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Osaka fever to hit Docklands

From 16 to 25 March, Waterfront City, Docklands will play host to the 25 yachts competing in the Melbourne Osaka Cup Double-Handed Yacht Race 2007.

Held every four years since 1987, competitors in this unique ocean sailing race will travel 5,500 nautical miles (approximately 10,200 kms), over 30-65 days, backwards through the seasons, from Melbourne to Osaka, Japan.

With only two crew and no stopovers, this race pits the courage and skill of sailors and their yachts against the might and strength of the seas. In true sailing tradition, this race attracts people from all walks of life including couples, good friends and families, and is a distinctive celebration of the sister city and sister port relationship between Melbourne and Osaka.

To support this amazing race Waterfront City, Docklands will host a range of fantastic free entertainment that will appeal to people of all ages. From 16 March, the yachts will be berthed at Waterfront City marina so visitors can get up close and personal with the sailors and their boats. If a month long jaunt across the open seas seems daunting, embark on a range of less challenging boating activities on offer including the Come Try Sailing weekends (17-18 and 24-25 March) and the Club Marine Sail Boat Show (23-25 March). Meanwhile, the Osaka Festival will be an amazing event on 24 March with traditional Japanese dance and music, along with tapoyaki (dumplings) and okonomiyaki (savory pancakes). The festival

ends with a free concert featuring Killing Heidi and Joe Camilleri & The Black Sorrows, followed by a spectacular fireworks display.

On Sunday 25 March, join in the fun of the farewell celebrations as the boats prepare to depart. Spectators who can't get on board their own boat and follow the competitors out into Port Phillip Bay for the race start can wave-off the sailors from the shore. After the official farewell ceremony, Waterfront City will host some great, live music.



This special event celebrates the relationship between Melbourne and Osaka



Central Pier - A new lease on life

VicUrban recently announced a new lease on life for Central Pier with Corporate Events Australia (CEA) beginning to open for business by mid 2007.

VicUrban's lease agreement with CEA will involve restoration and fit-out works to the historic sheds on Central Pier, providing a range of hospitality, community and cultural uses until a long term solution is determined.

The heritage listed Sheds 9 and 14 will house function venues, a community centre, and a student and emerging artist space for locals and visitors to enjoy. A microbrewery with full brewing capacity has been proposed.

Michael Hynes, General Manager Docklands and Major Projects said, "We are delighted to welcome CEA to Melbourne Docklands and look forward to

activating Central Pier with new uses that will bring more people to Docklands.

"This lease will ensure that the use of Central Pier is maximised in the short to medium-term, while providing flexibility to develop the final outcome for Central Pier when that is resolved."

CEA, established in 1999, has entered into an agreement with The Atlantic Group to operate at Central Pier. The Atlantic Group has managed successful venues in South Wharf and is renowned for service excellence and creating environments for people to relax, enjoy and celebrate.

"We're excited about the opportunity to create additional rich experiences for Melburnians and visitors alike," said Hatem Saleh, Managing Director of CEA.

"Together with our anchor tenant The Atlantic Group, we will take the leading edge precedents from South Wharf and make them better at Central Pier," said Mr Saleh.

Spirituality Australia, a not-for-profit organisation, will operate from Shed 9 and specialises in lifestyle coaching, education and life balance. Another unique addition will be the introduction of studio

and gallery space for students and emerging artists to exhibit and perform their own work.

CEA is sourcing a leading edge micro-brewery for those interested in learning about the making, science and sampling of beer. Alumbra, already one of Melbourne's most alluring waterfront cocktail lounges, will relocate to Central Pier in April 2007.

Operating from Shed 14 will be one of Melbourne's largest function venues, Peninsula, seating up to 1,250 guests and Sketch, seating up to 170 guests, both under the management of the successful Atlantic Group. Joining these two new venues on the water are the established venues relocating from South Wharf, Sumac and Atlantic.

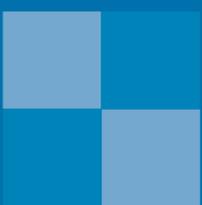
This short to medium-term measure will continue to add vibrancy to Melbourne Docklands as the longer-term future of Central Pier evolves.

"The use of the site will help drive the final long term design, further identifying Central Pier as a fantastic location for a significant public development," said Michael Hynes.

Mr Saleh said, "By retaining the heritage of the sheds and transforming the interior, CEA will create a unique waterfront environment."



Sheds 9 & 14 to house function venues, community centre and artist space



From the Editor

Happy new year to everyone at Docklands! 2007 is going to be a fantastic time for everyone and the year has kicked off with much summer activity in the precinct. The Skandia Docklands Invitational attracted 19 of the country's best yachts and hosted some exciting celebrations, while the kids enjoyed free Summer Sundays at Waterfront City and the Summer Fun in the City program presented by City of Melbourne.

Looking forward to February and March, Docklands will live up with a plethora of events such as the 2007 National Wakeboarding Championships, Moomba at Docklands, the Contempora2 Sculpture Award, and Melbourne to Osaka Boat Week. Also in this edition, read about the exciting new developments planned for Central Pier later this year.

City of Melbourne is now coordinating Docklands Community News and I would like to thank Jo Taylor from VicUrban for her great work over the previous year in her role as Editor.

In this issue, find out more about Business Grants for which you may be eligible, the latest community activities, and how you can have your say at Docklands. Read the fascinating story on page 5 outlining the Grand Hotel's history, and find your regular columns such as Inouk Arnall's mouth watering food and wine review.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this edition of Docklands Community News and I wish you a memorable 2007.

