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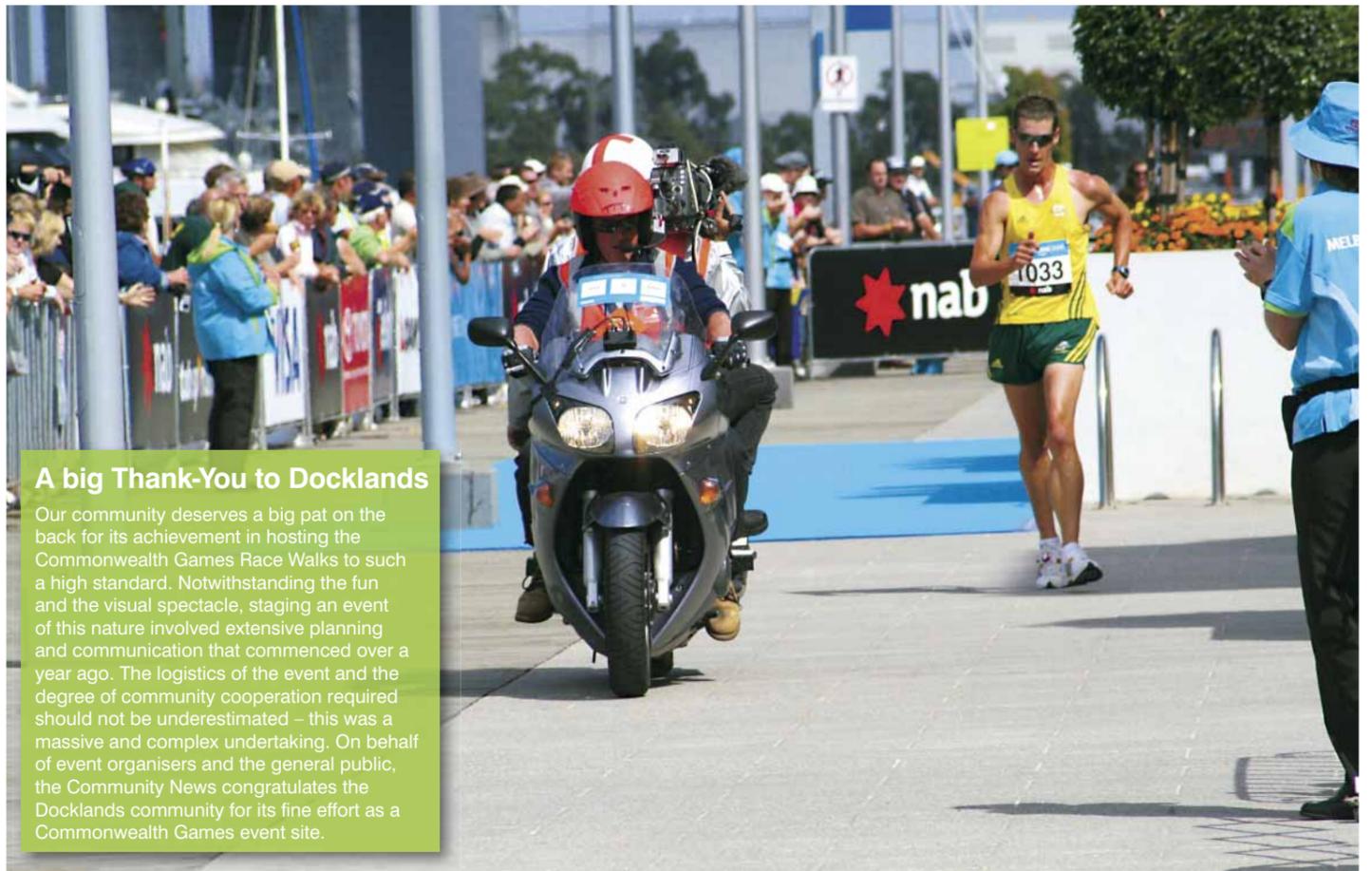
Wonderful Walks in Docklands

Docklands, Melbourne's exciting new waterfront suburb, showed off its best during hours of free television exposure during the Commonwealth Games Race Walks.

In beautiful autumn weather people flocked to Docklands in their thousands to observe these exciting free public events. The sight of the walks winding around NewQuay and along Harbour Esplanade, with the colourful activity on the water as a backdrop, created one of the most photogenic events of the 2006 Commonwealth Games.

Having already been home to one of the Games most surprising and crowd-pleasing events, Rugby 7's, the two days of the race walks were fantastic opportunities for the general public to experience the delights of Docklands. March 20, the day of the 20k walks, saw an Australian trifecta in both the Men's and Women's events. March 24, the day of the 50k walk, saw VicUrban's sponsored athlete Nathan Deakes, complete the Walks double by winning the Gold Medal to add to his victory earlier in the week. On both occasions massive crowds lined Harbour Esplanade to enjoy the event and the waterside ambience that our suburb has become known for.

The Race Walks were a huge success for the Commonwealth Games and a great event for Melbourne Docklands.



A big Thank-You to Docklands

Our community deserves a big pat on the back for its achievement in hosting the Commonwealth Games Race Walks to such a high standard. Notwithstanding the fun and the visual spectacle, staging an event of this nature involved extensive planning and communication that commenced over a year ago. The logistics of the event and the degree of community cooperation required should not be underestimated – this was a massive and complex undertaking. On behalf of event organisers and the general public, the Community News congratulates the Docklands community for its fine effort as a Commonwealth Games event site.

Community Hub launched at Docklands



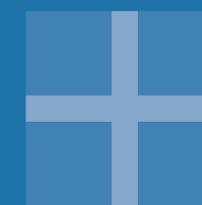
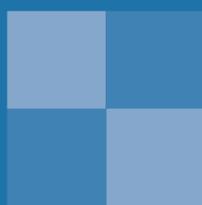
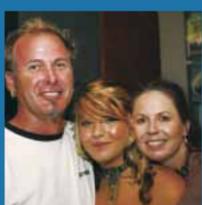
February 22 saw the area around Waterview Walk come alive with music, dancing, food and fun – and all with a French flavour – as the local Community joined in a celebration to officially open the Community Hub @ Docklands.



Minister for Major Projects John Lenders formally declared the Hub open and also launched the artwork 'Continuum' which stands prominently beside the Hub on Bourke Street. The occasion was also used to formally launch the Waterfront Spectacular book and the Docklands Place and Community Strategy.

Music was supplied by the Stiletto Sisters who entertained the 300-strong crowd with continental melodies while members of the Victorian Petanque association schooled local folk in the finer arts of their game. A delicious barbecue supplied by the Whitten Foundation kept hunger at bay and attendees also participated in salsa dancing or posed for caricature artist Gavin Bell.

The event organisers wish to express their thanks to those groups who helped to stage this event. The Whitten Foundation is a regular contributors to Docklands Community activity and can always be relied upon for a tasty barbecue to support your activity. To contact them call 0417 512 062. The Cuban Salsa Dance Company are currently conducting community dance classes in Docklands and can be contacted at salsa@docklands.



