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Docklands cries foul on **political move**

Lord Mayor Cr John So used his casting vote at the Melbourne City Council meeting in July to prematurely dissolve the Docklands and Major Projects Committee, a move seen by many as an attempt to undermine fellow councillor and former committee Chair, Cr Peter Clarke.

The Docklands and Major Projects Committee was established in 2001 as a full committee of council to oversee the transition of Docklands from VicUrban to the Melbourne City Council.

Body corporate representative Michele Anderson (pictured right) said, "The committee had the full support of the community, but it was seen as a platform for Cr Clarke and a threat to Cr So. Now the Docklands has been downgraded and there are so many issues that are not resolved."

Cr Clarke acknowledged that this was the view of the community, but said, "I have a perception and a view about ward councillors, which is different to the Lord Mayor's, and they were keen to quash that perception."

As a supporter of the ward system, Cr Clarke said he was at odds with the Lord Mayor who he said supported the existing committee based system. "As this committee was specific to the Docklands a lot of residents felt I was like a local councillor, providing specific servicing to their needs. The Lord Mayor saw this as inappropriate."

Matters relating to Docklands have now been dispersed across the relevant council standing committees and a Docklands

Coordination Committee in partnership with VicUrban.

Cr Clarke said, "I will now be the only councillor in attendance, (on the co-ordination committee) so it doesn't have the same level of authority for council, which is the concern of the resident groups and local businesses."

"The irony is that the Lord Mayor is voting down what the community wants. There is overwhelming support for the committee yet he has done this to advance his own political position, not what is best for the community," Cr Clarke said.

Ms Anderson agreed. "This is not democracy, there was no public consultation. How can the council make a decision without being involved. This is Cr So playing politics at the expense of the community," she said.

VicUrban will continue its role as the agency responsible for the development of Docklands until the project is completed in around 2020. The Docklands Coordination Committee will manage the provision of place management services for many completed areas in Docklands.

The Docklands Community News contacted the Lord Mayor's office for comment.



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Welcome to the first privately-owned and funded edition of the Docklands Community News.

After producing the publication for VicUrban since 2005 and more recently the City of Melbourne, Mediation Communications has assumed ownership of the publication rights.

We have a licence agreement with VicUrban to continue the publication and we acknowledge VicUrban's ongoing support for the publication.

Our vision for the publication is a robust and independent voice for the entire Docklands community. As such, we welcome community contributions to future editions.

Please send us your news, views, letters, social events, sporting results and photos and we will endeavour to publish them.

Our focus is community. We believe a strong and healthy local newspaper is an essential ingredient of community life. And we believe that Docklands is a very special community.

Please enjoy this edition and give us your feedback. Visit our website at www.docklandsnews.com.au. Email us at news@docklandsnews.com.au. Or phone us on 9602 2992.

Shane Scanlan
Managing Editor

Share your **concerns**

Docklands residents will have a chance to share their ideas and issues about living in Docklands at a 'Working together for Melbourne' forum this month.

The City of Melbourne hosts these forums for all its local precincts.

Working together for Melbourne forums are an opportunity for local communities to share ideas and concerns about local areas with City of Melbourne councillors and senior officers. At these informal events, members of the community and resident groups can:

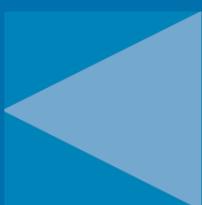
- Meet other members of the local community, councillors and management representatives of council;

- Raise questions or exchange information, views and ideas on issues of importance and relevance to the local community or the city; and
- Hear about projects and initiatives impacting on Docklands.

The City of Melbourne encourages attendees to register, and you may also suggest a topic for discussion at the forum.

When: Wednesday, 17 October
Time: 6pm to 7.30pm
Where: The Beach Club, Waterfront Room, Piazza One, Shop 20-22, 427 Docklands Drive, Docklands

Contact the City of Melbourne for more information by calling **(03) 9658 9658** or by email to: wtfm@melbourne.vic.gov.au.