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Onboard onboard docklands

Docklands Intranet builds momentum

Onboard Docklands, the Docklands Community Intranet, has now been available to Docklanders for six full months. In that period visitation to the site has steadily risen with a record 1,706 site visitors in December 2006.

Built after consultation with the Docklands community, the site's primary aims are to offer information and communication opportunities to the residents and workers of Docklands.

Onboard still has much unused potential for the Docklands Community. For instance, did you know that you can use Onboard to:

- Participate in local online discussion forums.
- Post classifieds to sell or give away unwanted items.
- Post a Notice to look for a golf partner, a fellow walker or someone to baby-sit your bonsai plant while you're away.

- Post information to the Notice Board to publicise local events and activities.
- List details of local businesses, clubs and associations.
- Inform the community of local happenings through the News page.

Using Onboard is easy and it's FREE. Visit www.onboarddocklands.com and register.

Once you're registered, you can log on to the site and have the new option to add content. For any difficulties or more information, use the Contact button to email the site administrator. Nothing could be easier. Come on Docklanders, get Onboard!

Business grants land at Docklands

Docklands will soon become a part of the City of Melbourne, and businesses now qualify to apply for Small Business Grants.

Those with businesses in the City of Melbourne, or considering the municipality as a business location, may be eligible for a Small Business Grant.

Small Business Grants form part of the City of Melbourne's Business Development Fund, which directly support economic and business development in the municipality.

An information session on the Small Business Grants Program will be held in the Yarra Room, 2nd floor, Town Hall, Swanston Street, 15 February from 6pm. To register for the information session, contact Council on 9658 9658.

Small Business Grants seek to encourage and support new, creative and different business activities and projects that will contribute to a thriving and competitive business environment within the City of Melbourne.

Closing dates for the next funding round is Friday 9 March 2007 at 5pm.

To find out more about Small Business Grants visit www.businessmelbourne.com.au or email sbg@melbourne.vic.gov.au.

The City of Melbourne is committed to strengthening the unique community in Docklands and welcoming residents to the city. The Council will let Docklands residents know about upcoming City of Melbourne programs and services that may assist them. For more information on this, visit: www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/docklands.



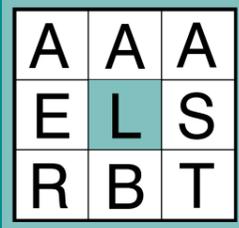
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How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters in this grid?

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



Target: 23 words – Passenger
46 words – Deck Hand
83 words – Captain

Solution to be supplied in next issue

Solution to Puzzle from last edition

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Docklands, Carlton lead the way

Docklands and Carlton lead the way in inner-city residential development, new City of Melbourne figures show.

In 2005 - 2006 the number of dwellings grew by more than 2500 to 42,101 homes and apartments.

During the last financial year more than 830 new apartments were built in Docklands, representing a 36 per cent increase on the previous year.

Major developments at Docklands included:

- 189 apartments in McCrae Street;
- 449 apartments in Harbour Esplanade; and
- 64 apartments at Docklands River Esplanade.

While there has been solid growth in Melbourne's 'new' suburbs - Docklands and Southbank - Melbourne's older residential suburbs are relatively static.

The former industrial and mixed use suburbs such as Kensington, North and West Melbourne are also growing as old factory spaces are reclaimed for new homes and apartments.



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Who let the dog out?



All cats and dogs over three months old must be registered by April 10 each year. Pet registration is the best form of identification for a pet.

The City of Melbourne is maintaining current municipal services and will ensure that all Council services and programs are available to the Docklands community from 1 July 2007.

During March, Registration Renewal forms will be mailed to everyone who has registered their pet with Docklands in previous years. Pet owners need to complete the form and return it with payment by 10 April.

For new pet owners, or those pets not previously registered, City of Melbourne is offering free registration until 9 April. First time pet owners

are also eligible to receive a free voucher booklet worth around \$40 until stock runs out. The booklets include discounts on a range of pet and lifestyle-related products and services.

Owners who fail to register their pets can be fined over \$500. Dangerous and restricted breed dogs must also be fitted with a microchip.

For a registration form, email registrations@dogshome.com, call 9239 2934, or visit www.melbourne.vic.gov.au

First residents move into Dock 5

Over 500 guests including buyers, celebrities and property professionals recently celebrated the completion of Lend Lease's signature Dock 5 building at Victoria Harbour, two months ahead of schedule.

The first of Dock 5's luxury apartments were occupied from mid December at the \$130m, John Wardle-designed complex.

Lend Lease's Victoria Harbour Development Director Maurice Cococcia said, "We believe we've created a unique experience in inner city, waterfront living. The arrival of the first residents represented the start of an exciting new phase for Victoria Harbour."

Dock 5's leading apartment design has drawn buyers from as far afield as Ireland and South Africa. The building's 148 apartments over 31 levels are based on more than 33 different floor plans. The complex boasts a 12,000 bottle, temperature-controlled wine cellar in the basement

and a lap pool looking out across a large, landscaped garden.

A 50 x 8m high artwork based on Dani Marti's "Under the Crescent Moon" piece adorns the lobby. In addition, the first stage of the 178 berth marina, D'Albora Marina's 72 berth, is completed. Residents are able to own berths right outside their front door and look out on their boats from their apartment windows.

Lend Lease's Victoria Harbour project combines a mix of residential homes, retail strips and office buildings interspersed with promenades, parks and 3.3 km of water frontage. The second apartment project is underway. The Mosaic is a mid-rise, nine storey development with park views front and back.



Work together for Melbourne and Docklands

Want to contribute to the future of the Docklands community? Come to a Working Together for Melbourne forum and share your ideas for your local area with Councillors, Directors and other City of Melbourne decision makers.

