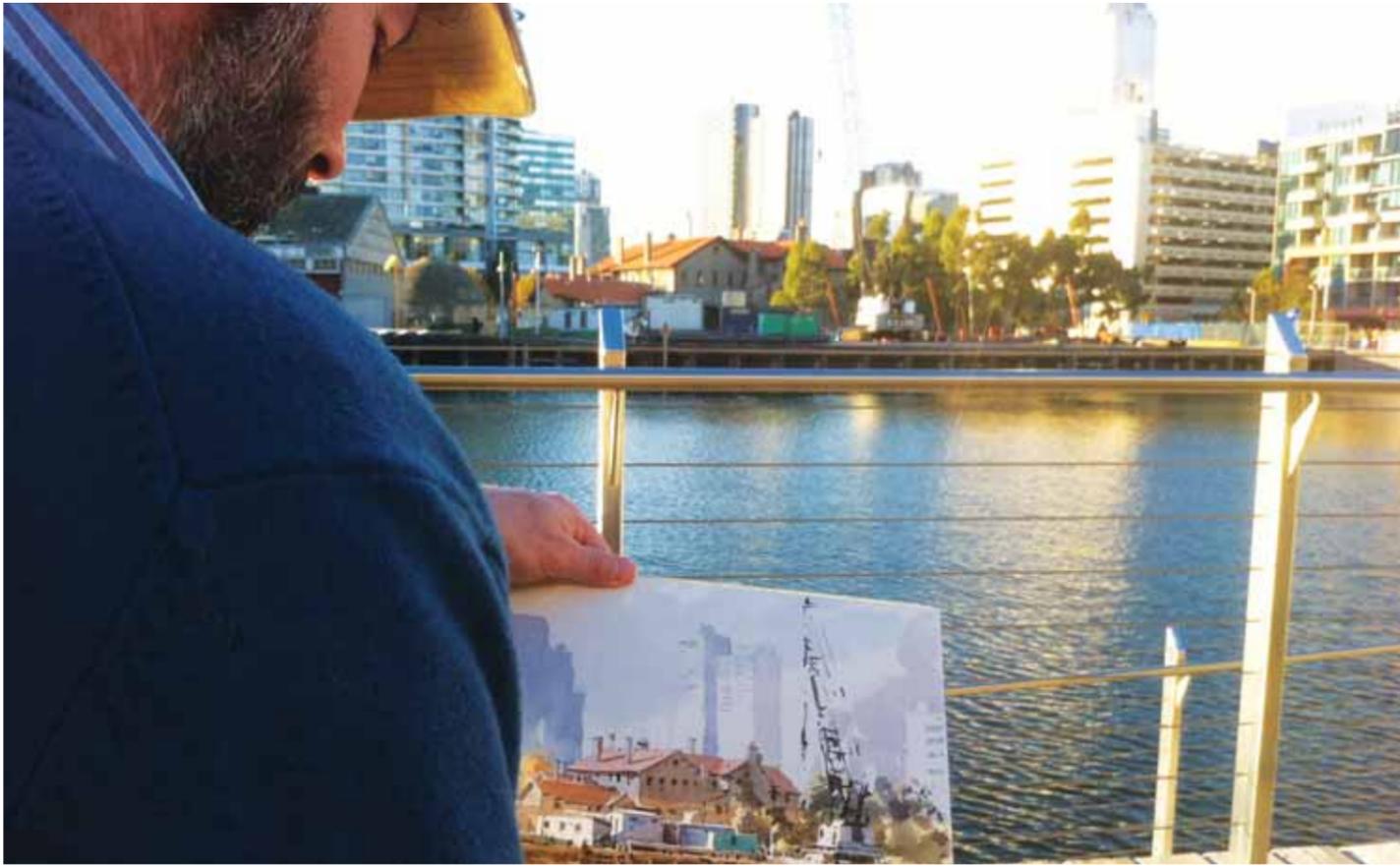
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Artist Julian Bruere displays his watercolour of the Mission to Seafarers building on Flinders St.

Photo by Bill Reid.

Real water colours

A day out on the water proved to be an inspiring jaunt for a group of artists in Docklands last month.

Around 40 artists enjoyed a boat tour around the harbour and port, getting an up-close view of enormous container ships.

The tour, arranged by the Mission to Seafarers, aimed to provide budding and professional artists with some real-life inspiration in the lead up to the ANL Maritime Art Prize and Exhibition.

The exhibition is held at the mission each October and features maritime-themed artwork.

Following the tour, the group of artists had the opportunity to join in a painting session near the mission.

Docklands is a budget winner

By Bethany Williams

Docklands has received its best council budget result ever, with the City of Melbourne set to invest in a range of projects.

Docklands will receive an \$11.1 million infrastructure investment, according to last month's council draft 2013-14 budget.

The first budget of the council's four-year term allows \$6.5 million for the completion of the Docklands Library and Community Centre, \$3.6 million for the Docklands Boating and Family Services Hub and a further \$1 million to continue implementing projects from the Dockland Community and Place Plan (DCPP).

According to City of Melbourne director of city design Rob Adams, the majority of the DCPP funding will be spent on the Queens Lawn project at the Fox Classic Car Museum.

Mr Adams said City of Melbourne was finalising a long-term lease for the space with Lindsay Fox.

He said the rest of the \$1 million would be used for smaller projects including movable landscapes and work towards the restoration of some of the heritage sheds that are sitting under the Bolte Bridge.

The budget also allows \$50,000 for a feasibility study into a Docklands ferry service.

According to councillor Kevin Louey, the study will look into the potential for a ferry service between different ports in Docklands.

The localised service could potentially tie in with the larger scale western suburbs commuter ferry service the State Government is investigating and with WTC's ferry service between North Wharf and the city.

Mr Adams said the long-term view was that part of Harbour Esplanade would become a ferry terminal.

Additionally, the City of Melbourne has

agreed to a \$300,000 one-year funding deal with Destination Docklands.

Destination Docklands had originally requested \$250,000 for core marketing and \$100,000 for event activation per year for the next three years.

But Destination Docklands CEO Anita Donnelly said she was happy with the agreement and said it showed City of Melbourne believed in Docklands and had confidence in the organisation.

She said council would assess a longer-term agreement but was unable to agree to the three-year proposal as part of the budget deliberations because it only concerned a one-year period.

Additionally, \$220,000 has been allocated in the budget for an enhanced winter activation program.

The Friday night winter fireworks will be extended for five extra weeks, running through July and August.

Unfortunately it isn't all good news.

The plan to introduce a \$5 charge for the once free tourist shuttle has raised concerns.

Docklands Chamber of Commerce President Stephen Clement said Docklands needed the shuttle bus to continue to be free.

"It's a very attractive service at the moment and the fact that council wants to introduce a fee really takes away from that," he said.

"The chamber will be providing feedback to council outlining our opposition to the introduction of a fee."

Lord Mayor Robert Doyle said he considered the charge to be a reasonable revenue lever.

Cr Louey said he didn't consider the amount unreasonable compared to other operators.

He said council would monitor the shuttle service and would re-evaluate if passenger numbers dropped considerably.

The 2013-14 draft budget can be viewed on the council website, at council libraries, the town hall and at the Docklands Hub. Written submissions will be accepted until June 7.

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Worldwide Scope to be deregistered

Worldwide Scope Pty Ltd will be deregistered following a VCAT inquiry into the company's business practices.

The company operated as a Century 21 franchise in Docklands for two years before Consumer Affairs began an investigation into the business and its director Ali Abbas in 2011.

It was alleged at the time that Mr Abbas received bonds in cash from multiple tenants, however did not lodge the money with the Residential Tenancies Bond Authority.

It was also alleged that rents were paid in cash and were not passed on to landlords.

As a result of the investigation, the Minister for Consumer Affairs froze Mr Abbas's agency trust account and appointed a manager to run the business.

Consumer Affairs has received numerous claims to the Victorian Property Fund regarding unpaid rental monies and missing residential tenancy bonds.

According to Consumer Affairs lawyer Kathryn Bannon, over \$100,000 has already been claimed from the Victorian Property Fund with over \$40,000 worth of claims currently being processed.

She said over \$20,000 worth of claims relating to missing bonds would be processed following the end of multiple leases.

According to immigration records referred to by Ms Bannon during the VCAT hearings,

Mr Abbas has been out of the country since January 2012.

Accordingly, the VCAT inquiry into his role in the trust fund irregularities was withdrawn in March, with right of reinstatement if Mr Abbas returns to the country.

It is understood Mr Abbas is likely to face not only VCAT action but also criminal charges should he return to Australia.

The inquiry into Worldwide Scope Pty Ltd continued despite Mr Abbas's absence and resulted in an order for the company to be deregistered.