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Against the wind

The study looked at both advertising awareness of Docklands and Docklands positioning.

Spontaneous recall of Docklands advertising is relatively strong (13 per cent) as is prompted recall (60 per cent).

However, the study warns that Docklands advertising doesn't capture the attention of the under 35s.

On positioning, the study found positives in waterfront proximity, eateries, architecture and design.

But recorded negative perceptions included poor access, cold, windy and expensive.

Visitor suggestions for improvements were: more info/advertising; more events; cheaper and more parking; protection from the wind; more greenery and cheaper restaurants.

A summary of the report can be found on the City of Melbourne website.



Most visitors to the Docklands come here to have a look around. And while they were here, on average, they spent \$41.

Research conducted on behalf of the City of Melbourne has found that visitors to the Docklands are largely motivated out of curiosity.

However, the Sweeney Research findings also found that once seen, the Docklands is lacking attractions to draw them back for repeat visits.

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'.

A	B	C	D		Q	R	S	T				
E	F	G	H	U	R	D		U	V	W	X	
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V	W	X						L	M	N	O	
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H	I	J						X	Y	Z	A	
M	N	O						B	C	D	E	

Target: 24 words – Passenger
45 words – Crew
59 words – Captain

Solution to be supplied in next issue

Solution to Puzzle from last edition

area, awed, dare, date, dear, deer, drew, ewer, hade, hare, hate, head, hear, heat, heed, herd, here, rate, read, rede, reed, rhea, tare, tear, teed, thee, thew, tree, twee, wade, ware, wear, weed, weer, were, whee, whet, ahead, arete, aware, dater, death, deter, eared, earth, eater, ether, hared, hated, hater, hawed, heard, heart, hewed, hewer, rated, rathe, rewet, tared, tawed, tawer, there, three, threw, trade, tread, treed, tweed, wader, wared, water, wheat, where, adhere, aerate, dearth, drawee, hatred, header, heated, heater, redate, reheat, thawed, thawer, thread, wether, wreath, aerated, awardee, dewater, earthed, hearted, tarweed, warhead, watered, weather, wreathe, aweather, wheatear, wreathed, headwater.

Docklands community angered by vandalism

Recent late night acts of vandalism in the toilets at NewQuay have sparked discussions with the Melbourne City Council to resolve the issue of cleaning and after-hours security relating to the opening of the facilities.

NewQuay representative on the Liquor Licensing Forum and Docklands Community Association representative, Paul O'Halloran, said that, despite the precinct being developed for dual entertainment and residential use, "There are no public toilets, only the

ones in the bottom of each building which are owned and maintained by the body corporates."

Normally the toilets would be shut at 11 pm, but Mr O'Halloran said that although they did not regard it as their responsibility they had been keeping the NewQuay facilities open till 3 am.

"Following recent events, we are now in discussion with the Melbourne City Council. CEO, David Pitchford has suggested that rather than going to the expense of building new toilets, there's more sense in contributing to

the body corporate for cleaning and security to keep them open later."

"VicUrban won't contribute as they don't see it as part of their role."

Mr O'Halloran said that despite the incidents they had struck a good balance between the residents and clubs regarding late night opening hours.

"We work well with the clubs and we believe we support fair hours. The clubs have made considerable strides to fit in with patron control, and Monjon Security do an excellent job," he said.

Onboard passes 21,000 visitor mark

In mid-September Onboard, the Docklands Community Website, passed a milestone - more than 21,000 site visitors for the year. Since the beginning of 2007, Onboard has averaged more than 95 site visits per day.

You can find the Onboard site at www.onboarddocklands.com. The site is a free resource for the Docklands community, helping them to stay connected, access details about local businesses and activities, and to post their own notices, classifieds or forum entries. To add your own information to the Onboard site, just visit the site

and Register to become a site member. Thereafter, whenever you're logged on the site, you'll have the option to "Add an Item" to most site pages. It's easy!