The Docklands Community News

Already our year is one quarter over and never in its history has your local paper had so much to report upon. Playing a pivotal role in an event-rich summer in our city, Docklands had little time to recover from the brilliant Volvo Ocean Race before it became a key part of the delivery of the 18th Commonwealth Games.

Having come to you in a special March Commonwealth Games issue, the Docklands Community News now reverts to its usual bi-monthly format. In this, our 3rd Anniversary issue, we continue to cover the rapid and exciting growth of our precinct. As this will also be my final issue as the Editor of the Docklands Community News, I wish to thank those members of our community who have assisted in the growth and production of this great paper through its short but dynamic life. Under new editorial guidance your local paper will continue to seek your input to report matters of local interest into the future.

Readers contributions, including photo's, leads and articles, are welcome. To contact us, e-mail to docklands.communitynews@vicurban.vic.gov.au

The Docklands Community News is published for the interest of the community of Melbourne Docklands. Past editions of this paper can be viewed on the Docklands website. Go to www.docklands.com and follow the links to 'Live' and then 'Local Services'.

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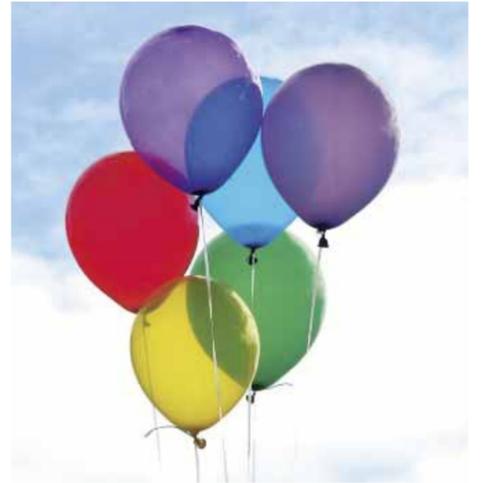
The publication of the April 2006 issue marks the third anniversary of publication for the Docklands Community News. Your local paper is Three Years Old!

First published in April 2003, the Docklands Community News was originally devised by a committee consisting of members from a local population that then numbered around 1,600. Sponsored by the Docklands Authority [now VicUrban] that first paper was a mere four pages long.

Since then the Docklands Community News has arrived in local mailboxes and businesses every second month and it has grown in tandem with the Docklands Community.

Consider how the local environment has changed over that time:

In 2003 some 1,600 residents lived in 780 apartments in just four buildings – now over 6,500 residents occupy around 3,200 dwellings in 15 apartment buildings. Back then there were some 800 office staff working within a small number of businesses which were all located in or around the Docklands Stadium – now, over 8,000 office workers work out of many large buildings and across 6 precincts. In 2003 the only public transport reaching Docklands was the



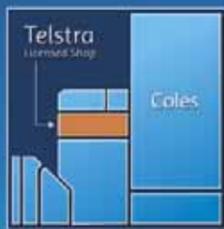
train at Spencer Street. Now six tram services, two buses and a variety of water transports have supplemented that train service. In 2003 there were less than 20 restaurants and small businesses in Docklands – now that figure numbers more than 100.

Docklanders know of the extent of the exciting growth and development in Docklands. Over the past three years, the Docklands Community News has reported this story to the community of Docklands. Happy Birthday to your local paper – the Docklands Community News.



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Art of Docklands - Poise

One of the delights about Docklands is the discovery of an urban art installation that you had not previously known of – one that you stumble across during a local walk and immediately, it becomes a thing of delight and something that enhances your impression of a place for ever after.

Such a piece is *Poise*, a new artwork by Warren Langley that can be found at concourse level at the top of the grand staircase at Victoria Point.

Made from 20mm thick toughened safety glass within a steel frame *Poise* by day is a crystalline shimmering object. Each element in its surface cladding has a strip of LED light concealed along its top edge. The effect of this by night is quite extraordinary, creating a shimmering blue vessel with a sequence of glowing concentric rings

Poise is a work which is primarily about a material and its inherent beauty. It employs the concept of a precious vessel or receptacle, an image common to all cultures. In employing such an accessible image or form, the work opens itself to a plethora of interpretations, becoming a conduit between the particular local experience and the larger universal experience. (Warren Langley)

Langley's favoured materials are glass and light. He has used these materials architecturally and sculpturally producing both temporary and permanent works. The inherent qualities of these materials attract the artist and his ability to manipulate them by drawing into the environment and within and upon architecture is captivating to view.

Poise, like Docklands itself, shows its different moods at different times of day.



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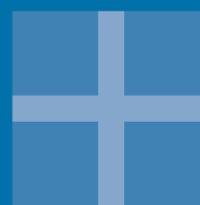
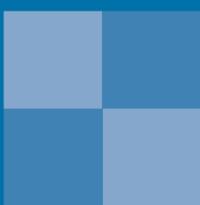
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Development Gathers Momentum at **Victoria Harbour**

Lend Lease's bold vision for Victoria Harbour as Melbourne's new energy, is rapidly gaining momentum with the announcement of a range of exciting new developments that will really bring Victoria Harbour to life over the next few years.