"Last year these forums were a great success, and we expect even more people will come and talk about Melbourne at our 2007 forums," the Lord Mayor John So said.

"We're all interested in our local communities and want to make them better places to live, work and play. This is a great opportunity to raise the issues that are important to you. I hope you will join us at a forum in 2007."

Forums will be held in five locations within the municipality, making it easier for you to attend

(last year they were held in the Melbourne Town Hall). The Docklands forum will take place on 17 October 2007.

All members of the public are welcome to attend. To attend or raise an issue for discussion at a forum:
 Email wtfm@melbourne.vic.gov.au
 Call 9658 9658
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Docklands Community Association

Welcome back to a new and exciting year. After taking time out over the festive season, we are now ready to move forward into a fun filled New Year.

In 2007, meetings will be held every second Tuesday of every month. The monthly events will alternate between informative evenings and social evenings. You can diarise the following dates: 13 March; 10 April; 8 May; and 12 June (proposed date for AGM – election of new president and committee).

February General Meeting:

Time: 7pm
When: Tuesday 13 Feb
RSVP: Monday 5 Feb to lisa@staffconnect.com.au

The Docklands Community Association has organised a number of informative guest speakers:

- Robert Marsh – The transition of Docklands to City of Melbourne

- Bendigo Bank – How Bendigo Bank can support the Docklands community

The Association is available to anyone who lives, works or is a rate-payer in Docklands. By becoming a member you have the opportunity to meet your neighbours and bond with an exciting, diverse, open and welcoming community.

We welcome new members and committee helpers. Should you be interested in organising events, liaising with council, note taking or simply socialising, we'd like to hear from you.

For further information please contact the Docklands Community Association president Lisa Muscatello: email lisa@staffconnect.com.au

Relationship register gets the nod

The City of Melbourne has reinforced its commitment to being an inclusive and engaging city with the recent in-principle support of the establishment of a Relationships Declaration Register.

The register will enable couples of both mixed-sex and same-sex to formally declare their relationship.

Deputy Lord Mayor Gary Singer is a strong advocate of the register. "Australia's Marriage Act (1961) only recognises the union between a man and a woman to the exclusion of all others, and the register is just the first step toward social equality for all relationships.

"It is now up to the State and Federal Governments to introduce legislation that will provide for official recognition of civil partnerships," he said.

While the register won't confer legal rights in the way traditional marriage does, it may be used to demonstrate the existence of a de facto relationship in relation to the Property Laws Act 1958, the Administration and Probate Act 1958 and other legislation involving domestic partnerships.

In Australia, Tasmania has adopted legislation recognising a variety of relationships and the City of Sydney has established a relationships declaration register, similar to the one proposed by the City of Melbourne.



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Grand Hotel, grand history

by Mike Kelly

One of Docklands' and Melbourne's most impressive and historic buildings is the former Railways Administrative Offices (now Grand Hotel) in Spencer Street. Last year she celebrated 120 years.

The site of this magnificent building was famously known as Batman's Hill. John Batman, one of Melbourne's founders, leased the land from the New South Wales authorities and began establishing his substantial cottage and gardens on the Hill in 1835. The first church services by an ordained minister were held under the shady she-oaks of Batman's Hill. The Rev. Joseph Orton, who had been brought across from Tasmania by Mr Batman, preached to his congregation on 24 April 1836. One hundred years later, in 1936, a service was held in the railway commission office of the Railway building to mark the occasion.

On 8 February 1837 the colony held its first horse race. It was reported that the first race in the Port Phillip Settlement was run on a beautiful racecourse (between today's North Melbourne Station and the Grand Hotel). Most of the colony's 200 residents turned out and the race which caused most interest was between the horses owned by Dr Cotter and a Mr Brown – the latter won. The colony was actually named Melbourne (after the British Prime Minister Lord Melbourne) about four weeks after this race! The following year on 6 March 1838, another race meeting was held on the Hill. This day is considered to

be Melbourne's first public holiday and the day that the first bets ever placed on a horse race in Melbourne were made – and paid for in bottles of rum. Over indulgence was rife and not tolerated. Those that over-indulged were tied to poles while others were put in stocks to clear their heads.

When Mr Batman died in 1839, the government took control of the land and the cottage in which the Batman family had lived. Superintendent Charles Latrobe and police Magistrate William Lonsdale moved into the colony around 1842 and stayed until 1846. The fledgling colony was administered during this period from Batman's Hill. The Hill was also used as a reference point for the town's original street grid and at one stage was the proposed site for Melbourne's Botanical Gardens – this idea was scrapped as the area became more industrialised in the late 1840s.

In September 1854 Australia's first railway line opened from Flinders Street to Sandridge (Port Melbourne). A few years later, in 1859, Batman's Hill Station (Spencer Street – now Southern Cross) was opened. In 1863 Batman's Hill was leveled to accommodate the railway yards that exist today. The hill's earth and stones were scattered on the northern banks of the Yarra.

By 1886 the powerful railway commissions decided that their existing wooden offices were unable to cope with the growing needs of the railways and the engineer of existing lines, Mr William Henry Greene, was commissioned to draw up the original plans. The building's location was chosen due to its proximity to Spencer (Southern Cross) and Flinders Street Stations. The scale of the building, even in the 'Marvellous Melbourne' period of the 1880s, was remarkable. She would become the largest office building built in Melbourne in the 19th century.