Use Onboard to arrange a community activity or to alert local people to an existing event. Home-based business operators will find Onboard to be a great way to get their business details out to the Docklands community.

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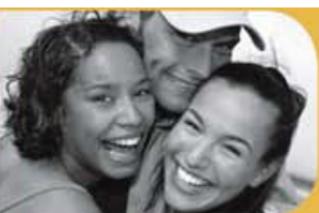
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Docklands prefers wards

Community concern over the City of Melbourne electoral structures was highlighted during the consultation process looking at voting methods for the 2008 Melbourne City Council.

Following a public meeting on August 15, submissions from resident groups and individuals strongly supported the introduction of attendance voting (rather than postal voting) but for most, this did not go far enough.

Many residents and small businesses said they felt disenfranchised by the absence of wards, expressed concern over the current municipal boundaries and that the current number of councillors were inadequate given the extra workload generated by Docklands. Many submissions urged that Council request the Minister to undertake a full review of all MCC electoral structures.

Docklands Community Association spokesperson Michele Anderson said: "We need to have representatives for each precinct, we're very different to Carlton and the other areas. We don't have houses, how can we say we are like the other areas. It's ridiculous not to happen."

Cr Fiona Sneddon said: "Every council in Victoria is reviewed by the Victorian Electoral Commission, but the City of Melbourne has had its own act since 2001 and that is silent on having a review."

"Prior to 2001 there were wards and of the nine councillors there was four ward councillors and five district councillors. I believe that there needs to be another two councillors to reflect the extra numbers of residents and businesses created by Docklands."

The Local Government Act 1989 stipulates that every council is to be reviewed before every second election. Cr Seddon said, "We are trying to say to the Minister that they are looking at every other council, why not Melbourne as we are now heading into our third election without one."

"Currently there are only two councillors who live in the City of Melbourne. External councillors can try their best but when you live in the area you know what the real issues are in your community."

"We'd still need to put in guidelines, but under a review by the Electoral Commission I would certainly see that the reintroduction of wards and attendance voting would be included," Cr Seddon said.

There's an election in the wind



But is Docklands listening John?

Harbour Esplanade update



VicUrban has thanked the Docklands community for its feedback as part of the Harbour Esplanade review process.

The public consultation was run in parallel with a call for submissions from design consultants from June to August.

The process included focus groups and a stakeholder workshop, with all ideas compiled into a report to be issued to the successful design company.

A shortlist of four companies is preparing final submissions, with a preferred respondent expected to be appointed by the end of October.

A public display of options is scheduled for November.

Harbour Esplanade is the main public thoroughfare in Melbourne Docklands. It is a key area of public open space consisting of the road and plaza area adjacent to Victoria Harbour.

It provides a key focus within Melbourne Docklands for the whole community. It forms the main pedestrian, cyclist, vehicle and public transport route between the northern and southern areas of Docklands, and creates an area for community activity.

At present, Harbour Esplanade is only partially complete. The roadway south of Bourke Street is yet to be developed and parts of the Victoria Harbour waterfront remain at the original elevated level with the old wharf structures. A recent functional review undertaken by VicUrban has identified several issues that require consideration, including lack of weather protection and confusion between pedestrian, cyclist and tram routes.

The review aims to flesh out further issues, and set a vision for the future of this important part of Docklands.

For more information, visit www.vicurban.com/harbouresplanade

Community Services Working Group

VicUrban has joined forces with the City of Melbourne to form a Community Services Working Group to ensure a strong working relationship supports the delivery of community infrastructure and services at Docklands.

The group will jointly endorse a community demographic profile from which to plan, conduct community needs research, and identify key infrastructure and service priorities for Melbourne Docklands.



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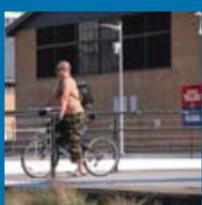
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Putting the soul into Docklands

Docklands residents religion census 2006

On October 28, 10.30am at James Squire Brewhouse and Restaurant (Docklands Drive, Waterfront City), a new church for the Docklands will set sail.