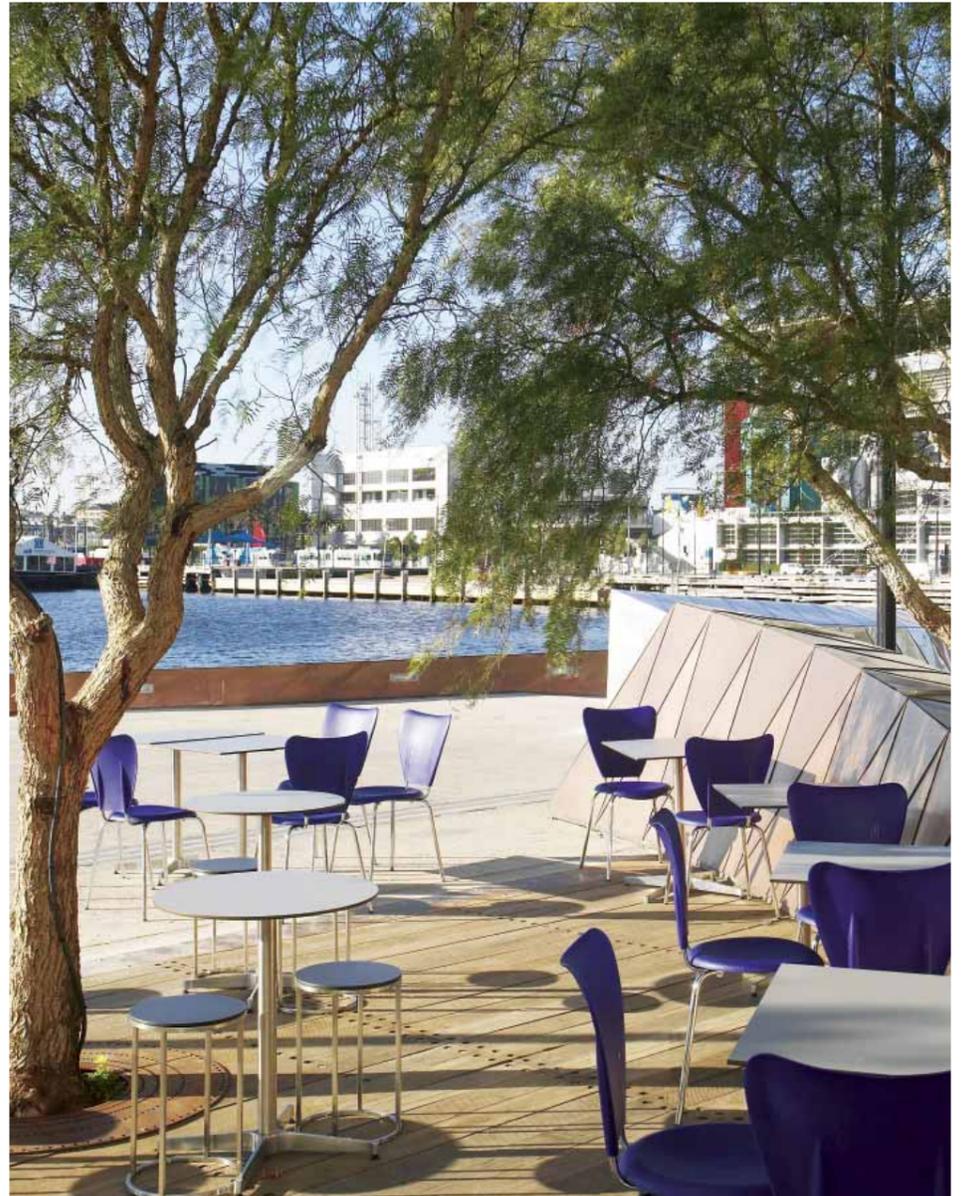
The new developments planned for Victoria Harbour (which are all due to start in the middle of 2006 with completion towards the end of 2007) include:

- The opening of **Merchant Street** - a new retail street that will run north to the harbour and Bourke Street, and south to the Yarra River and Collins Street, with open water views along its entire length. Merchant Street will be one of Melbourne's 'must-see' retail strips with its 50-plus boutique, home-ware and lifestyle-type stores, street-side cafes and fresh food specialty stores, as well as personal services and convenience stores.
- The confirmation of a full-line **Safeway Supermarket**. This contemporary, customised store will be positioned in the heart of Merchant Street and will have an emphasis on specialty food, take home meals and quality, packaged foods for smaller households.

- The opening of **855 Bourke Street**, a new six-storey office building on the corner of Bourke Street and Merchant Street.
- The sale of **2,333sqm of waterfront restaurant space** boasting a range of superb Melbourne dining experiences.
- The release of **five boutique shops** underneath Dock 5, Victoria Harbour's signature residential apartment development (Dock 5 is due for completion in early 2007).
- The launch of **The Mosaic**, a mid-rise, nine-storey, boutique residential development.

Victoria Harbour is now a vibrant and sought-after location in Melbourne and these new developments will transform the Docklands over the next two years into a dynamic array of retail, office and residential space, creating a truly modern Melbourne experience.

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New Businesses in Docklands

The pace of growth in Docklands proceeds unchecked and this month we report further new business openings through recent months. The Docklands Community News acknowledges new business openings as an information service to the local community. Docklands based businesses wishing to be included in this segment should make contact by e-mail to docklandscommunitynews@vicurban.vic.gov.au

Victoria Point

Victoria Point Joint Ventures multi-million portfolio in the Victoria Point Docklands development includes the health club facilities, and 20 retail outlets, whose mix of tenants include successful franchisees including Subway, Nandos, Eagle Boy Pizzas and Mr Mint, as well as coffee shops, interior designers, accountants, and hairdressers.

Healthzone

Located within the YMCA Fitness Centre you'll find Healthzone.

healthzone@docklands is a new and innovative health, wellbeing, relaxation and rehabilitation service for Docklands residents and corporate employees.

A range of services are on offer in this multi-disciplined practice, including myotherapy, physiotherapy, podiatry and dietitian services – all delivered by a team of expert practitioners with diverse experience in working with elite athletes across a range of sports through to working with everyday people wanting to enjoy a healthy, active and balanced life.

To compliment the above services at healthzone@docklands, an exciting and new massage / relaxation system which has recently been launched in Australia – UltraWave Advanced Wellness System – is also being introduced at healthzone@docklands, the first system in the CBD.

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Luke Atwell, Principal and Myotherapist of healthzone@docklands, has been in private practice for 14 years. Luke has managed elite athletes across a range of sports and is currently a key member of the medical team for the Australian Soccerroos.

For bookings and practise hours contact healthzone@docklands



A local worker undertaking treatment on the Ultrawave Wellness System

YMCA Fitness Centre

It's been almost 30 years since the YMCA has had a high profile in the heart of the city – but the Y is back in town with a dynamic new health club recently opened at the Docklands.

Situated in the new Victoria point complex at Telstra Dome concourse level, the new YMCA Fitness centre is a two-level, state of the art facility and includes a health clinic offering physiotherapy, massage, podiatry, myotherapy and nutrition, a café, a 25 metre heated lap pool, a members' lounge with wireless connection, a mind body studio and a fully equipped gymnasium featuring "intelligent" fitness technology not available anywhere else in Australia.



It's the YMCA's commitment to building community and social connections that sets the club apart from other health and fitness operators, and which won the YMCA the 25-year lease on the premises from Victoria Point Joint Ventures.

"When you think YMCA, you think community," says Victoria Point Joint Ventures partner Paul Galea.

Docklands YMCA is located on the concourse level of Victoria Point, Level 4
100 Harbour Esplanade, Docklands. Tel: (03) 8615 9622 www.docklands.ymca.org.au,

See the ad on page 12 to receive a free 7 day trial.

Waterfront City

Already featured in several recent issues for its many new venues, Waterfront City continues to open new businesses. Amongst those look out for a mini food court on the eastern side, featuring food options for people looking for a quick nutritious lunch.

Red Rooster

Red Rooster is one of the businesses in the new Waterfront City Food Court. A well-known franchise business with over 400 outlets nationwide, Red Rooster has been an Australian favourite for over 30 years. Proud owners of the newest Red Rooster franchise, Karl and Lori Brunning, welcome you all to their new store located in the heart of Docklands newest waterfront precinct.