Jay Bisset, who had been identified as Worldwide Scope's remaining director, after Mr Abbas ceased to be a director in 2011, represented the company at the hearings.

But Mr Bisset said he believed he has been removed as a director of the company in November 2009 and had no knowledge of any wrongdoing of the company.

At a hearing on May 8, Ms Bannon said the director of Consumer Affairs did not wish to proceed with imposing a monetary fine on Mr Bisset.

"The consumer affairs investigation did not find any evidence linking him to being aware of the wrongdoing of the company," Ms Bannon said.

Presiding VCAT member Elizabeth Wentworth said the evidence before her showed that Mr Bisset had believed at all times that he was no longer a director of the company.

Mr Bisset said he intended to remove himself as a director of the company.

Ms Bannon said Consumer Affairs sought that Worldwide Scope be deregistered and permanently disqualified from holding an estate agent license.

VCAT member Wentworth agreed to this and said the orders would be made and provided in writing to each party.



Brock Brown, Liam Macey, Ella Vandeveld and Sophie Russell explored Docklands last month.

Thumbs up for Docklands

Students from Oxley College in Chirnside Park visited Docklands last month to find out more about the area's development.

The year nine students examined Docklands' residential and commercial buildings and surveyed Harbour Town visitors about their Docklands experiences.

Ella Vandeveld said the feedback from the surveys was positive overall and many people interviewed had said they thought Docklands had improved since their last visit.

Owners given access

The Conder Owners Corporation (OC) has granted facility temporary access to owners who mounted VCAT action due to the introduction of induction procedures.

The Conder OC made pool and gym induction mandatory in February this year, with anyone who had not completed the induction being denied access to the facilities.

Peter and Lyn Kelly, who operate Docklands Private Collection of Apartments, own an apartment in the building and launched VCAT action privately on grounds of being denied their rights as owners when they were prevented from using the facilities.

Metro Real Estate had also launched VCAT action against the OC.

Metro Real Estate trades as Grand Mercure Docklands, a MAB Corporation serviced apartment business that operates out of the Conder.

At a VCAT directions hearing on May 2, it was decided that both matters would be heard together.

The Conder OC also submitted at the hearing that access to the facilities would be granted to the parties until a decision was reached.

A VCAT compulsory conference was scheduled for July 19 to determine if settlement could be reached.



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Chamber challengers are champion rats

About 100 people took part in the first ever Water Ratrice Corporate Challenge in Docklands last month.

The event, run by Destination Docklands, involved teams racing around Docklands and completing challenges in return for points at checkpoints across the suburb.

Challenges included swimming laps of the YMCA pool, pouring and drinking a beer, getting a hole in one at mini-golf and sailing a boat to the middle of the harbour and back.

The event was hosted by winners of season two of *The Amazing Race Australia*, Melburnians Shane Haw and Andrew Thoday.

And champion aerial skier Jacqui Cooper competed with the OAMPS Insurance Brokers team, giving them an Olympic edge.

Teams battled the cold weather to make it to as many checkpoints as possible before returning to the Medallion Club at Etihad Stadium before the cut-off time.

The Docklands Chamber of Commerce team, made up of Bill Reid, Sally Hewitt, Shane Scanlan and Sean Rogasch, took out the competition, winning a huge range of prizes.

Ticketmaster was runner-up and Medi Awesomeness (from Medibank) was awarded for having the best costumes.



The Medi Awesomeness team and their prize-winning costumers.

Destination Docklands CEO Anita Donnelly said the event had been a great success and

the organisation had received plenty of positive feedback from the teams involved.

Grants for community

Community groups are encouraged to apply for community grants of up to \$20,000 as part of the City of Melbourne 2014 community grants program.

The \$900,000 program provides grants for not-for-profit groups across Melbourne that work to improve Melbourne's liveability.

Last year the Docklands Community Garden received a \$2000 grant and the Docklands Community Association received a \$3000 grant as part of the program.

"The City of Melbourne is home to more than 93,000 people and hundreds of community organisations all striving to make Melbourne a great place to live," Lord Mayor Robert Doyle said.

"The local not-for-profit community sector enhances our cultural fabric and supports those in need," he said.

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CEO joins fight against homelessness

Business leader and Docklander George Kotzageridis is set to brave a cold night at Etihad Stadium next month to raise awareness of homelessness in Australia.

Mr Kotzageridis will join more than 100 other CEOs, including Hatem Saleh from Docklands-based Atlantic Group [V], at the annual Victorian Vinnies CEO Sleepout on June 20.

Every night more than 100,000 Australians sleep rough. Just under half of these are women and around a quarter are less than 18 years old.

The sleep out asks CEOs to experience homelessness for a single night and, in doing so, raise awareness and much-needed funds for homeless services.

Mr Kotzageridis is CEO of GSK Group of Companies, which works in catering, event management, party hire, petroleum and security.

He's also lived in Docklands for the past six-and-a-half years, first at NewQuay and for the past four years at Yarra's Edge.

Mr Kotzageridis said Yarra's Edge was definitely the best place to live in Docklands.

"It's such a nice place to be. It's quiet, not too busy and not much wind," he said.

"It's family-oriented and has a great community feel. Everyone knows each other."

He decided to get involved in the CEO



Sleepout in order to help support the Vinnies cause.

George said he had a Boy Scout background, so he didn't think he'd find the sleep out as

difficult as others might.

"It's just one night. Don't forget there are many people doing it every night," Mr Kotzageridis said.

George said he believed people should give of themselves when they can.

GSK Group of Companies also sponsors children through World Vision and supports the Blue Ribbon Foundation.

"What goes around comes around. If you can help someone who needs it then you should," he said.

According to George, it's easy to forget that many people who experience homelessness have a story to tell.

"If you look into the stories of the homeless you'll find that many are educated people, perhaps they once were wealthy. It can happen to anyone," he said.

"Circumstances can change easily, especially if you don't have any support," he said.

The Vinnies CEO Sleepout will be held at Etihad Stadium and other locations around the country on June 20. Donations can be made at www.ceosleepout.org.au



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New chair for Destination Docklands

Destination Docklands has announced Dr David Cochrane as its new chairperson, following Clive Dwyer's resignation.

Mr Dwyer stepped down from the role after accepting a position in the Middle East managing the destination program for Yas Island in Abu Dhabi.

Dr Cochrane comes to the role with 30 years experience as an economist and accountant. He is currently the Melbourne leader for the economics, regulation and policy practice for Ernst and Young.

He is also a member of the Commonwealth Government's Investment and Regulatory Reform Working Group, which has been established to identify actions to support the development of regional tourism assets.

Until recently he was also a member of the Dandenong Gardens Advisory Committee.

"I am excited to be elected as chair and plan to build on the previous strategies; bringing new initiatives to activate the waterfront and developing new partnership opportunities for Docklands," Dr Cochrane said.



YMCA team cleans up

A team of volunteers from YMCA Docklands has adopted a neglected and polluted section of riverbank.

The riverbank, next to the Webb Bridge near the YMCA gym at ANZ, was strewn with rubbish before the team began its clean-up on May 24.

The clean-up action was carried out as part of a new YMCA Docklands Pride program by seven staff, led by manager Andrew Ward.

And they plan to continue to maintain the site, having been granted a licence to act as its custodian for 12 months.

Mr Ward is also a representative on the Docklands Community Forum and started the Docklands Pride program to encourage volunteerism and pride in Docklands amongst his staff.

"Docklands is a wonderful place to work and live, and this message doesn't come through enough," Mr Ward said.

"I believe the Docklands community is looking for more ways to engage in the space, and want to be proud of saying they live or work in Docklands."

Mr Ward said the project could also create a model for other businesses in the area which may want to start up a similar scheme but weren't sure how to start.

"The point here is more about encouraging other companies to also have their own piece of Docklands, and engage their employees," Mr Ward said.

"If we already know the path, then we can encourage others."

Places Victoria general manager Simon Wilson said his organisation was supportive of YMCA's clean-up initiative.

He said Places Victoria and City of

Melbourne were working on plans to prevent rubbish from accumulating in the area adjacent to the Jim Stynes Bridge connection to Docklands.

Apart from the environmental cleanup program, YMCA Docklands is also working on other community initiatives.

Over the past 12 months YMCA has provided health and wellness services for asylum seekers.

The YMCA has also forged partnerships with several charities that work with people who are homeless and suffering disadvantage in order to provide fitness programs.

According to Mr Ward, there is no other health club in Australia that is doing this level of community work.

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Tasty offering for abandoned space

A creative collective is set to transform the abandoned Waterfront City food court into a unique art space.