William Henry Greene is perhaps not as well known as he should be. He arrived in Melbourne from Ireland in 1853. From 1855-1878 he was the Bendigo Lines resident engineer. Greene was also the man who planned and helped build the railway viaduct between Flinders Street Station and Spencer (Southern Cross) Station which opened in 1891. Melbourne is famous for its trams

– Greene drew up the initial plans for Melbourne's cable tram network.

His son, Rupert Greene, was the official starter for the V.R.C and still holds the record for starting the Melbourne Cup and Caulfield Cup – 31 in all – more than anyone else. His granddaughter is Dame Elisabeth Murdoch, a grand lady in her own right, Melbourne's own 'Queen Mother', and her son is Rupert, one of Australia's best known identities around the world. William Henry Greene's building was delayed and did not start until 1888. The massive task of turning his vision into reality was awarded to builder James Moore.

The offices in their original form were finally completed in 1893. By the turn of the century the railways was the largest government department. Despite the massive size of the building it was already under pressure housing an army of clerical workers, so it was decided in 1912 that a third floor (level 5) would be built. There were a number of beautifully designed statues placed on the upper floors of the building, some of which had to be removed as they started to deteriorate and crumble onto unsuspecting pedestrians. The remaining ornamentation and other detailed work had to be removed when the third floor was built. By 1922 another level with two domed towers was constructed. In 1923 the railway offices had become one of the first office buildings in Melbourne to install an electric lift. To try and cope with the ever expanding workforce the fourth floor (level 6) was added to the centre of the west side in 1958. In 1968 all the original passenger car lifts were replaced.

Finally, in 1985 the Ministry of Transport and the V-Line administration could cope no longer with the 'crowded' environment of the building and they moved to a new office tower at 589 Collins Street.

The 'Old Lady of Spencer Street' was earmarked for sale by the State Government. She had become derelict. There were rumours that she may even be demolished. In 1988 a glimmer of hope – she was purchased by a construction company who together with a Japanese partner had ideas of converting her into a luxury hotel. In May 1989 it all went awry when the Japanese investor withdrew

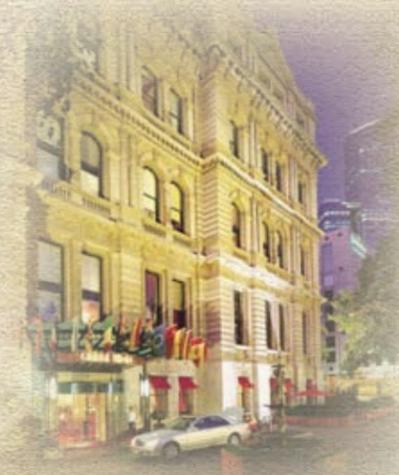
and the project was cancelled. The economy at that time was in depression mode and no one was capable of taking on such a massive task of restoring a 19th century building.

A lifeline came along in the mid 90s in the form of Mr Les Erdi and AbiGroup. The government contacted Les to coordinate the project, with the assistance of around another 63 companies, the formidable task of restoring her back to her original elegance began. Mezzanine floors were added into the original offices giving for loft-style-living with modern technology and comfort. The beautiful central staircase on Level 2 of the residential section was faithfully restored to its original splendour. The impressive lights which hang over the staircase were imported from Italy. The finely detailed iron front fence, which gives the building a natural border and protects her from the pedestrian footpath, was also restored. In 1997 'The Old Lady of Spencer Street' became 'The Grand Old Lady of Spencer Street'. Opened officially by the Hon Premier Mr Jeff Kennett, she now also boasted two penthouses on the top floor with main bedrooms under the domes (reportedly sold for \$1.7m each – the first million dollar Docklands Apartments).

The 5 Star Grand Hotel comprises 118 self-contained suites and the Grand Central Apartments of 1, 2, and 3 bedrooms numbered 122 in all. She is now protected by the Heritage Council of Victoria.

On 6 September 2006, this majestic building celebrated 120 years. A cocktail function was organised by the Manager of the hotel, Mr Paul McConville, a historic occasion in its own right as we were privileged to have Dame Elisabeth Murdoch and Mr and Mrs Erdi attend. Dame Elisabeth presented a rose bush, named after herself, to be planted in the hotel garden to honour her grandfather.

Those who have enjoyed the Grand Hotel's ambience would agree that she and Melbourne are truly marvellous.



The Grand Hotel as she is today



Dame Elisabeth Murdoch and owner Les Erdi at last year's 120th anniversary celebrations

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Events at Docklands

Moomba to make waves at Docklands

For the first time Melbourne Docklands will host a one-day Moomba Waterfest spectacular, with highlights including watersport demonstrations, live music and roving entertainment.

On Sunday 11 March, don't miss the spectacular Dragon Boat racing and extreme sport Wakeboarding demonstrations in Victoria Harbour, then finish the day with an exciting live musical performance at the Waterfront City Piazza.

Moomba Waterfest activities also take place from 9-12 March, on and along the Yarra River at Alexandra Gardens and Birrarung Marr. For over 50 years Moomba Waterfest has entertained and delighted audiences as it brings Melbourne's riverfront to life with four days of free public events. And with a jam-packed program of old favourites and exciting new events, 2007 will be no exception. Presented by the City of Melbourne.

For more information, visit www.thatsmelbourne.com.au or telephone 9658 9658.



2007 National Wakeboarding Championships

When: Wednesday 7 March to Saturday 10 March
Time: 9am to 5pm
Where: Waterfront City and Victoria Harbour
Cost: Free to watch

Wakeboarding is a dynamic water sport that started in the late 80s and is the fastest growing board sport world wide. Evolving from a combination of snowboarding, skating and waterskiing, wakeboarding is an exciting and technically progressive sport that is not to be missed.