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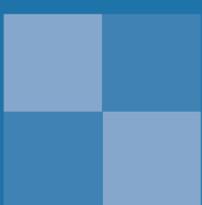
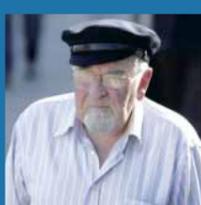


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Sausalito Opens at Waterfront City

The summer of 2005/06 will be remembered as the time when Docklands came of age – a time when it went from being a suburb with a number of fine restaurants to becoming one of Melbourne’s must-see dining destinations.

Contributing to that transition are renowned duo Cath Claringbold and Damien Trytell whose new venue Sausalito was officially opened at Waterfront City on March 8.

Offering superb waterfront views from an exquisitely decorated venue, the spacious Sausalito offers a Tapas menu downstairs and fine a la carte dining upstairs. Those in attendance at the exciting opening got to sample some of the rich array of culinary fare that will be a hallmark at Sausalito. A feature in the expansive upstairs area is a wonderful open kitchen which allows patrons a first-hand opportunity to watch culinary crafts at work.

Sausalito is now open for your dining pleasure.



Docklands Community News Restaurant Reviewer, Inouk Amall, with Damien Trytell, Cath Claringbold and Peter Crowley at the Sausalito Opening.

DOCKWORDS

How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters in this grid?

All words must contain the centre letter. No proper nouns, foreign words, or plurals ending in 's'.



Target: 51 words – Good, 69 words – Very Good, 77 words – Excellent

Solution to be supplied in next issue

Solution to Puzzle from last edition

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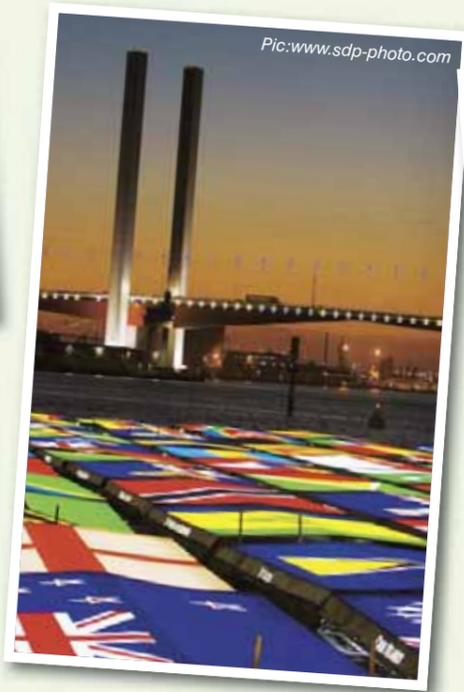
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Commonwealth Games in Picture



docklands property update



DOCKLANDS TO "LEAD THE NEXT DEVELOPMENT CYCLE"

A profile on the Docklands, recently published by The Australian Financial Review, highlighted a number of changing trends within the area, which should set the Docklands up as Melbourne's premier mixed-use CBD precinct.

The rapid development within the Docklands over the past five years has survived fluctuating market trends to now house over 6,000 permanent residents, with purchaser trends shifting from investors to owner-occupiers. Glen Lucas of Lucas Real Estate confirms that this trend is resultant of the sophistication of completed projects as well as the appeal of a waterfront, CBD apartment lifestyle that caters for the needs of a growing number of professionals, one-parent families and empty nesters, and believes that the credibility of the Docklands as a recognised suburb is now being realised.

While residential development will continue throughout the precinct, the next development "boom" within the area looks to be commercially driven, with a number of blue-chip corporates currently vying for real estate to join the National Australia Bank, Bendigo Bank, Medibank Private and the Bureau of Meteorology as commercial residents, adding to the credibility of the area as an extension of the CBD.

This should be good news for residential owners, as the increased business population should assist in supporting and increasing local retail facilities as well as increase long-term property values as the profile of the area continues to improve.

Source: 'Docklands: 10 Years On', The Australian Financial Review 23/02/06.

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Docklands Lions stage Youth of the Year

The Lion's Club of Docklands recently staged a successful and entertaining function when they held a dinner meeting and hosted a final in the Lion's Youth of the Year Quest. More than 50 members and guests, including Lions District Governor Helen Campbell attended the evening held at the new RACV Club

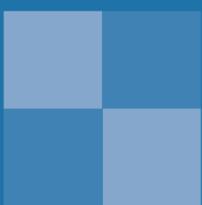
Student participants were asked to answer two impromptu questions and deliver a five-minute speech on a topic of their own choice. Judges for the evening were Councillor David Wilson, Mr Andrew Giles and Ms Jodie Harris. Prior to the evening the students had attended an interview before the panel as part of the process. The award for the best speech was given to Sophie Riddell of Lauriston Girls School. Alexander Chapman of Melbourne High School was judged best contestant overall. The Lions congratulate all participants for their high level of commitment and effort.

Since then, Alexander Chapman has gone on to win the Zone final at Lionsville in Essendon and to share the public speaking award with a contestant from Wesley College. We wish Alexander every success when he competes at the District Final on March 26.

STOP PRESS - Alexander Chapman, representing the Docklands Lions Club has since won through to the State Final of the Lions Youth of the Year to be contested in Warragul soon. Well done to Alexander and to the Docklands Lions Club.



Pictured is Sophie Riddell, Club President Nina Smithwick, Alexander Chapman and Event Co-ordinator Chris Cordell at the Youth of the Year evening on February 23.



August Census

The search is on... for inner-city residents to don the familiar yellow satchel and apply for the paid Census positions on offer in Melbourne's Docklands and CBD.

The Census of Population and Housing aims to accurately measure everyone on Census Night, their key characteristics and the homes in which they live. Census 2006 will be held on the night of 8 August.

The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) has completed the first stage of its Census recruitment process and is finalising contracts for the 800 Area Supervisors applicants across Victoria.

The second phase of recruitment is now on and the ABS is searching for 6,200 community-minded

individuals to deliver and collect Census forms to every home in Victoria.

In the Docklands and Melbourne CBD there are 55 paid Collector jobs available.

Census Director Victoria, Andrew Henderson said the jobs would suit people who have a few hours free on nights and weekends.

Mr Henderson said a familiarity with the local environment also helps to make the Collector's job a little easier.

"This is particularly relevant in the Docklands and inner-city areas where the majority of residents live in apartments," Mr Henderson said.

"Local knowledge helps Collectors more easily navigate the area to ensure everybody receives their form and is counted on Census Night."

Mr Henderson said Census 2006 is an exciting opportunity to measure new residential precincts, including the Docklands, which have either grown substantially or may not have existed in the 2001 Census.

"Census information is used by Governments to help determine services for particular areas, so it is important we get an accurate count of every region."

The period of Collector employment is from late June to early September 2006 and is on a part-time basis. Salary is contract based.

If you would like to apply for a Collector position, please log on to abs.gov.au/recruitment or call 1300 CENSUS (1300 236 787) from Saturday 8 April, 2006.



SOS from the Docklands Playgroup

The Docklands Playgroup has been meeting regularly each Friday morning at the Polly Woodside Maritime for more than two years. With up to 18 families from local precincts involved, and some with several children, our playgroup is always a lively and fun group to observe.