The group has been offered the space as part of Renew Australia's Docklands Spaces project.

Docklands Spaces allows creative projects access to unleased spaces rent-free.

Properties are made available on a month-to-month basis, allowing landlords to reclaim their property quickly, should they get a commercial offer.

Landlords bear no cost, with insurance and overheads covered by not-for-profit Renew Australia, which is funded by City of Melbourne, Places Victoria and MAB Corporation.

So far Docklands Spaces has focused on Waterfront City premises but Places Victoria general manager Simon Wilson said plans were underway to expand into Harbour Town.

The group is the fourth project to move into the piazza and has launched a fundraising campaign to get its idea off the ground.

James Wright is one of four people running the project and said the group aimed to transform the space into a free, public art space for the community.

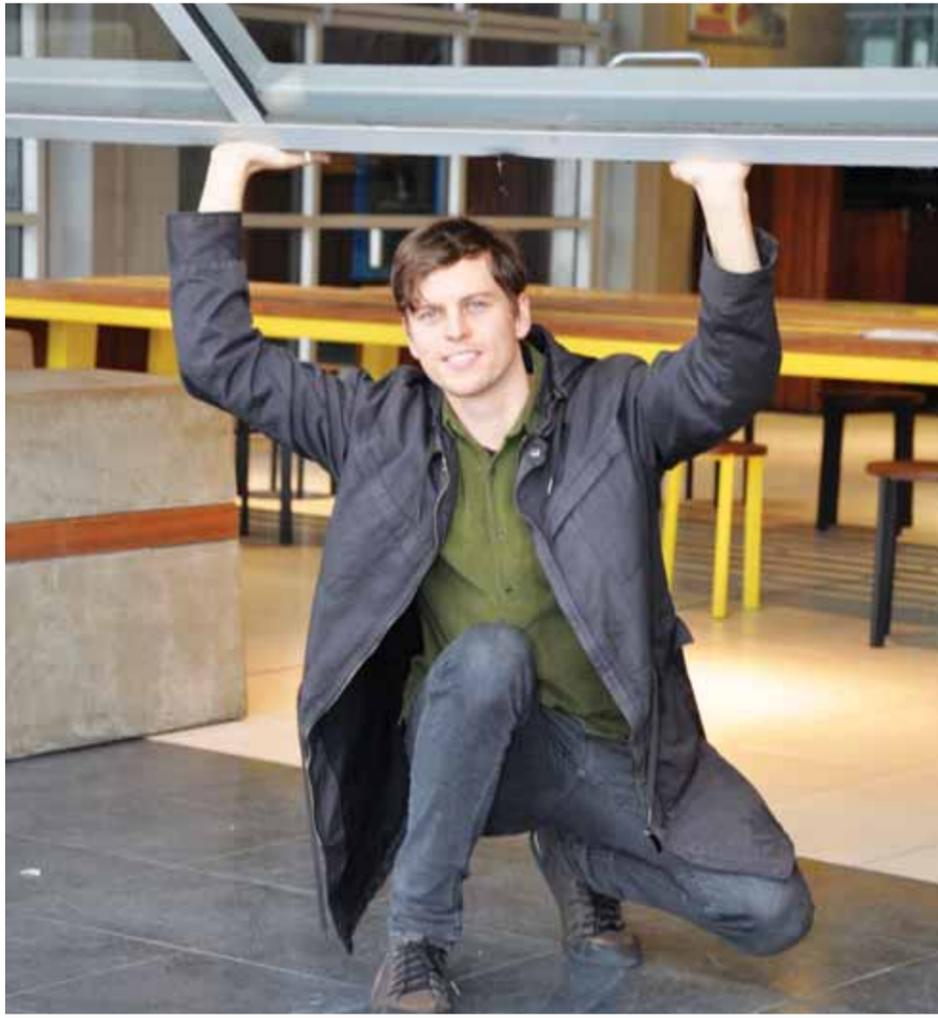
The food court has been collecting dust since its doors closed in 2010, but the group hopes the space can be revived and become a creative centre for Docklands.

Their project is called Docklands Community Arts and the space will be affectionately known as The Food Court.

During the day it will be used as a public workspace, with free wi-fi, a coffee cart, public book share and a public noticeboard.

And by night the space will become an events space available for arts-related activities.

The team aim to transform the food court from lifeless to lively, filling the space with greenery and plants.



The doors of the abandoned Waterfront City food court will soon open, according to James Wright.

But it intends to maintain the food court style. "I think that's what makes it quite interesting," Mr Wright said.

The team will also be holding its own screenings, exhibitions and workshops.

Other ideas for the space include performance nights, collective meet-ups and participatory dinners.

Although the Docklands Spaces project only allows a month-to-month agreement, Mr Wright was hopeful the Docklands Community Arts project would continue for a while.

"A lot of the office spaces and shop fronts could easily be snapped up, but this is such a specifically designed space, we hope we'll

be here for at least six months or even a year," Mr Wright said.

The team is attempting to raise \$5000 in order to transform the space into a vibrant arts hub.

They've launched a campaign through crowd funding website Pozible and as *Docklands News* went to print had raised \$1530.

Funds raised will be spent on material for interior design, outgoings including electricity and wi-fi, event equipment, a public bookshelf and books, plants and an indoor garden, coffee cart hire and promotion and management of the space.

If you'd like to support the project you can pledge a donation at www.pozible.com/docklands until June 15.

No funding for tourist service

Docklands is no closer to attracting tourists from the city's major visitor entry point as the City of Melbourne has again deferred funding a Western Gateway Visitor Service.

Instead Council has allocated \$50,000 in its draft 2013-14 budget for a "static trial visitor service", which would provide further information to determine the best visitor service model.

Council has been discussing the idea of a visitor service at Southern Cross Station since 2011.

The service would provide information to visitors arriving at Docklands and other areas surrounding the station.

A City of Melbourne spokesperson said council's tourism branch undertook a trial visitor information service at Southern Cross Station during March and April this year.

The purpose of the trial was to establish the breadth and volume of visitor-related enquiries and was conducted as a mobile service, operating in two locations.

The spokesperson said almost 12,000 enquiries were recorded during the trial, a significant proportion of which related to the station and public transport issues.

"The outcomes of the trial has raised a number of questions around the most appropriate model under which the service would operate," the spokesperson said.

Destination Docklands CEO Anita Donnelly said her organisation was supportive of a visitor service at Southern Cross Station and welcomed the budget allocation.



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Goddess Mazu protects Docklands

Emergency services were called to Docklands last month to deal with the fallout from a major boat collision in Victoria Harbour.

Fortunately there were no casualties, as the collision was fictional.

The scenario aimed to test the emergency management and business continuity plans of the City of Melbourne and its partner agencies.

The City of Melbourne hosted Exercise Mazu in Docklands last month with more than 100 people from different agencies attending the session.

The exercise was named Mazu after the indigenous Chinese goddess of the sea who is said to protect fishermen and sailors.

Attendees included Victoria Police, Metropolitan Fire Brigade and VICSES, along with the Port of Melbourne Corporation, Melbourne Passenger Boat Association and the Environment Protection Authority.

Local businesses including ANZ, National Australia Bank and Etihad Stadium were also involved.

Library emerges from dock

Construction of the Docklands Library and Community Centre at Victoria Harbour is progressing, with the framework of the first floor now clearly visible.

The \$13 million library is being delivered through a partnership between Lend Lease, Places Victoria and City of Melbourne and is one of the key elements of the Docklands Community and Place Plan.

The three-storey library is being constructed using cross-laminated timber (CLT) and reclaimed hardwood. According to a Lend

Lease spokesperson, the development is progressing well despite inclement weather.

The spokesperson said installation of the CLT was well underway, with both lift cores now completed.

The spokesperson said work on the level one columns, beams and suspended floors was also underway.

According to the spokesperson, the next step in the library's construction is installation of electrical, mechanical and hydraulic services at level one.

Construction of the Docklands Library and Community Centre is due for completion in late 2013 and is set to open to the public in March 2014.



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Just a dollar a day will rescue a sex slave

Docklands-based charity The Big Umbrella this month launches a national campaign to rescue Vietnamese girls from sex slavery in China.

The Big Umbrella founder Justin Dickinson has just returned from five months in Vietnam where he was exposed to the work of the Blue Dragon Children's Foundation.

Blue Dragon's primary purpose is to rescue Vietnamese girls who are sold into slavery across the border in China, however its reach is restricted because of a lack of available financial aid.

"It was a no brainer for me, I was determined that when we got home, we would be able raise \$52,000 in a year to fund one rescue a week," Mr Dickinson said.