The Australian National Championships is the most prestigious event on the Australian calendar; it is the pinnacle of a year of effort, competition, training, adrenalin and dreams of over 150 Australian riders and internationals. The 2007 Nationals at Waterfront City will be even more important to the athletes participating as it is the first step to selection for the World Championships. Sponsored by The City of Melbourne.

For more information, visit www.thatsmelbourne.com.au or telephone 9658 9658.



Circus Capers

When: Saturday 24 February
Time: 11am to 1pm - Workshops with Circus Oz
 1.10pm to 2pm - Performance by Out of the Blue circus
Where: Waterfront City Piazza
Cost: Free

Ever dreamed of running away to the circus? Before you jump on that wagon, there are some basic building blocks that you will need to learn and Circus Capers is just the place to start. In these two hour Circus Oz workshops you will learn the basics of circus games and tricks including juggling, pyramid building and clowning.

Afterwards, watch an adrenalin pumping performance by the Out of the Blue circus acrobatic troupe. Bookings not required. Part of Summer Fun in the City. Proudly presented by the City of Melbourne.

For more information, visit www.thatsmelbourne.com.au or telephone 9658 9658.



Petanque at Docklands

When: Friday 9 February and Friday 2 March
Time: 5.30pm onwards
Where: Point Park, Yarra's Edge
Cost: Free

Looking for a new, fun social activity in 2007? Come along and have a go at Petanque held each month at Point Park. It's free with all equipment supplied and free instruction provided from Petanque Victoria representatives. Further dates for 2007 are 13 April and 4 May, all on Fridays from 5.30pm onwards.

For more information telephone Jackie Phillips on 9646 3663 or email: rodjack@bigpond.net.au

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When: Fridays until 23 March
Time: 4.30pm to 9.30pm
Where: City Circle route
 (passes along Harbour Esplanade)

Residents and visitors to Docklands can look forward to a tram trip with a difference this summer with the W-11 Tram project. Elaborately transformed by Pakistani vehicle decorators, the tram was one of the most celebrated offerings of the cultural festival during the Melbourne 2006 Commonwealth Games. Popularly called the 'Karachi Tram', the tram journey offers an artful experience, with three different types of journeys

taking place each week that explore dialogue, improvisation and openness.

'Tram Overheard' has two invited guests giving an open conversational 'journey of dialogue' that is overheard by passengers while undertaking a 50 minute lap of the city.

'Tram Overboard' invites guest artists each week to lead an improvised 'journey of performance' on a lap of the city.

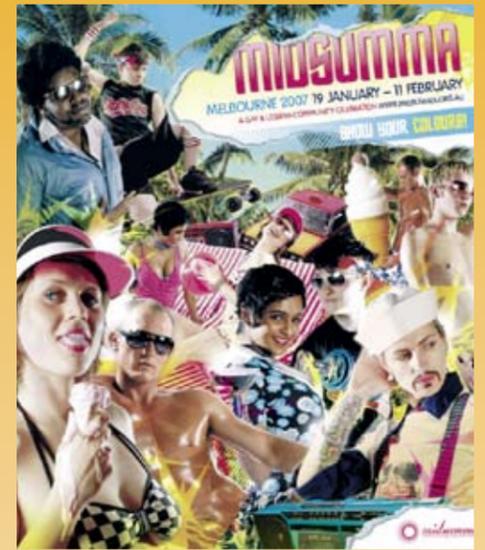
Meanwhile, 'Tram Otherwise' transports people between the realms of Melbourne and Karachi with artists from both cities onboard, as well as music of the subcontinent. **For more information visit www.tramtactic.net**



Midsumma Festival at Docklands

When: 19 January - 11 February
Where: Docklands and others
Cost: Various

Melbourne's premier gay and lesbian arts and cultural celebration, Midsumma Festival, will host two events in Docklands this year. Festival goers will head down to the waterfront to enjoy the sure-to-sell-out Summa Cruise on 2 February, while bike enthusiasts will go from latte to latte for the Bent Kranks Bike Ride on 4 February as the cyclists head off for a Docklands to Altona bike ride by the bay. Midsumma Festival is an annual celebration made up of a wide range of events and activities including visual arts, performing arts, theatre, spoken word, cabaret, film, live music, dance, sport, political forums and social debates. The City of Melbourne is a proud supporter of this event. For more information, programs are available throughout the city including the Melbourne Visitor Centre and Halfix. **For more information on the festival visit www.midsumma.org.au**



Free circus workshop

When: Sunday 11 February
Time: 4.30pm to 7.30pm
Where: Birrarung Marr (behind Federation Square)
Event: Free Circus Workshop

Roll up, roll up and join the city circus! The City of Melbourne is hosting a free circus workshop and BBQ especially for young people (6-13 yrs) who live in the City centre, Southbank and Docklands. This will be a fantastic opportunity to meet other

young people living in the city. Parents are invited to join in the fun from 6.30pm.

For more information or to register, telephone Rebecca Clarkson: 9658 9926

Yarra River Shuttle service

When: Until 15 April, weekends & public holidays
Time: 10am to 8pm
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Docklands community activities

Want to get active, meet your neighbours and have fun? Then come along and participate in some new Docklands community activities.

The City of Melbourne in conjunction with VicUrban has recently appointed a Community Development officer at Docklands, Kara Abakumenko, who will work with the community to facilitate the development of local community based activities.

If you have an idea for a local group or activity, let Kara know – she can help facilitate

connections and relationships within the Docklands Community.

To kick start this program and gauge interest, the following Docklands activities have been developed in partnership with *The Centre - connecting community in North and West Melbourne Inc* for February and March 2007.