Over time, the group has attracted members from Southbank and neighbouring suburbs and it serves a vital role as a facility for those raising a family in Docklands.

But, the Docklands Playgroup has a problem. Works soon to be undertaken for the construction of the new Melbourne Convention Centre will mean the Polly Woodside facility will close for an extended period. In effect that means the Docklands Playgroup will soon be homeless and will require a new place to meet.

Through the pages of the Docklands Community News the Playgroup is making an appeal for assistance. Members of the Docklands resident and business community are requested to contact this paper, or the offices of VicUrban at the Hub, if they are aware of a facility that could become the new home for our Playgroup.



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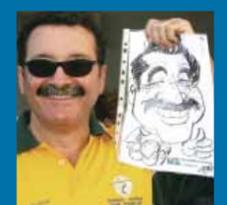
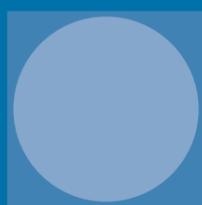
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'What the Dock?' Imagining and Building Spirituality Resources for Docklands

Across the cityscape of your usual metropolis, you don't have to cast the eye far before seeing some kind of Church. Usually it's some historical edifice with a magnificent spire of steeple. Or a memorial to the architectural joys of the 60's – plain brick veneer with a little cross on top.

But then there's Docklands. A place whose recent history of development and change, for better or worse, leaves behind little reminder of this aspect of its history. Even the land itself has changed incredibly.

It's part of what make Docklands such a unique place. Its story has changed direction in radical ways over and again. For decades it lay inactively slumbering, forgetting its past and blissfully ignorant of its future. Even today, the future of Docklands is a dream only partially realized, and remaining open to new shifts and currents. It is a place reverberating with hope and possibility, while perhaps looking for solid foundations and memories.

For the churches, this means looking for new answers to old questions, like:

- 'What are the spiritual needs/desires of the community?'

- 'How do Churches fit here – if they do?'
- 'Should Churches in Docklands be service providers, community catalysts, partnership brokers, prophets preaching on the corner, or ... what?'

And importantly, being inclusive about this challenge. In other words:

'How can we nurture conversations about faith in Docklands so that the people themselves can contribute to tailored spiritual resources (spaces, events, faith community groups etc) in Docklands?'

The Docklands Churches Forum recently committed to three significant key projects to foster this:

1. Digital connections

In the near future check out our blog, whatthedock.com. Whatthedock is about

conversations on life, mind, soul and spirit, money, marriage... and about life and living in Docklands. It's a place for you to voice and explore any idea or combination of ideas that is where you are at.

We will also be posting details via onboard.docklands.com of existing church services around Docklands. It will also give you the opportunity to tell us what specific options you'd like to see opening up in Docklands.

2. Foreshore faith festivals

So much of Docklands life and its journey is played out on the open expanses of its foreshore. The DCF is currently planning a program of events which will help bring the nurturing and stimulating resources of the various faith traditions into the public arena in engaging, accessible and relevant ways.

Key to the planning of these events will be tapping into the particular spiritual stimuli Docklands itself provides – special places, waterways, public art, wine and coffee and so on.

3. 'Third places'

The DCF is considering and planning for spaces in Docklands in which to develop a sustainable basis for creative community and faith based initiatives - meetings, groups, resources, quiet space, community art, reading room, performance space and so on. A significant part of this involves exploring new and constructive relationships with partners in business and other sectors.

These initiatives aim to foster open dialogue with the community that leads to shared ideas being realized together. So I look forward to hearing from you, and connecting with you in some of these projects over the remainder of 2006. (Please send your ideas, needs, and inspirations to us – bruce@docklandschurches.com)

Finally, now that those omnipresent Easter eggs in shops finally have some relevance, enjoy a peaceful and enriching Easter. Details for services in nearby churches during Holy Week and Easter are available - check at <http://onboard.docklands.com> for ongoing service updates.

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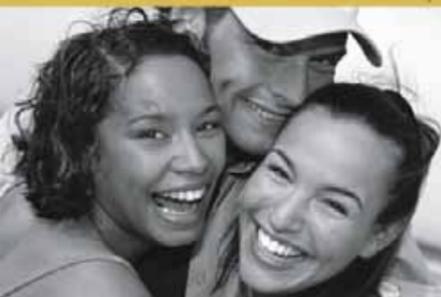
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Docklands Chamber of Commerce

One of the longest running and most active groups within Docklands is the local Chamber of Commerce. Established in 2003 this group is proactively involved in the interest of making Docklands a great place to do business.

The Docklands Chamber of Commerce meets on the first Tuesday of every month. Details of the Chamber's mission, its activities, and of how to get involved can be found on the Chamber's website at www.docklandschamberofcommerce.com. You can also use the website to make contact with the Chamber.

If you're operating a business in Docklands, or thinking of starting one, then becoming a member of your local Chamber of Commerce should be high on your list of priorities.

Petanque Club for Docklands

One of the most enjoyed features of the Hub launch on February 22 was the games of Petanque played on the adjacent courts.

These courts are now in regular use by local workers at lunchtimes but a move is now afoot to start a local club for regular social competition.

Petanque, like its close cousins Bocce and Boule, is a very social game played with basic

and portable equipment. With a set of Petanque balls in the car you can play on any sandy surface be that the courts near the Hub, the beach or the car park at a favourite winery.

A key feature of this game is that anyone can play and that even at a club level, regular games are made up from those who turn up. This means that unlike some team sports your involvement can be as regular as you wish and you are not committed to having to attend on a regular basis.

With the support of the Victorian Petanque Association, an evening of come-and-try play will be staged on April 21 between 6.00 and 9.00 pm., with a view to establishing regular social play and the start of a Petanque Club in Docklands. Light refreshments will be available and everyone is welcome. To assist with organisation, it will be helpful if you can pre-register by phoning 8622 4822.

To find out more about Petanque you can collect an information brochure from the Hub or visit www.petanquevictoria.com



The Kellys are back in Docklands

Once synonymous with their former business Club NewQuay, Lyn and Peter Kelly recently announced that they are back in business but now at Waterfront City.

After a break of 4 months they are pleased to be back to have fun and share with you some great experiences. With a team which includes the fabulous girls you all loved at Docklands Serviced Apartments, Elizabeth, Michelle and Amy, they are back not as CNQ or DSA but as NEWSFRONT and EXTRAGREEN HOLIDAYS / AMAZING VACATIONS and what a combination that will be.