"It's mind-blowing that in 2013, slavery has now overtaken arms trafficking to become the world's second largest criminal activity, behind drug trafficking," he said.

"World-wide, more than 30 million people are living a life of abuse, rape, malnutrition, beatings, forced labour and exhaustion with little to no hope of ever escaping."

"Our crowd funding Campaign 147 aims to give the power back to the people. We are looking for just 147 people to sacrifice a \$1 a day for next 365 days so that these girls can be rescued from a terrible fate as a sex slave in Chinese brothels. It only costs



\$1000 each rescue and this means that more children will be freed from garment factories and more traffickers will be arrested and imprisoned.

"The traffickers in Vietnam will court a young woman for one year or so ... they deceive them, playing the role of a trustworthy and loving partner for up to 12 months. It all seems very normal until, one day they take a 'holiday' or 'go shopping in China. Here she will be sold by her 'boyfriend' to a brothel for as little as US\$2000," Mr Dickinson said.

"If she is a virgin the brothel can sell her two or three times the normal price. Once she is no longer a virgin the brothel will then give her very painful surgery to make her a virgin again, they continue this process three or four times before her body can not take the surgery anymore."

"One particular girl's recount was that on her first day she was made to 'service' 47 men. She said that she was about to kill herself on that day. However, she did not want to die without seeing her parents and siblings."

"A few years will go by, she will then be sold all around China to other less expensive brothels where she could service up to 50-70 men a day."

"If she becomes pregnant they make her have an abortion, after this happens, she will be made to go back to work within hours of the operation."

"Some girls are then sold to a boat out at sea, she will never return from this. Locked in a room and made to service sailors day and night until her small body can't take it any more."

"She will eventually die from this abuse and her body will be dumped overboard, with no papers and no passport, no one will ever know of this crime."

To enlist in the fight for humanity go to www.thebigumbrella.org/campaign-147 or contact Mr Dickinson on 0426 816 456.

Lunchtime thrills for Docklands

This month's Hub Lunchbox session offers Docklands residents and workers the opportunity to learn Michael Jackson's iconic 'Thriller' dance.

Dance instructor Alana Everett will visit the Hub to teach attendees the famous routine.

The dance became a famous part of pop culture after it featured in the 1983 music video for the Michael Jackson song of the same name.

"It is completely satisfying to be able to learn such an iconic dance in a short period of time, and to arrive at a place of accomplishment and gratification. It is fun, it is energetic and it is absolutely thrilling," Alana said.

Hub Lunchbox sessions are free but bookings are essential.

To book contact the Hub on 8622 4822.

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India enlightens

By Bethany Williams

Docklands local Ashleigh Streeter has returned from a “surreal” trip to India with hope of continuing to advocate for some of the country’s most vulnerable people.

Ms Streeter, 19, was an intern with World Vision when the opportunity arose to travel to India with its youth movement, VGen.

She and seven other VGen representatives from around Australia travelled with two World Vision staffers to some of India’s poorest communities in Delhi, Jaipur and Kanpur.

For some, the thought of India conjures images of Bollywood films, spicy curries and the Taj Mahal, but Ms Streeter and her companions were exposed to a much more gritty version of India.

“It was different going into the communities and getting the real story,” Ms Streeter said.

This included speaking to girls her own age who had been abused and others who had entered into arranged marriages and had children before the age of 16.

They also visited a World Vision project working with drug-addicted street children, who often started out sniffing glue before moving on to harder substances.

Although these experiences were confronting, they provided an understanding of the need for the work NGOs such as World Vision do.

The group visited people and communities

who had been helped by World Vision’s work and heard stories of hardships but also about how lives had been changed.

“So many people thanked us because we represented the organisation that’s helped them get out of poverty, get an education and given them hope for the future,” she said.

“They were very honest with us. It’s definitely not all about songs and dances,” Ms Streeter said.

After returning from India, part of her role as a VGen representative was to share her experience and advocate for the need for continued support of foreign aid.

Ms Streeter has continued her internship with World Vision and has spoken with her local Rotary club, university group and old high school to share her experiences and to reinforce the importance of their support.

She said her experience had given her a new perspective and had made her appreciate what she had so much more.

Ms Streeter is studying international politics and hopes to pursue a career with an organisation such as World Vision.

“I’d really like to do something on an international scale.”

40,000 Docklands workers ... and rising

More than 6000 new workers will move into Docklands offices this month.

The Marsh Mercer building at Collins Square will welcome 2000 workers while 4500 NAB employees will move into the new office at 700 Bourke St.

According to Places Victoria general manager Simon Wilson the level of construction in Docklands is outpacing development elsewhere in the CBD.

He said there were currently nine projects under construction with a development value of \$1.8 billion.

Mr Wilson said that by the end of the year, the completion of EXO, Forte and The Quays would deliver a further 632 apartments, while Docklands’ worker population would reach about 40,000.

“Upon completion in approximately 2025, Docklands is anticipated to have attracted \$17.5 billion in private sector investment and have a residential population of 20,000 and worker population of 60,000,” Mr Wilson said.



4500 Nab employees will move into the new office at 700 Bourke St.



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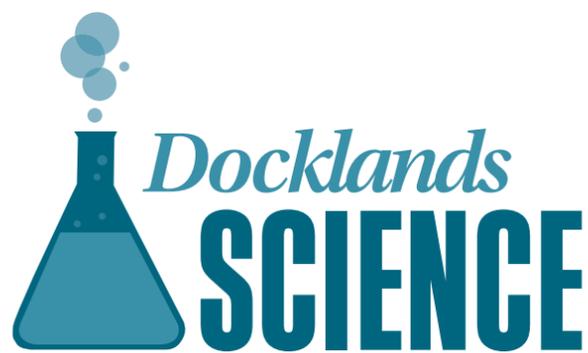
There are only 16 places left for this month's Docklands News Networking Lunch on June 21 at Va Bene on Central Pier.

The networking lunch is a quarterly event and is a great way to meet Docklands business owners and stakeholders.

As usual, the cost of the lunch will be \$60. Bookings and payments need to be received by June 14.

To book ring Docklands News on **8689 7979** or email lunch@docklandsnews.com.au.

The lunch will include a three-course sharing-style menu featuring: Chef's seasonal selection entrées; Chef's choice pizza and pasta selection; a desert trio option; along with beer, wine, soft drinks, tea and coffee.



There is a reason for helmets

Research published in the Medical Journal of Australia last month found that bicycle riders who don't wear helmets were close to 6 per cent more likely to sustain a head injury or a severe head injury, compared with law-abiding cyclists who wear helmets.

Before you scoff at that statistic, the study also found that medical costs for injured cyclists without a helmet were on average close to \$50,000 more expensive than the medical cost for injuries obtained by cyclists with a helmet.

Helmets definitely aren't worn for good looks. The scientists' findings are an affirmation of the public and individual benefit of mandatory bike helmet laws, which are enforced in Victoria.

The published journal supports a decision announced by roads minister Terry Mulder (reported in last month's issue of Docklands News) that 200 free bike helmets would be circulated through the RACV bike share system. That being said,

the Government's announcement wasn't backed by research or concern for cyclist safety.

Rather, it was about ensuring that they raised revenue from the languishing bike share system by removing the perceivable hindrance of buying a helmet.

According to statistics compiled in the Access Docklands plan: *A strategy for the Docklands transport network*, the research is pertinent to residents of Docklands, given that they ride their bikes to work twice as much other residents of wider metropolitan Melbourne.

David Sibenaler is a Docklands Resident and science communicator.

Icehouse to host nationals

Docklands' Icehouse is set to host the Australian Figure Skating Championships later this year.

The championships will be held at the Icehouse between November 30 and December 5 and is expected to attract around 600 of Australia's best figure skaters.

The event was last held at the Icehouse in 2010 and prior to that hadn't been held in

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The event holds extra importance for senior skaters as their performance at the nationals can determine representation at international events including the World Championships.

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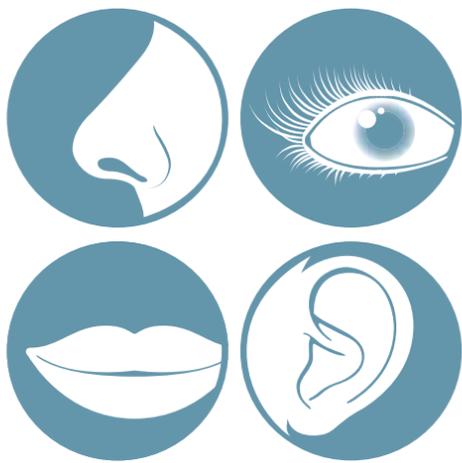
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Blind bunny can see

Docklands' toy rabbit sculpture has been granted the gift of sight.