Tai Chi

Where: Waterfront City
When: Thursdays, 22 February - 15 March 8am-9am
Cost: \$56 or \$48 concession (for the 4 sessions)

Tai Chi is a practice for body and soul. Because this is a gentle practice, all levels of physical fitness and health are welcome.

Yoga with Bub

Where: The Hub, Docklands
When: Thursdays, 22 February - 15 March
Cost: \$56 or \$48 concession (for the 4 sessions)

Time to experience joy and fun, moving with your baby into health and vitality. Bring along any rugs and the usual baby needs. Please ensure you haven't eaten within two hours of the class beginning time. Babies up to 12 months of age only.

Yoga with a Twist

Where: The Hub, Docklands
When: Sundays, 25 February - 25 March 12.30pm-1.30pm
Cost: \$56 or \$48 concession (for the 4 sessions)

Be prepared for a light hearted, fun class. Please ensure you haven't eaten within two hours of the class beginning time. Beginners and experienced students are all welcome.

To contact Kara or the officer at the Hub, call 9658 8020 (Council House), 8622 4822 (The Hub) or email kara.abakumenko@melbourne.vic.gov.au

Keeping green

The City of Melbourne has developed a new quarterly environment update called The Green Leaflet which provides readers and participants in Council's environmental programs with a summary of community activities. It also offers advice on ways for households to be more environmentally sustainable.

Each issue provides information on Council programs, residents, schools, businesses and upcoming events. The Green Leaflet includes quick tips, opportunities for residents to get involved in more sustainable behaviours, the chance to win some great prizes and access to other environmental incentives such as free compact fluorescent globes.

To receive an electronic copy, visit www.melbourne.vic.gov.au



Lifelong living

Older people living within the City of Melbourne and Docklands are the focus of a new ten-year Lifelong Melbourne Plan, which aims to cater for the growing future needs of this group.

The number of city residents aged over 55 is expected to reach almost 20,000 (a 75 per cent increase) in less than a decade. Forecasts show the number of residents aged over 80 years will climb by 40 per cent by 2015.

The City of Melbourne has developed an action plan that aims to ensure people stay connected with the community, remain active and are recognised as valued members of the community.

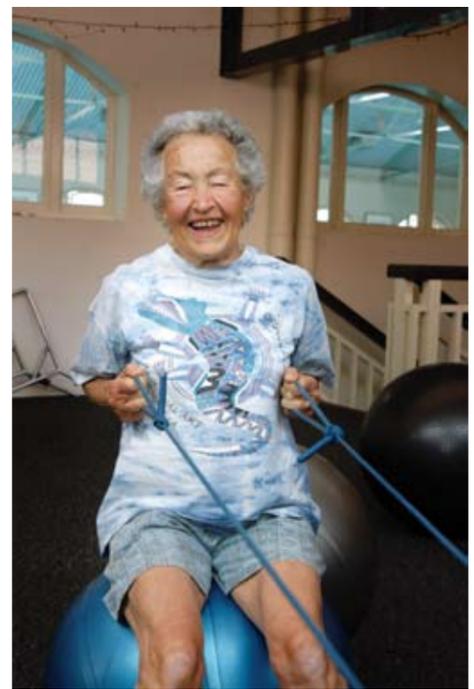
The *Lifelong Melbourne Plan* includes:

- Affordable physical activities including walking groups, dancing classes, swimming and strength training programs;
- Special interest and hobby options including theatre, film, genealogy, music, singing, gardening and environmental action groups;

- Occupational therapists to recommend modification to homes and equipment, such as lightweight vacuum cleaners, to facilitate independence;
- Volunteer local community programs, for example, gardening, pet care, visiting, shopping, outings and information technology; and
- Flexible overnight or weekend respite care to give carers of frail older residents a break from their caring obligations.

Population projections indicate immediate priority areas for aged services in the City of Melbourne as Carlton, North Melbourne and Kensington. The CBD, Docklands and Southbank will also be areas of significant need.

Achievements of the *Lifelong Melbourne Plan* will be presented to Council annually.