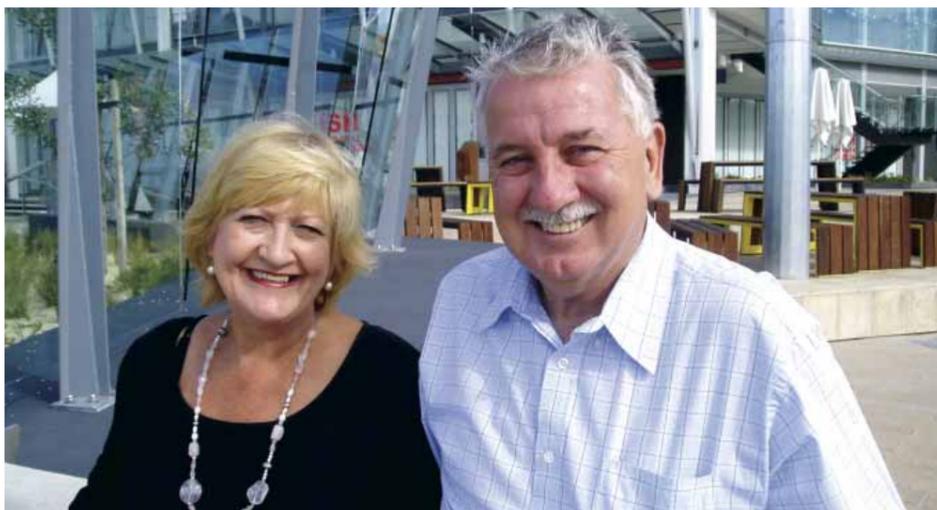
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Further great news for Docklands is that Waterfront City will have the first fully franchised Extragreen Holidays / Amazing Vacations Travel Agency,

providing whatever you need in travel whether it be Day tours, Airfares, Accommodation, and travel both within Australia and throughout the World. The best range of organised tours and the best prices, and the best knowledge will all be available to Docklands Residents, workers and visitors.

Peter & Lyn will be running fun open nights to share their travel knowledge together with refreshments and great food at the soon to be regular Travel experience nights, and will be open at the times that clients want including all weekend. Watch out for these nights advertised in the press, by email and in your letter boxes

New phone, Fax and email details will be supplied in the next issue of the Docklands Community News but, in the meantime they can be contacted on 0417 581 455



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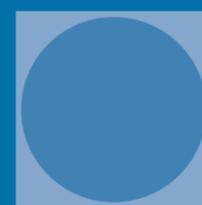
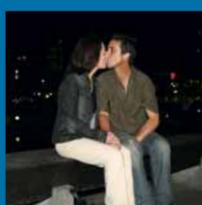
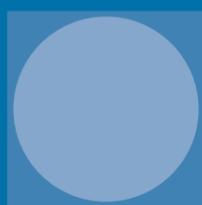
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Docklands Community Association

The Docklands Community Association was founded in 2003 and first incorporated in early 2004. Established to foster the growth of community in Melbourne Docklands, the Community Association is currently led by NewQuay resident Michele Anderson who was elected to the President's position in late 2004.

The Docklands Community Association has its Annual General Meeting scheduled for Thursday, May 11. The meeting will take place at the Community Hub and will commence at 7.30 pm. The primary function of the meeting will be to elect a new committee. The Association's committee consists of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and two committee members.

Forms for the nomination of committee members can be collected at the Community Hub and must be lodged there no later than Friday, May 6.

All community members are welcome to attend the meeting on May 11 and to play a role in shaping the future of the Docklands Community Association.

Onboard – Your Community Intranet

Just prior to Christmas 2005 the Docklands Community Intranet was launched in its first version. Developed with the assistance of a Project Reference Group comprised of local community members, the site aims to connect the community of Docklands through provision of information and through enhanced communication.



Onboard.Docklands has attracted considerable interest since its inception. Tracking devices attached to the site to record the way it is used show interesting results. Since the beginning of 2006 there have been more than 500 visitors to the site resulting in more than 3,000 pages being called up for information. Although most of this visitation has been from Australia, the Docklands Community Intranet has also received visitors from Hong Kong, Brazil, the USA, Great Britain, New Zealand, Germany and the European Union.

These figures are very encouraging as the current site is still developing and is yet to receive its full suite of functions.

New Enhancements to the site will have been installed by the time this paper gets to your mailbox and the potential now found within the intranet is very exciting. Visit the site now and you'll find all the old features of Notice Boards, News pages, What's On, Things to Do, plus Directories but now you'll find the following useful features.

The **Log On** facility enables members of local community to become site members giving them the capability to submit content to many pages on the site. No longer just a website, the intranet is now interactive allowing members to post News items, lodge information or classifieds on the Notice Boards and list events and activities on the What's On pages. **Registered members** can select the items and images that will greet them on a Personalised Home Page.

New navigation functions link to the different neighbourhoods of Docklands - all information can be sorted to be specific in precincts and even down to individual building level. Want to know What's On in your area? Go to the What's On page then select the secondary navigation to sort out items that relate only to your neighbourhood. Or, use the category option to sort out information from a common category.

Member **Forums** in Onboard permit registered members to participate in interactive online

discussions with other members while the Docklands Story, a wiki-like chronicle of the life of this precinct, will let members record their personal experience of the Docklands development.

The web address of the Docklands Community Intranet is <http://onboard.docklands.com>. Not only should you check out the site but the Notice Board feature will be announcing forthcoming community training evenings to help people become familiar with the workings of the site.