The minister for the new church, Guy Mason, said: "We warmly invite people of all ages and backgrounds to join us for this significant event in the life of the Docklands community."

"The new church and weekly services will be open for anyone who wants to encounter God and explore his purpose for our lives and world."

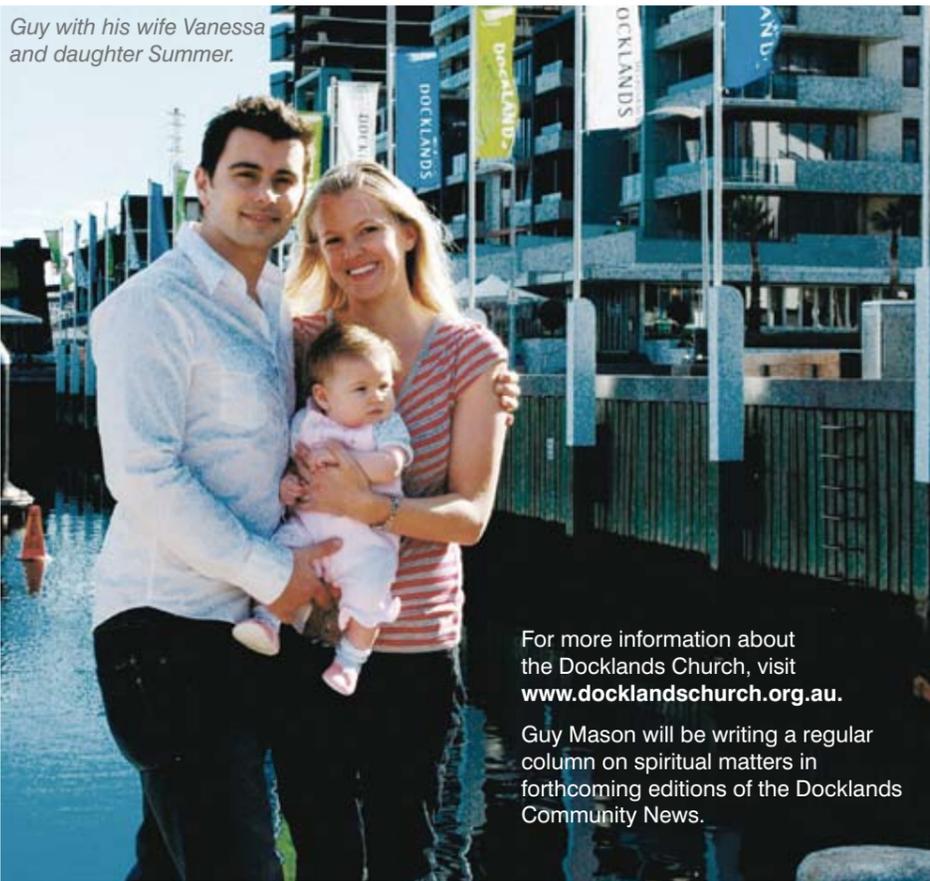
"Spirituality is a hot topic today. And it's important that a community not only has a place for worship, but an accepting and loving environment to meet others and find out more."

The church launch will include a complimentary brunch, while children's play and learning area will also be available.

"We think James Squire is a great spot. The great views and relaxed atmosphere makes it an ideal venue," Mr Mason said.

"As a local resident and committee member on the Docklands Community Association I am excited to be involved in this new initiative and believe it will play a key part in the life and growth of the community."

The new church is part of St James Anglican Church, and from October 28 will meet each Sunday at James Squire.



Guy with his wife Vanessa and daughter Summer.

For more information about the Docklands Church, visit www.docklandschurch.org.au.

Guy Mason will be writing a regular column on spiritual matters in forthcoming editions of the Docklands Community News.