Signature Work by Emily Floyd is a sculpture of a large-scale toy rabbit located opposite the Watergate building.

A pair of paper eyes were recently attached to the sculpture, giving the bunny its first look at Docklands.

We wonder what new sights the bunny is enjoying with its new eyes.

Perhaps the bunny has been watching a few games of netball and soccer at the Docklands sports courts.



DOCKLANDS SECRETS

DOCKLANDS WRITERS

People I've met, places I've been & things I've seen

Storm

By Susan Wells

Continuing our journey west, Jenni, Cruiser and I arrived in Perth to visit friends.

We stayed for three months visiting all the sights and making the most of Perth's beautiful city beaches. Cruiser loved our

friend's backyard, free at last from the confines of the car.

Parties were popular on the weekends and much rock 'n' roll took place, being the nature of things in the 70s. Sunday sessions at The Charles were a must and the home stereo pumped out our music loudly. Brian Ferry and Roxy Music, Santana, Led Zeppelin, Doobie Brothers, Rolling Stones all boomed out frequently, possibly all over the neighbourhood ...

Moving on from Perth, we headed north to Kalbarri. The white sandy beach stretched

on for miles as we sat and listened to the soothing sounds of breaking waves each day until the sun went down.

After a few days, however, the weather turned. A storm was on its way. Black clouds filled the sky as the howling wind whipped up loose sand across the beach and tossed waves into the cliff face at the edge of the caravan park.

By late afternoon the wind and the rain had turned the campsite into a mud pool, although the tent was still standing. We decided to take off to the pub. Warmer, drier

and with food possibly available, the thought was much more enticing than the prospect of a cold snack in a wet tent.

After the pub, we arrived back at the caravan park hoping the tent might have dried out a bit and we could crawl into our warm sleeping bags and comfy blow-up beds, but alas! The tent was flat in a wet heap, blown over by the fierce winds.

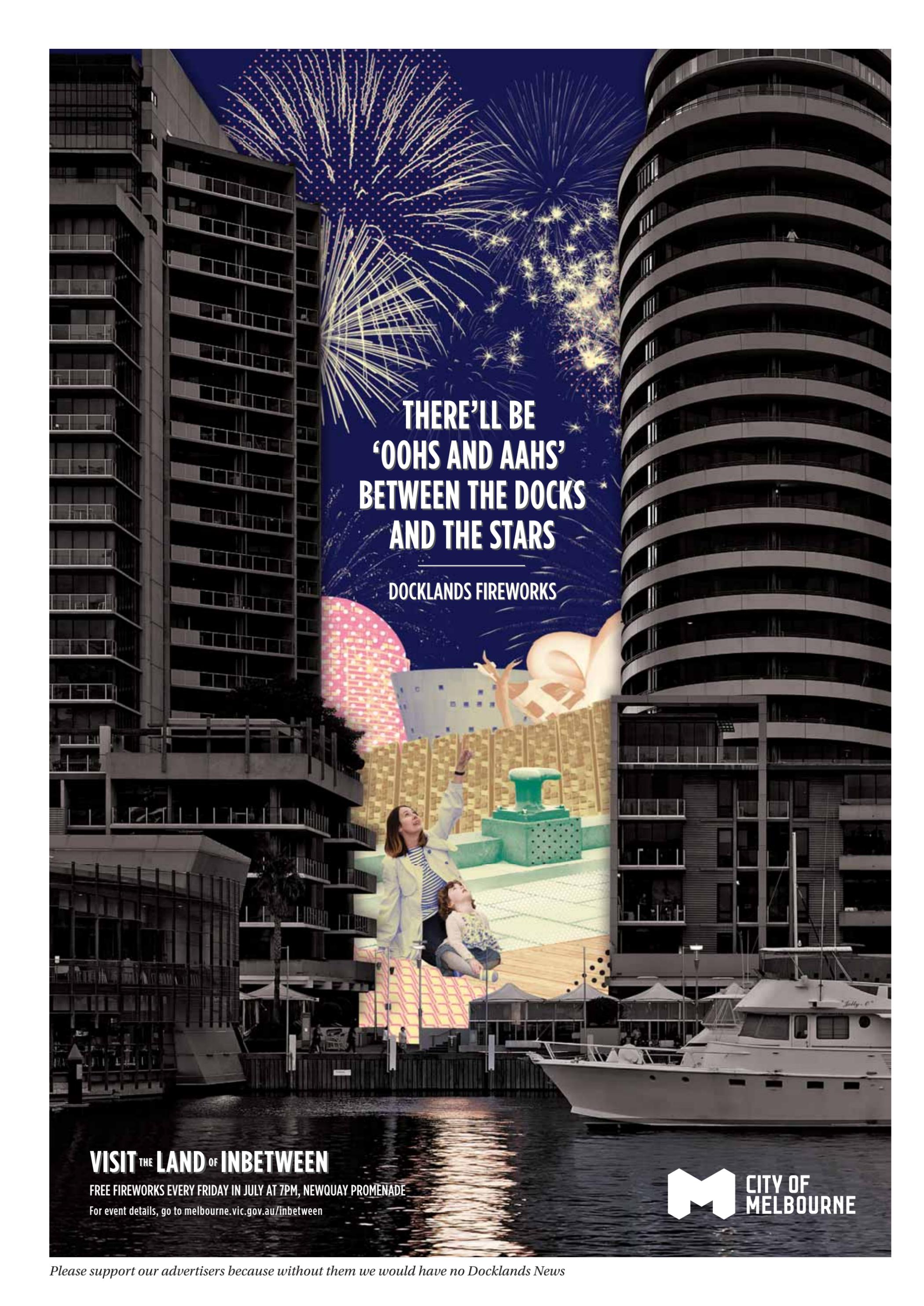
We grabbed our bedding and jumped back into the Corolla where we all spent a crowded night. Next day, storm over, tent only partially dry, we again headed north ...

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Happy birthday Barbara

One of Docklands' first residents celebrated her 80th birthday last month.

Barbara Rowe has lived in Docklands for almost 11 years and has seen the suburb grow from its earliest days.

"I feel like a pioneer, I've seen it from the start," she said.

Barbara can remember looking out from her apartment balcony in NewQuay and watching hot air balloons take off from the site where the NAB building now sits.

And as Docklands has grown, Barbara has kept a record. Since moving to Docklands she's created scrapbooks with information and news clippings about the area.

"The books have gotten quite full," Barbara said.

Barbara's scrapbooks even feature a friend's photos of Docklands taken in the 1940s.

But even without pictures, Barbara can remember the Docklands that once existed.

"I still remember it from years ago as a small child being driven along Footscray Rd and looking across," she said.

"But back then I never once thought I would one day live here."

Before moving to Docklands, Barbara and her husband Trevor lived on a bush mountain block in Tasmania.

Of course moving to Docklands was quite a big change, but now Barbara says she can't imagine living anywhere else.

And Docklands has proved to be the perfect place for Barbara to continue to explore her artistic flair.

She said she often collected interesting bits and pieces from around Docklands.

A curled and tangled piece of wire she collected on one of her walks is just one of the interesting pieces that adorns the walls of Barbara's apartment.

"I love rusty pieces and always keep my eyes out for wire."

She said whenever she goes for a walk in Docklands she always keeps her eyes on the ground, in search of the next unique piece.

"I've got some of the old pieces of the wharf that I haven't put together yet. But to me that's sort of important, it's history."



Apart from the creative scavenging opportunities, Barbara has also found Docklands to be the perfect place to make plenty of friends.

"I've made so many friends here, more friends than anywhere else," she said.

From the local craft group, to random meetings in the lift and foyer, Barbara said she's gathered a wide group of friends over the past decade.

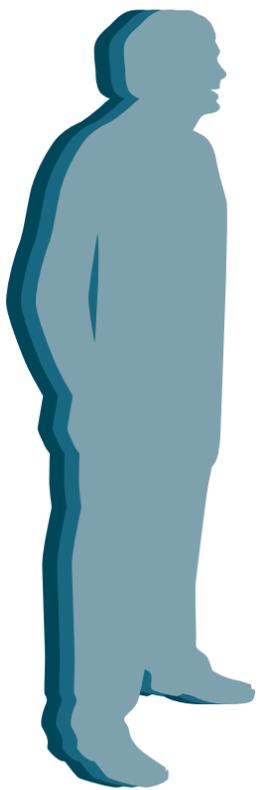
"I sometimes think I must be the oldest in

the building, but there are so many young people around and I think they help keep me young," she said.

And many of the friends she had made over her time in Docklands joined her to celebrate her birthday last month.

For Barbara, all of the elements that make up Docklands have made it a home she can't imagine leaving.