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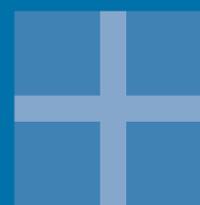
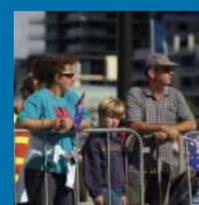
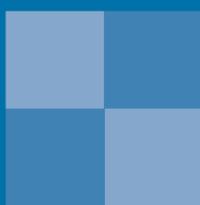
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31 March to September 2006	2006 AFL Premiership Season	Telstra Dome	Various	Catch all the action of the AFL Football Premiership Season
30 March to 2 April 2006	Australian Grand Prix Live Site	Waterfront City Piazza	Daily	Daily live feed on super screens of Channel 10 broadcast of the Australian F1 Grand Prix.
9 April 2006	Run for the Kids	Harbour Esplanade, Collins Street and Telstra Dome	From 8.00am	Support the inaugural Herald Sun CityLink Run For The Kids and help raise funds for the Royal Children's Hospital.
14 April 2006	Good Friday Appeal	Telstra Dome Concourse and Harbour Esplanade	TBC	Celebrating its 75th birthday this year, the Good Friday Appeal is hosting a day of free fun activities in Docklands for the whole family.
From late April 2006	Variety Australian Entertainers of the Century Mural and Walk of Fame	Waterfront City Piazza	Daily	Australia's 100 best-loved actors, musicians and stars of the stage from yesteryear and today will be unveiled at a gala event in April 2006, having been chosen by both a panel of entertainment industry experts and nominations from the Australian public.
17 June 2006	Australia Rugby Union Test	Telstra Dome	TBC	See Australia take on England in this exciting Rugby Union Test Match
1 July to 1 October 2006	The Leonardo Da Vinci Machines – An Exhibition of Genius	Waterfront City Pavilion	10am – 6pm daily	The spectacular exhibition from Italy features over fifty models of Leonardo Da Vinci's famous machines, many of which can be touched, tried and tested by visitors, and each explores Da Vinci's genius in design.
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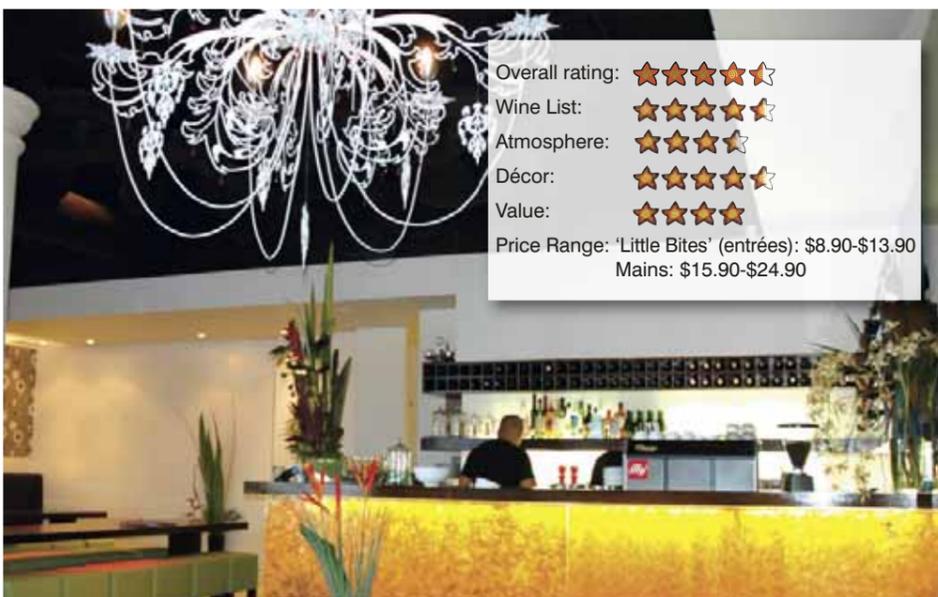


As You Like It

by Inouk Arnall



BOPHA DEVI



Overall rating: ★★★★★
 Wine List: ★★★★★
 Atmosphere: ★★★★★
 Décor: ★★★★★
 Value: ★★★★★
 Price Range: 'Little Bites' (entrées): \$8.90-\$13.90
 Mains: \$15.90-\$24.90

According to my travel agent friend, Cambodia is the new hip destination, attracting travellers yearning for a less commercialised and more authentic cultural experience. An offshoot of this is a growing interest in Cambodian food, with its delicious aromatic flavours like lemongrass, garlic, galangal, Kaffir lime and ginger. Particularly popular is Khmer Cuisine, an exotic fusion of Chinese, Indian and French and renowned for being delicate and healthy. So when it's prepared with the freshest ingredients and using tried and tested traditional family recipes, surely this is enough to send anyone packing?

Thankfully, you can still experience your own Cambodian cultural haven without the cost of an airfare, at the contemporary and terribly cute Bopha Devi at Docklands. Aptly named after a Cambodian Princess, Bopha Devi oozes simplistic style and charismatic warmth. Featuring comfortable cushioned seats, tucked under communal tables lined with tea light candles, wallpapered feature walls and a very good use of mirrors to create a sense of space. A stunning Khmer inspired Chandelier nicely contrasts the clean design and this flexible dining and bar space can be converted for special events up to 70 people.

Food here is picture perfect; with each dish looking like it has been styled for a magazine shoot. The

taste, I learn from owner Chan Uoy, is the result of culinary secrets which have been passed on by both his mother Vutry and his uncle, allowing him to put together many of these delightful traditional dishes.

For starters we try a selection of 'Little Bites'; including wonderful *Prawn Pucks*, coated in panko then deep fried, *Bort Chien*, flavoursome sweet corn cakes, some delicate *Pumpkin Filled Parcels* and several very good *Stuffed Poulet*, grilled, partially de-boned chicken wings filled with mince chicken and spices.

We followed with *Char Kroeung* (\$16.90), available with a choice of wok cooked proteins (in our case beef) with flavours of lime leaves,

SNAPSHOT

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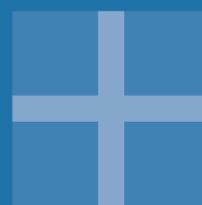
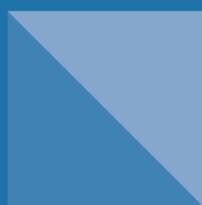
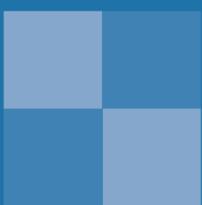
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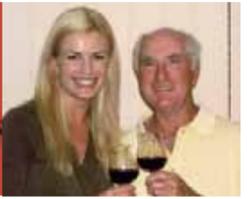
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Talking Plonk



lemongrass, turmeric, and onions, served with fresh mint, cucumber, vermicelli, sweet fish sauce and crushed nuts. It had great consistency, the vegies were fresh, the onions soft not soggy and the beef was mouth wateringly tender.

Then a stunning choice I highly recommend, *Amok* (\$24.90), a traditional Khmer steamed fish curry (tonight it's Barramundi), with coconut cream, lemongrass, turmeric and more lime leaves. The sauce was rich and creamy whilst the fish remained incredibly delicate and moist, all held together by an attractive bowl made from banana leaves.

Desserts here are revolving so you won't find them on the menu. Instead Chan or partner Paul might sit down and enthusiastically go through a few options. Our choice was clear and another of Chan's mum's specialties, a Sugar Banana rolled in glutenous sticky rice, coated with toasted coconut then grilled and served with ice-cream. Tasting this simple yet gorgeous combination, I thought, it's no wonder Vutry is somewhat of a celebrity around here.

Like anything you receive that's home-made with love, it makes you smile and that's exactly the feeling you get dining at Bopha Devi. This is the next best thing to actually taking a holiday in picturesque Cambodia!



WIN WIN WIN As You Like It Competitions

February Edition Winners:

The winner of dinner for two at Berth is **Elizabeth Wright**. She correctly answered that Nathan Deakes was the Aussie walk Athlete who took part in our Warming Up For The Games event at Waterfront City.

Theresa Parehowhai has won a bottle of Hanging Rock Strathbogie Ranges Chardonnay, 2004, answering "there is no difference between Pinot Gris and Pinot Grigio."

The French however call it Pinot Gris and the Italians call it Pinot Grigio.

In Australia it's called either, depending on wine maker preference".

April Edition Competition:

Win dinner for two at Bopha Devi!