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Date and Time	Event	Location	Description
Fri 2 to Sun 4 Feb Noon until 8pm on Friday, 10am to 6pm on weekend	Docklands Boat Show	Waterfront City and NewQuay	At the Docklands Boat Show a range of nautical lifestyles will be on display, from the practical to the lavish. In its twelfth year, the show will stretch all the way along the promenade, featuring both power and sail boats on land and water. Best of all, most exhibits are free. Presented by Club Marine, the event includes live music and the chance to win a \$30,000 Mustang. Many exhibitions are free. Ticketed access to boats on the marina. For more information visit www.biavic.com.au .
Thur 8 Feb	Contempora2 Sculpture Award	Waterfront City and NewQuay	Touch, taste and feel this amazing open-air exhibition on and around the Waterfront City and NewQuay promenades. For more information visit www.contempora2.com.au .
Fri 9 Feb 5.30pm	Petanque at Docklands	Point Park, Yarra's Edge	Free with all equipment supplied and instruction provided from Petanque Victoria representatives. For more information contact Jackie Phillips on 9646 3663 or rodjack@bigpond.net.au .
Sun 11 Feb 4.30-7.30pm	Circus Workshop	Birrarung Marr (behind Federation Square)	The City of Melbourne is hosting a free circus workshop and BBQ especially for young people (6-13 yrs) who live in the City centre, Southbank and Docklands. For more information contact Rebecca Clarkson: 9658 9926 .
Tue 13 Feb	Dine on the Dock	NewQuay	More than 1,000 Australian and international guests will enjoy dining at a variety of NewQuay restaurants as part of the Asia-Pacific Incentives & Meetings Expo. The evening will culminate with fireworks and entertainment.
Sat 24 Feb 11am to 2pm	Summer Fun in The City – Circus Capers	Waterfront City	In these two hour Circus Oz workshops you will learn the basics of circus games and tricks including juggling, pyramid building and clowning. Afterwards, watch a performance by the Out of the Blue circus acrobatic troupe. For more information visit www.thatsmelbourne.com.au .
Sat 24 Feb 6.10pm	2007 NAB Cup: Carlton v Essendon	Telstra Dome	AFL Footy's Back! After what seems like a long break, AFL Footy returns with the NAB Cup, AFL's pre-season competition. Matches will be played all over Australia, with key matches being held at Telstra Dome in Melbourne. The pre-season competition starts on Friday 23 February culminating in the NAB Cup Grand Final being held on Saturday 17 March 2007. For bookings contact Ticketmaster on 13 61 00 . For enquiries contact 9643 1999 or visit www.afl.com.au .
Sun 25 Feb 6.10pm	2007 NAB Cup: Melbourne v Hawthorn	Telstra Dome	For bookings contact Ticketmaster on 13 61 00 . For enquiries contact 9643 1999 or visit www.afl.com.au .
Fri 2 Mar 5.30pm	Petanque at Docklands	Point Park, Yarra's Edge	For more information contact Jackie Phillips on 9646 3663 or rodjack@bigpond.net.au .
Sun 4 Mar 3.40pm	2007 NAB Cup: Winner #2 v Winner #8 (Kan/Col v Fre/WCE)	Telstra Dome	For bookings contact Ticketmaster on 13 61 00 . For enquiries contact 9643 1999 or visit www.afl.com.au .
Wed 7 - Sat 10 Mar	2007 National Wakeboarding Championships	Waterfront City and Victoria Harbour	The 2007 Nationals at Waterfront City will be vital to the athletes participating as it is the first step to selection for the World Championships. For more information visit www.thatsmelbourne.com.au .
Wed and Thur nights 14 to 29 Mar	NewQuay Sunsets	NewQuay	Deck chairs, beers of the world, alfresco dining, a warm breeze and the lapping of the waves – enjoy the best boutique beers of the world perfectly matched to casual summer cuisine and be entertained with chill-out music while dozing away in a deckchair. For more information visit www.newquay.com.au .
Sun 11 Mar 10am-8pm	Moomba@Docklands	Waterfront City and Victoria Harbour	For the first time Melbourne Docklands will host a one-day Moomba Waterfest spectacular, with highlights including watersport demonstrations and live music. For more information visit www.thatsmelbourne.com.au .
Fri 16 – Sun 25 Mar	Melbourne Osaka Boat Week	Waterfront City	From 16 March, the yachts will be berthed at Waterfront City marina so visitors can get up close and personal with the sailors and their boats. For more information visit www.thatsmelbourne.com.au .
Sat 17 and Sun 18 Mar	Club Marine Come Try Sailing Weekend	Waterfront City	If you ever wanted to try sailing then now is your chance! Come try sailing activities for both kids and adults will be held at Waterfront City Marina this weekend. For more information visit www.waterfrontcity.com.au .
Sat 24 Mar	Osaka Festival	Waterfront City	The Osaka Festival will be an amazing event with traditional Japanese dance, music and food. The festival ends with a free concert to get the crowds in the party mood and a spectacular fireworks display. For more information visit www.thatsmelbourne.com.au .
Fri 23 – Sun 25 Mar	Club Marine Sail Boat Show	Waterfront City	This boat show is a major industry event totally dedicated to all those people who have a love of the sea and wind in their sails. The show will feature more than 100 companies displaying boats and related products and services. For more information visit www.leisurecorp.com.au/sbs .
Sun 25 Mar	Melbourne Osaka Cup Double-Handed Yacht Race start / Dragon Boat Racing	Waterfront City	Join in the fun of the farewell celebrations as the boats prepare to depart. Spectators can wave-off the sailors from the shore at Waterfront City and enjoy the great live music. Dragon boat racing will also be on display. www.osakacup.com and www.dragonboatsvictoria.com.au/events.html .

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As You Like It

by Inouk Arnall

BEACHCLUB

Sometimes when we hear the term “Restaurant-Bar”, especially at a large venue that also operates as a successful club on weekends, it can misleadingly make us think that the food standards may get a bit lost in the operation of the broader business. Well not so at this spacious and relaxed venue, in fact quite the contrary.



The food here is marketed as “modern Australian, with a hint of Asian”, but perusing the menu and in the food choices we made, there was more than a hint. There’s a strong emphasis on seafood, with a dedicated ‘seaside’ section, plus there were four fresh fish dishes on the Specials Menu this evening.

We started with a ‘pre-grazing’ snack of *Roasted Spring Onion, Garlic and Chilli Flat Bread* (\$5.50), which came char-grilled, drizzled with Kyneton Olive Oil and a half bulb of roasted garlic, which allowed you to dab (or smother) it at will onto the bread. Delicious.

Next I moved to a *Baby Calamari Salad* (\$12.50), char-grilled and tossed with rocket, basil, coriander, mint, ginger and tobiko, finished with a lime infused green chilli dressing. I liked the use of baby calamari as they were sweet and tender, and the mixture of fresh herbs and light flavoursome dressing blended to make a fresh and appealing starter. My partners *Jumbo Tiger Prawns* (\$19.50) were generous in number, again char-grilled and richly flavoured with Café de Paris Butter, which I’m told is made up of 28 different spices. A fragrant Asian side salad was a nice match.