"I often ask myself 'if you left where would you go?' and I simply don't have an answer."



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Bethany Williams

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GREETINGS FROM THE DOCKLANDS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



Greetings everybody.

There's quite a lot going on as usual.

Our DCA "Meet and Greet" party arranged for Thursday, July 25 is getting closer. The venue is The Nixon in Bourke St opposite Etihad Stadium. Invitations will be issued to everybody closer to the event.

Places Victoria has called tenders for provision of a primary school in Docklands much to the delight of parents here with young children. It is for a private school which appears to indicate a lack of government funds for a state school.

The DCA works in with other community groups in the city, with particular emphasis on planning and infrastructure. A meeting arranged with Minister Guy has been postponed for a couple of months due to other commitments.

Key issues include high-rise density, traffic density and lack of parking, which are particularly relevant to Docklands.

Pressure is being applied to make developers adhere to government guidelines in terms of spacing, overshadowing, sunlight,

privacy, vista provision and wind tunnel reduction. Another key issue is the complete lack of transparency and community consultation.

An example at the moment is a controversial major development in Docklands which was found out about only through a backdoor source, despite it having been under review by both Places Victoria and the council.

A justified objection has been lodged, despite the fact that the Minister, Matthew Guy, who has sole approval authority, does permit objections for anything over 25,000 sqm, which applies to most of the developments in Docklands. Community groups around Melbourne are "up in arms" against this system. We are awaiting a response from Places Victoria.

Local state member Jennifer Kanis has asked to meet with the DCA - a date is yet to be arranged.

It has been said the Docklands Community Forum is still finding its feet. I think it is time for some change and more control by the panel members.

I suggest the following: firstly that the agenda should be reviewed and signed off

on by the panel in advance of the meeting. Proposers should be identified under each item. Hopefully consensus can be achieved despite the varying objectives of members.

The agenda for the May meeting contained a couple of items not directly related to community needs. It was found that the inclusion of one item relating to a developer was requested by a council manager.

The second suggestion is that matters discussed privately beforehand by the panel should be reported at the public meeting. Matters discussed are not momentous or secret and should be reported for transparency. If the panel is or is not in agreement on something then let it be said. Additionally, there should be less presentations and more discussion.

A West Melbourne community group has approached the DCA to initiate liaison for a combined on-going review of the redevelopment of the E-Gate rail area. This is important as it affects both West Melbourne and Docklands, in terms of residential and commercial development, open space and a possible bridge connecting the two areas. It is early days yet as the existing rail leases don't expire till next year but we need to

keep abreast of planning.

A serviced apartment operator has lodged an appeal to the Supreme Court against the Building Appeals Board decision against the operation of serviced apartments in Watergate. The hearing outcome is awaited.

Finally you may be aware that the extension of the Collins St tramline is under way. This will facilitate access to the new community centre and library, due for completion by December.

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

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

Regards to all

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Just quickly, my name is Lucas and along with my fiancée Carla we are the franchisees for the Anytime Fitness - West Melbourne club. Originally from Canberra, we decided a change was needed, so we collected everything we could and invested in both a lifestyle change and, most of all, an industry neither of us would ever have imagined being in.

I worked the stereotypical job as a public servant, whilst Carla has spent the last 10 years in sales and marketing. Now to complement our business, we are currently studying for our Certificate III and Certificate IV in fitness.

With our club, we are going through all the required council documentation and approvals process. We will be coming very soon so keep an eye out for our fit-out progress and foundation membership pre-sales! So stay tuned as we will be contributing to the *Dockland News* every month.

If you would like to enquire further, feel free to give us a bell on **0437 154 598** or email at westmelbourne@anytimefitness.com.au.

No Time? Try a circuit.

Time! It's like we just don't have enough of it. And with modern day life getting even more demanding, our schedules just seem to be like an endless list of things to do. Sadly our health and fitness should be a much higher priority on this list but it's the first thing we push to the bottom of the list.

Circuit Training might be your answer to this time and scheduling riddle. The beauty of circuit training is it can be done by yourself, with a friend or group and can be done in a gym or out in a park.

A five-station circuit should take roughly 30 minutes. So take a couple of core groups, a bit of cardio and some abs and you are set. And don't forget to allow for at least a 60 second break between each set.

Example: Station 1: Bench Press; Station 2: Squats; Station 3: Seated row; Station 4: 60 seconds skipping rope; Station 5: Crunches/planks and finish with a 60 second break.

Ideally you want to get around five sets. If gyms aren't your thing, replace the weights with body weight exercises like push-ups, burpees and chin-ups.

Remember to always consult with your local health professionals for advice.

SYNRGY 360 - What is It?

All this talk of circuit style training has got us excited to try out a new piece of equipment from Life Fitness called the Synrgy 360. This unit is cross training/group training/gym user all in one. It has 12 individual stations ranging from kettle bells, resistance bands, boxing bag, and a dip station just to name a few. We can't wait to try this out ourselves but also to see the reaction it gets.

If you don't like training by yourself, well you and 11 buddies can work out together - each person beginning on one of the Synrgy 360 stations and working your way around until your circuit is completed.

The Synrgy 360 will be a piece of equipment you won't stop wanting to use because of its variety. The Synrgy 360 will be taking centre stage at Anytime Fitness - West Melbourne.

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Dr. Anne Dynon



Reporting from the Chamber of Commerce

Your chamber correspondent is overseas at present, filing this report in the wee hours of a Scottish morning north of Edinburgh.

There have been some interesting activities for your chamber to report.

This month we held a breakfast event, hosted by Quest Serviced Apartments, to run a training program for businesses to show how easy and cost effective it is to promote your product offering through the VisitVictoria marketing machine. By taking advantage of a low cost subscription to VisitVictoria, businesses can get good tourist exposure through the national tourism marketing programs. The morning was presented by James Callander from Tourism Victoria, who took participants through the simple process of registration and lodging effective marketing material to support your business and promote events to attract visitors.

Quest Docklands put on excellent conferencing facilities that allowed the presentation to proceed effectively and a light breakfast of fresh pastries, fruit, coffee and tea was provided. The chamber would like to acknowledge the generosity of Brendan du Kamp from Quest Docklands for making this possible.

June is upon us and with that comes end of financial year obligations. The chamber is hosting another presentation for our members to help you understand some changes to the superannuation legislation as well and introducing you to some new member benefits being offered to the chamber by AMP, one of Australia's largest superannuation providers.

This presentation will be held at the AMP offices, 750 Collins St, at 5.45pm on Tuesday, June 11. Presenters will include: VECCI to discuss superannuation changes and how they affect you; Chamber member and legal firm, Tolhurst Druce and Emmerson, will introduce legal services it can offer to local businesses and provide some practical legal advice to business owners; and AMP will introduce a special offer for

chamber members. RSVP now to admin@docklandsc.com.au

The chamber is planning a number of business events for the next 12 months. These are tailored to provide all businesses in Docklands opportunities to keep abreast of emerging trends, changes in legislation, what is happening in Docklands and to put businesses in touch with other businesses. For more information visit www.docklandsc.com.au or contact admin@docklandsc.com.au

The chamber would like to acknowledge the work that Destination Docklands does to facilitate visitation to Docklands. Docklands is an emerging precinct and Destination Docklands is a vital factor in marketing the precinct. And so it was on Friday, May 17, Destination Docklands ran an event of discovery that encouraged teams from many local businesses to get out and find Docklands.

A series of challenges were set and participants had to solve simple clues and find the locations where the challenges were met. The challengers had to travel as a

team the length and breadth of Docklands in search of their challenges. What a great way to get people out to see what there is in Docklands. The really good news for the Docklands Chamber of Commerce team was that, with the combined local knowledge of our team members, we had the home-ground advantage and beat a very strong field to win the inaugural Docklands Water RatRace 2013.

The event successfully engaged local businesses, who provided the challenges and enabled them to engage with the many other participating business teams. The chamber would like to congratulate Destination Docklands, particularly Anita Donnelley and Danielle Phyland, for putting on this great event, and we look forward to participating in the growth of this discovery event!

Don't forget to come and welcome winter to Docklands on Saturday, June 1 and enjoy the free Family Fun Day that Destination Docklands will host with many fun activities on the NewQuay Piazza between 2pm and 6pm. Let us embrace another fabulous season in the Docklands calendar!

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

What has happened to me? Seriously, I am getting quite concerned about myself.

Have you ever had that happen, where you kind of look down and think “wow, I’m a long way from where I started ... !”