To win dinner for two, with a glass of wine at Bopha Devi, please answer the following multiple-choice question: Which is a hard, smoked, Italian cheese? A) Reggiano B) Provoluta C) Provolone D) Salami

OR, to win a bottle of **Knappstein Clare Valley Riesling**, 2005, please answer the following question: Approximately how many grapes do you think it takes to produce a bottle of wine? (Nearest Guess wins)

All entries to: inouk.m@bigpond.net.au (by 11th May)

Task: Inouk and her dad Bruce share a bottle of wine from Dock on The Rocks.

Plonk: Hanging Rock Strathbogie Ranges Chardonnay, 2004 RRP. \$19.99

Background: Hanging Rock Winery is located just north of the famous Hanging Rock landmark in Central Victoria. The Strathbogie Ranges specifically are home to some intensely flavoured cool-climate Chardonnays and this one, from wine maker John Ellis, has enjoyed some generous French oak handling.

Conversation:

B: It has quite a sweet, ripe tropical nose, like ripe mango or lychees.

I: A bit melony as well, definitely fruity.

B: There's well balanced acidity with fairly restrained oak characters, which I think are hidden a little by the ripe fruit.

I: Yes it's a great Chardonnay for those who prefer a fruit driven and slightly dry style of wine, as opposed to big and oaky.

B: I agree and for this reason I'd match it with something savoury, mixed with some tropical fruit flavours, like a warm chicken salad with mango or paw-paw?

I: Very summery! I wouldn't go for spicy foods though and I'd highly recommend serving it lightly chilled -not cold- as it really comes into it's own in the glass.

B: \$20 is a fair price for a quality wine like this and if you can afford to pop a few away for later, this will probably cellar well in the medium term.

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What we tried: Crusty roll with shaved ham & salad (good bread & tasty), Marinated roast chicken & salad wrap (with generous amounts of succulent chicken), Solis Energy Drink.

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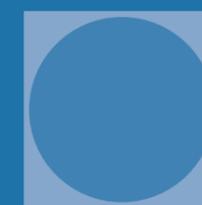
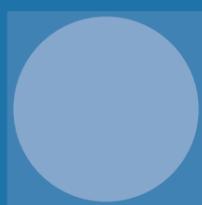
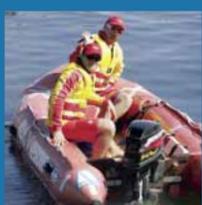
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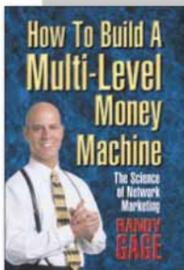
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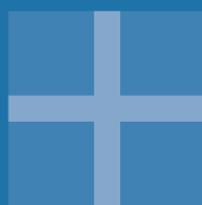
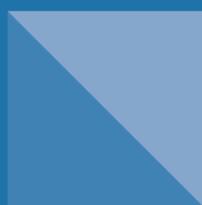
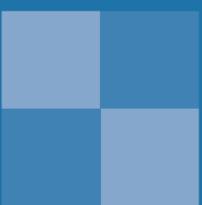
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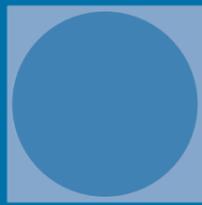
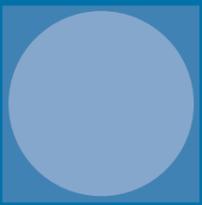
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Dynamic Urban Art to commemorate australia's entertainers of the century

A selection of Australia's most highly regarded artists have been commissioned to create a lasting tribute to the nation's greatest Entertainers of the Century.

Sculptor Peter Corlett, mosaic artist David Jack and painter Jamie Cooper will together create the very first memorial to commemorate Australia's top entertainers from the past 100 years.

Led by Variety – The Children's Charity, the Variety Australian Entertainers of the Century Mural and Walk of Fame at Waterfront City will be a lasting tribute to Australia's best-loved actors, musicians and stars of the stage from yesteryear and today.

From Dame Nellie Melba to Roy Rene to Nicole Kidman, Australia has a rich artistic tradition that will be celebrated in style with a walk of fame and a colourful mosaic-style mural.

The top 100 Australian entertainers have been decided by both a panel of entertainment industry experts and nominations from the Australian public.

Life-sized bronze sculptures will be modelled by Peter Corlett complemented by an eleven metre long mural crafted by mosaic artist David Jack. The mural will be based on an original piece of artwork by Jamie Cooper and will be permanently displayed close to the water's edge within Waterfront City's public piazza.

"The calibre of the artists chosen to create the Variety Australian Entertainers of the Century Mural and Walk of Fame reflects the high quality design of the entire development. We're confident it will be a talking point and major draw card for Melbournians and tourists alike," says Mark Broomfield, Managing Director of ING Real Estate Development.

The Mural and Walk of Fame will be unveiled at an official Variety gala event at Waterfront City in March 2006.



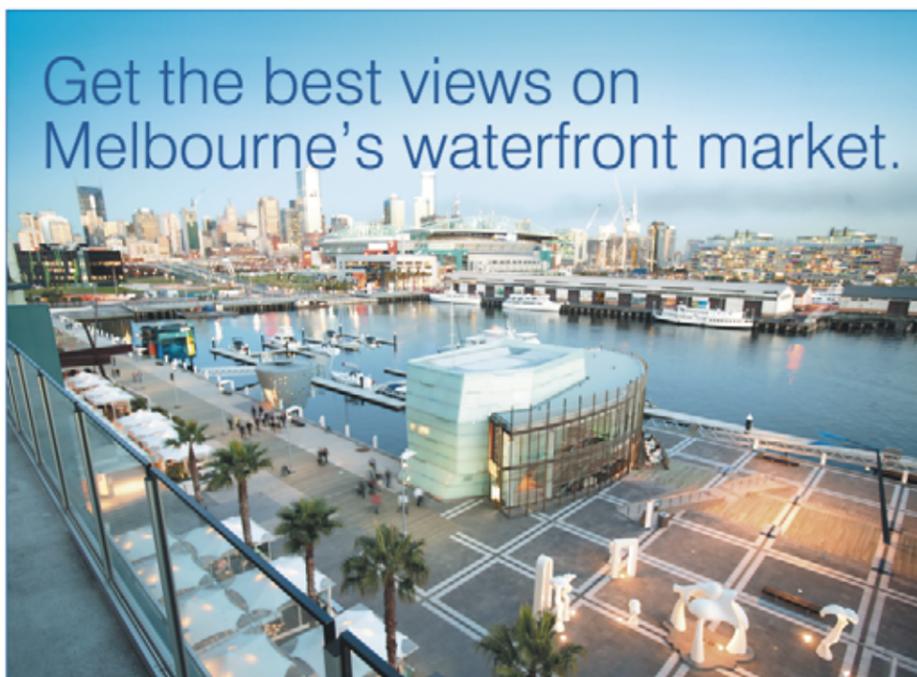
Sculptor Peter Corlett pictured with Graham Kennedy statue

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