We were caught by the seafood bug, so for mains we both ordered fish. The first was a fresh *Whole*

Baby Flounder (\$28), served with steamed rice and mussels and sat in a flavoursome clam laksa. The flesh flaked away easily so was no trouble and in all was a lovely light and tasty dish. Likewise the *Salt-Cured Salmon* (\$26) was perfectly cooked, rare in the middle, and being cured gave it a more interesting flavour than ordinary salmon. Served with rice and crisp Asian greens, this dish was also very enjoyable.

The dessert menu looked enticing, so for us a shared *Beachclub Assiette* (\$21) was ideal. Four mini desserts on a beautifully presented platter – Belgian Waffle topped with caramelised quince and toffee ice cream, 5 Spice Coconut Panacotta, Flourless Chocolate Cake and a Mango ‘Slushy’ with a lychee liqueur – were all very good. So good in fact, we cleaned the plate!

Beachclub is reminiscent of one of those cool restaurants you’ll find in Bali, with its bamboo wallpaper, chic couches, widely spaced bamboo tables, open kitchen and funky corner lights. Huge floor to ceiling windows offer exceptional views in all directions. Tonight we’re watching a vibrant sunset of red, orange and yellow descending behind the Bolte Bridge. That’s why I love Docklands so much!



Overall rating:	7.5/10	Décor:	7/10
Food:	7.5/10	Variety:	8.5/10
Wine List:	8/10	Value:	8.5/10
Price Range:	Entrées: \$8.00 - \$15.00 Mains: \$15.00 - \$29.00		

SNAPSHOT

Venue:	Beachclub
Location:	Level 1, Shops 120-122 427 Docklands Drive Waterfront City Docklands Vic 3008 Tel: 9329 2360
Web:	www.thebeachclub.com.au
Owner:	Gerard Wallace
Executive Chef:	Nigel Woodhead
Open:	Mon-Thurs: 12pm-midnight Fri-Sat: 12pm-3am Sun: 12pm-midnight
Cards:	All major cards and EFTPOS
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As You Like It Competitions

February competition:

Win Dinner for Two at Beachclub!

For your chance to win dinner for two at Beachclub, including a glass of wine, I am looking for a brief but insightful food review of a Docklands venue. Please keep it to 50 words or less.

Also, to win a bottle of **Stonier Chardonnay 2004**, simply answer the following:

Honey and sesame seeds are combined in what sweet?

- a) Fudge
- b) Nougat
- c) Halva

All entries to: inouk.m@bigpond.net.au by 2 March 2007

Talking Plonk



Task: Inouk and her dad Bruce share a bottle of wine to evaluate

Plonk: Stonier Chardonnay 2004

RRP: \$22.99

Background: With its vineyard situated in the cool climate of Merricks on the Mornington Peninsula, Stonier is widely recognised as a producer of exceptional Chardonnay & Pinot Noir. The reputation of its Chardonnay, in both standard and reserve classes, is always at the top end of the scale and a particularly good vintage of standard class has even been known to out-rate the reserve.

Conversation:

- I: The colour is a nice pale golden one and the nose is fruity and a touch florally.
- B: The palate shows a strong ripe fruit intensity, which lingers for a long time. My first impression is that this is an elegant wine from a reputable winemaker.
- I: Oh yes, I like this a lot. It's my kind of 'Chardy'; lots of lovely fruit, a creamy texture and even some toasty flavours.
- B: It's a quality wine that hints of French oak and has a well-balanced acidity. It's certainly an example of how enjoyable a cool climate wine can be.
- I: At \$23 this is a worthy buy. If it cost closer to \$30 I'd still think it was good value.
- B: I agree, great drinking now but I'd also keep a couple tucked away for the guests who deserve the 'good stuff'. This one will impress the Chardonnay enthusiasts.

You'll find this wine at **Docks On The Rocks**, which specialises in boutique and smaller wine producers, particularly from around Victoria - Shop 23-25 Rakaia Way, Docklands Tel: 9642 3070



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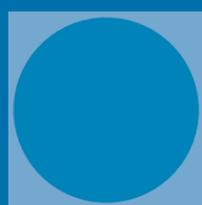
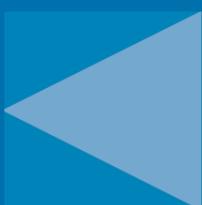
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contemporaria|2 Sculpture Award

From February 8 to March 12, Docklands will host the 'Contemporaria2 Sculpture Award', an open-air exhibition featuring works by 24 of Australia's leading contemporary artists.

Curated by Malcolm Thomson and presented by Cruz Galleries, Contemporaria2 will feature sculptures and installations on and around the NewQuay and Waterfront City promenades.

The Hon Jeff Kennett says, "This new festival of sculpture, to be held at Docklands each year, is designed to utilise the wonderful public spaces

and walkways of the emerging Docklands with the creative brilliance of today's and tomorrow's artists. Importantly, it will encourage the public, young and old, to touch, taste and feel the sculptures and installations."

Be inspired and delighted by these works before they find permanent homes in other parts of the City.



Andreas Buisman Waves



Kerry Cannon
A Flaming Giraffe



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Rise



Andrew Rogers
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Join in the welcome

The City of Melbourne in partnership with the Victoria Police and endorsed by the Australian Retailers Association has established the Welcome Shop Program as a way of welcoming visitors to the city.

The program achieves this through a network of accredited shops across the city which provide information and directions to visitors as required.

To be eligible for the program, businesses must participate in a straight forward assessment, measured against Welcome Shop criteria. This is to grant accreditation of an appropriate business as a Welcome Shop.

The benefits for businesses participating in the Program include:

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