I can’t believe I’m owning up to this, but here it goes. I just got back from a shopping trip. I purchased 50kg of wood (not much), a new axe and half a dozen mouse traps. I also picked up another six litres of engine oil and two pumpkins. Oh, that’s not what stopped me in my tracks. Nope. It was realising that I had, without hesitation, done all of this shopping wearing: black gumboots (not the pretty ones with logos, or fur-lined, or especially flown in from London – just practical big black gumboots), fleecy-lined leggings (because THAT’s slimming), a red, grey and white check flannel shirt (that was difficult to admit to – but it’s SO comfy!) and my hair in a kind of tangle of curls-type-pony-tail-type-bun-on-top thing – mainly ‘cos I couldn’t actually get the elastic band out.

It wasn’t the looking in the mirror part that shocked me – although it would shock most. It was realising that I couldn’t be happier about it. And that is when I really scratch my head in wonder that I have come so far from where I started – from the vision that I had of where I was going.

I don’t mean literally going, I knew I wanted to be in the country. Tick. But I thought maybe whilst we’d still need wood, and an axe, and (hopefully not) mouse traps and engine oil and all that stuff, that there would be a “significant other” to deal with those things.

You know, a “man’s man”, someone looking after the little woman, keeping the fires lit and the car serviced, protecting and providing. I guess I’d kind of thought I’d still be in pretty dresses, with boots of course, and my hair would still be blow-dried and nice. I’d be focused on picking the herbs from my herb garden, working on my marketing strategies for my businesses whilst looking lovingly out to the perfectly maintained fields. I’d still wear lipstick.

Hmmmmph. Well that couldn’t really be further from the truth. I swing the axe through the firewood. I set the fire. I take the bins out.

I set the mouse traps – and clear them. Yep. I change the engine oil. I drive hundreds of kilometres a week to various work things. I pay the bills. I do the housework and all the cooking. I look after the dog and the horse too. And I couldn’t be happier.

It’s not that I don’t want a man to be involved in these things, truth be told, I’d love one. It’s just finding the right one, and I really believe that the more capable and strong you are, well, it’s just harder to find a man that is going to “fit” into that reality.

Take for example the guy I just met. I was quite excited, at first. Really nice guy. Skinny jeans (?!), trendy t-shirts, the world’s softest hands. Seriously, not a scratch or callus on them. Good looking city boy. It didn’t last.

It’s not just the differences in lifestyles – I know not everyone wants to go horse riding, or thinks nothing of having to drive two hours to get anywhere, and I know I should be more grateful for the invitations to lunches of postcards in the city – but it’s also the difference in being truly independent.

When you realise you don’t need someone to do things for you, then sometimes that

person can feel un-needed. Make sense? Basically, I could no more make out that I needed someone to catch the mouse for me, than he could make out he felt comfortable doing it - he needed to be the hero, but being a hero in my world was just a little too far out of his comfort zone.

Life takes us all on incredible journeys, sometimes we visualise the path and the destination and can celebrate achieving the goal and other times we need to celebrate the achievement of having arrived somewhere unexpected but finding it’s just perfect for you.

I’m celebrating the realisation that I am just fine on my own. I look forward to maybe one day, celebrating finding someone who is a perfect match for my reality.

Celebrate this month, wherever you find yourself. Even if you do find yourself in gumboots and a flannie!

Lots of love,

Abby x

P.S. you can write to me at life@docklandsnews.com.au. We love your feedback!



The endless appetite of Moko

At just five months old, young Moko is a very happy new Docklands resident with an appetite to match!

According to Docklands resident and proud owner of the Labrador-chow chow cross Dianna, her new companion is curious about everything, especially food.

“We haven’t found anything that she won’t eat yet, she has a got a great appetite,” she said.

Even as Docklands News stops to meet Moko in Docklands Park, she is excitedly finishing

off what remains of someone’s left-over salad roll.

Dianna and her partner bought Moko from a pet shop and admits she was “an impulse buy”.

“We were at Richmond Victoria Gardens and there is a pet shop there and we just saw these three black litters and, yeah, I guess it was just love at first sight,” she said.

Despite admittedly being unprepared for sharing an apartment with a new puppy, Dianna said living in Docklands made it easy and enjoyable to keep Moko happy.

“Being in Docklands is good because we have the dog park, which is a good bit of green area,” she said. “She is very happy.”

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DOCKLANDS FASHION



Fashion on the Streets of Docklands

Shu Tii, 24

LOCATION?

NewQuay.

WEARS?

All of my clothes are from Hong Kong. I'm wearing a beige jacket, striped dress, black tights, sequin slip-on shoes and the bag I got from Flinders Lane.

DESCRIBE YOUR OUTFIT?

Smart-casual.

WHAT BRINGS YOU TO DOCKLANDS?

I'm house-hunting. It's a really nice place.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE PIECE OF CLOTHING?

My jacket.

WHAT MAKES A GOOD OUTFIT?

It should make you feel comfortable and you should feel confident wearing it as well.

Edward Crouch, 28

LOCATION?

Collins St.

WEARS?

Jack London skinny Levi pants, Roads and Becketts shirt, Mark Jacobs tie and Ray Ban sunglasses.

DESCRIBE YOUR OUTFIT?

Hipster-corporate.

WHAT BRINGS YOU TO DOCKLANDS?

My work. I work at Myer.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE PIECE OF CLOTHING?

My Mark Jacobs tie with the seven symbol. I think its good. It breaks up the outfit a bit.

WHAT MAKES A GOOD OUTFIT?

Well-fitting. I think people often buy things that are the wrong size or don't look good on them I think you have to always try something on first.

Andrew Tulley, 22

LOCATION?

Encounter Way

WEARS?

Ralph Lauren Shirt, Burberry watch, Jack London pants, Industrie shoes.

DESCRIBE YOUR OUTFIT?

Casual, country-metro look.

WHAT BRINGS YOU TO DOCKLANDS?

I work at the medical centre in Docklands.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE PIECE OF CLOTHING?

My Burberry watch.

WHAT MAKES A GOOD OUTFIT?

Color.



Gatsby Glamour

With the release of the 'Great Gatsby' this month, all heads are turning towards the red lips, fringing and flapper fashions on screen.

To maintain the classy approach to 1920's dressing it's best not to throw on all the pearls, feathers and beading you have hanging in your closet - you'll end up looking like a bad Madonna wannabe from the eighties.

The key is glamour - incorporating an element of the twenties into contemporary sleek 2013 silhouette. For men, this means donning a tuxedo and a crisp bow tie, but for women - things can be a bit more playful. Pop on a head piece for instant accent piece and take cues from Catherine Martins stunning creations on screen for Daisy Buchanan.

A drop waist dress is also a classic piece from the era and easy to combine into a modern wardrobe. Pare it back so not to look as if you are actually in costume - the less beading the better. Worn with classic lace stockings and you've got a 1920's knockout.

The easier option is to throw on a long strand of pearls or a large pair of sparkling art deco diamond earrings (no need to buy real diamonds and pearls - just act as if they were real).

Aim for evoking the era of the 1920, rather than being an extra on set and you'll end up all glamour with none of the garish.



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Letters to the Editor



Shopping boycott

My wife and I have lived in Docklands for over six years.

We are now finding it impossible to function within our normal daily routines due to the current environment in a suburb in which we are ratepayers.

It is impossible to collect from and generally use the post office due to the lack of parking (including the overzealous parking attendants).

Similarly, we are finding it almost impossible to visit both Woolworths and our chemist.

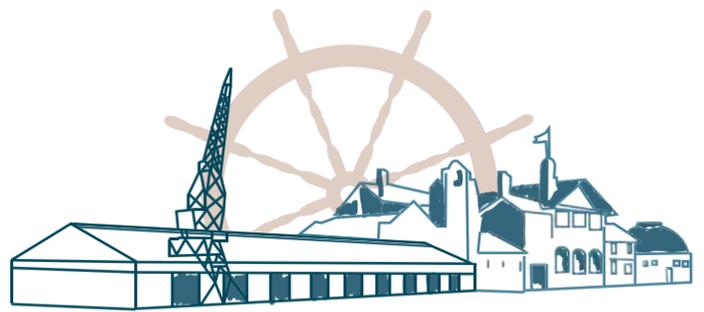
We have now decided to carry out all the above in South Melbourne, where there is parking and our patronage is appreciated.

We would encourage other local ratepayers to do the same.

Other ratepayers in other suburbs have parking concessions in the form of permit zones. Why not permits for Docklands ratepayers?

Derek Markham

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NORTH WHARF NEWS

Wharves to the world

North Wharf and the World Trade Centre are researching our formation, history and foundation to hopefully create a new precinct – one which engages its communities and heritage.

In researching that, we have looked at world's best examples of architecture and iconic projects that have created a sense of purpose and have respected their heritage and foundation.

Examples can be found by looking at the various world trade centres around the world.

The modern-day story of world trade centres began in the Port of New York in the 1950s, when several visionary New Yorkers planned to make downtown Manhattan the home of world commerce.

At the helm was Chase Manhattan Bank chairman David Rockefeller who founded the Downtown-Lower Manhattan Development Association with several New York-based chief executives. Together, the group created a plan to unify and revitalise their downtown areas, capitalising on the city's global economic leadership.

The Port of New York partnered this ambitious trade centre project with a vision to create opportunity to "stimulate the flow of commerce through the port."

It was also a chance for the agency to revamp the faltering trans-Hudson commuter rail lines, complete with a thriving new Lower Manhattan business destination to link to.

In 1962, the idea gained momentum with the US Government, with sights set on a

13-block area within the west side of Lower Manhattan.

The port authority selected Seattle-born architect Minoru Yamasaki to design the project, together with a team of top engineers and architects. Less than two years and more than 100 design concepts later, the port unveiled the \$525 million World Trade Center plan to the public.

It was a complex of six buildings comprising 10 million square feet of office space. At its core were the Twin Towers which, at 110 stories each, would become the world's tallest skyscrapers. Public sentiment ran from astonishment at the sheer size of the towers, to both thrill and dismay at their monolithic, modern design.

Today the World Trade Center New York, some 11 years on from being destroyed in a terrorist attack, is rebuilding its history with the second major Tower 1 nearing completion. It anchors the global headquarters of media company Condé Nast.

There are more than 300 world trade centres around the world and more are being developed, particularly throughout China.

The Port of Melbourne hosts Australia's largest container port, with almost 3 million containers per year and is set to expand the \$80 billion trade and more than double its activity over the coming decade.

Like great cities of the world, North Wharf,

the Yarra River, and Docklands waterfronts play an important gateway role to our city and opportunity of support to its history and heritage.

At North Wharf, the World Trade Centre has its own goal to recreate its modern-day history and has researched its past from the establishment of Melbourne.

As it embarks on a journey to create a renewed waterfront on the Yarra River, it has discovered rich heritage in the original trading cargo shed, maritime influences and a foundation role as a gateway to our city.

There is no better example of that rich heritage than the Mission to Seafarers building, and its important role of providing support to both its heritage and to the community, as well as its vital support to seafarers.

As Melbourne focuses more on its international trade, through its major expansion of the Port of Melbourne, the role of neighboring precincts, and particularly the Mission to Seafarers, is vital.

With the World Trade Centre, we hope to play an important centerpiece role in supporting our city via the opportunity which exists to link our trade and maritime past within the evolution of the new North Wharf precinct.

Andrea Fleming, CEO Mission to Seafarers

Philip Hill, Group Strategic Director Asset1 WTC

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The lawyers at Tolhurst Druce & Emmerson are all highly skilled. Partners of the firm have decades of experience in their area of practice. Several practitioners are accredited specialists in their fields of expertise by the Law Institute of Victoria. Their ethic of, "working with individuals, families and business," explains the all-round nature of the legal services they provide.

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What are the working dynamics of your relationship?

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Our attraction to others is usually more dynamic than we know. When our north node and south nodes connect strongly, a karmic type of relationship begins. It is not always comfortable or easy but it is binding because each of us has something the other partner wants. If you know what the outcome of the relationship is all about, you can nurture this better. Understanding the dynamics is half the battle.



Danielle

December 28, 1990
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North Node in Capricorn

Wade

January 25, 1985
Sun in Aquarius
North Node in Taurus

Wade

Your North Node is in Taurus and so in this lifetime you are working toward acquiring great wealth, comfortable stability, a home and a family that you can provide for and take care of. In order to do this though, you need to let go of the energy that always wants to empower your partner and start to empower yourself before you seek to bond deeply. You truly ache for a life-long mate and the comfort of consistent, dependable companionship. You will achieve that and more in this lifetime once you decided that it is your partner that needs to feed you energy and drive you to great things - not you driving your partner. Boundaries are also important for you. So, while you want to bond deeply, you will need to keep your self-respect by not allowing others to manipulate or control you - yet, at the same time, ensuring that you do not do the same to your partner. Truly supporting each other to be successful in your own rights is the key. Wade, you have an uncanny sense of seeing people and their motives very accurately. You understand people on a very deep level and usually are able to give them what they need and want, while achieving your needs and wants. If you can continue to do this, yet somehow learn to pursue and manifest your goals as the number one priority, you will attract all the love, comfort, stability and success you desire.

The outcome

Together your destiny is to lovingly find the success, status and personal fulfillment you both desire. You will both need to learn true

Danielle

Your North Node is in Capricorn and so in this lifetime you are here to learn to move away from the Cancer energy (opposite to Capricorn and your south node) and to move towards the Capricorn energy. The Cancer energy is all about home and nurturing. Being a stay-at-home mum is the theme of Cancer. Nurturing and feeding others, taking care of others - often at the expense of your own wellbeing - is not healthy for you. Danielle, you will find your joy and fulfillment in worldly achievements in this lifetime. Capricorn energy is all about status, recognition, money, assets and stern ruthless business people. The fact that you have your sign in Capricorn will help you to learn this. This is not to say that you will have to lose your nurturing or family goals, but you will need to carefully watch that you balance the external achievements with your family and home goals. Like all south/north nodes, the lesson is about balance - not letting go of one in order to have the other. In love, you give a great deal of yourself but can lose yourself in your relationships, so be watchful that your career continues to move you while pursuing relationships.

forgiveness, to be non-judgemental with each other, and to keep your expectations reasonable. Sometimes you may both wear rose-coloured glasses and sometimes you will expect too much from each other. I think it will be beneficial to always wear the rose-coloured glasses and to

Together

It is no surprise to learn that you both came together very quickly. Wade affects your eighth house, so his very presence makes you feel deeply bonded. Both of you would have felt a sense of spiritual or soul-mate connection. The relationship makes both of you feel safe and sure. Wade also has a positive effect on your Mars and that means that he drives you to achieve your deepest goals. Mars is where we naturally push forward. Yours is in Taurus, so the two of you both desire the good things in life and Wade naturally helps you to achieve this. For Wade's part, you affect his fourth house. The fourth house is all about home and family and so your presence in his life makes him also feel safe, loved and secure. You also have a positive effect on his Sun and Jupiter, which means that you are naturally lucky for him and energise his purpose in life. This is a strong mutually-comfortable bond that will most probably deepen with time. The notions of mutual help and devotion will be very strong in this relationship. If there is one caveat, and there is always at least one in all relationships, it is that too much comfort may not drive you to make the difficult changes that life requires of us at times. That is, that the deep changes you may (or may not) wish to make in your life can be thwarted by too much bliss and comfort.

give each other your unconditional love and support through good and bad. If you are able to achieve this, you will strengthen your ability to achieve all that you desire in the material world. Good Luck and stay mindful.



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The winter markets will be held on June 16, July 21 and August 18 from 10am until 5pm at NewQuay Promenade.

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Mustangs improve out of sight

By Robert Bremner

After a disappointing ice hockey season in 2012, the Melbourne Mustangs have started 2013 with a lot of promise.

The newly-formed side only managed to score five wins and finished bottom of the ladder last season. Fast forward six months, and they have already scored two wins as well as a fantastic comeback win in overtime. If their form continues we could be looking at the possibility of both Melbourne teams making the play offs.

The season began with the Mustangs continuing their dismal form against the Ice with a 7-2 drubbing, but found themselves on the winners list the following week against

the Knights. They then were just beaten by the Ice Dogs before exacting their revenge a few weeks later in extraordinary style.

Down by three goals going into the final third, the Mustangs miraculously fought their way back sending the match into overtime where they scored the only goal, beating the stunned Ice Dogs 4-3 in what was one of their greatest wins in their short history.

Cross town rivals, Melbourne Ice haven't had the greatest start to the 2013 season. Premiers for the last three years, Ice have not

had the stranglehold over the competition that it has had in previous seasons. Ice currently sits in third place behind the Sydney Ice dogs and last year's finalists New Castle North Stars.

Melbourne started off in fantastic fashion with impressive wins over Mustangs and twice over the Thunder. Since then they have hit a slight form slump dropping games against the North Stars, Ice Dogs and Adrenaline all at home. They did manage to turn the tables on the Adrenaline the

following day crushing them 9-3.

Next up the Ice play the Knights and will be desperately searching for a win to keep in touch with the top two, while the Mustangs will also play the Knights and will be hoping to keep themselves within striking distance of the top four.

The AIHL is down to eight clubs this season as the Gold Coast Blue Tongues have had their licence suspended for the year as they were unable to obtain a home venue.



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