Religions:	Persons
Buddhism	227
Christianity:	
Anglican	378
Assyrian Apostolic	0
Baptist	32
Brethren	0
Catholic	785
Churches of Christ	0
Eastern Orthodox	111
Jehovah's Witnesses	6
Latter Day Saints	5
Lutheran	32
Oriental Orthodox	5
Other Protestant	15
Pentecostal	17
Presbyterian and Reformed	76
Salvation Army	3
Seventh-day Adventist	8
Uniting Church	135
Christian nfd(b)	66
Other Christian	0
Total	1,674
Hinduism	28
Islam	81
Judaism	21
Other Religions:	
Australian Aboriginal Traditional Religions	0
Other Religious Groups	17
Total	17
No Religion(c)	955
Other religious affiliation(d)	35
Religious affiliation not stated	899
Total	3,937



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The Docklands Community News is about to launch a **NEW WEBSITE** and is seeking contributors. Send us your photos, opinions, gossip, letters and anything else to do with 'what's on' @ Docklands.

It will be a simple case of registering, which will provide you with a login name and you are free to add your opinions and comments onto the World Wide Web.

Keep checking our new website: www.docklandsnews.com.au for updates and get ready to join another new Docklands Community development.

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The wheel rolls on

The Southern Star Observation Wheel at Waterfront City is taking shape.

The dramatic construction progress of Melbourne's famed Southern Star Observation Wheel was highlighted recently with the installation of its integral hub and inner spokes.

The hub and spokes, central to the operation of the Wheel and weighing 150 tonnes, provide an insight into its finished size, akin to a 40 storey building. Already, the wheel's massive 60 metre high support columns are

in place, reaching into the Melbourne sky and drawing daily comment from passing motorists and visitors to Docklands.

Over the next few months the supporting outer star-shaped spokes will one by one be rapidly installed, providing a fascinating glimpse of the cutting edge design undertakings by ING Real Estate Australia, steel fabricator Alfasi, head contractor Hansen Yunken and Japanese manufacturer Sanoyas Hishino Meisho Corporation.



Yarra's Edge set adrift

Construction of the Melbourne Convention Centre Development by the Multiplex/Plenary Consortium will see foot access to Yarra's Edge significantly impeded for at least another 18 months.

A Yarra's Edge Body Corporate representative, Jackie Phillips said, "It's probably going to be longer. They've blocked us off completely on the south side of the river between Yarra's Edge and Crown."

"There was no consultation. They just blocked it off, put a sign up in the public area but did not include a contact number. I wrote to them, but they just replied with a photocopied generic letter and instructions on how we could get past."

According to Ms Phillips the suggestion of an enclosed pathway under the Westgate Freeway but was knocked back by the developers for reasons of Occupational Health and Safety.

As a Major Projects Victoria project, the Melbourne City Council is unable to intervene.

Ms Phillips said, "We've had much better consultation from Lend Lease who are across the river. They have kept us informed at all times."

Until construction is finalised the only foot access the Yarra's Edge community will continue to have is by crossing to the north side of the river.

Community Safety Day at Docklands

Victorian emergency and safety services are getting together for a fun family day. Meet the people who work to protect us and keep us safe. Get close to helicopters, boats, fire trucks and other vehicles used in rescues and emergencies around Melbourne. Meet working horses, dogs and puppies in training and enjoy a variety of performances, demonstrations and activities.

Kids, pick up your Passport to Safety from the City of Melbourne tent, visit the displays and answer all the questions for your chance to win a new bike.

Learn about sharing the roads at the City of Melbourne tent. Bring your wheels, be it bike, skateboard, wheelchair or scooter, along for a free service and hear tips on how to share the roads safely.

Come and enjoy the fun with the whole family.

When: Sunday, 28 October
11am to 4pm

Where: Waterfront City and NewQuay Promenade, Docklands
(Mel ref: 2E D4-E4)

More information: Freecall **1800 888 326** or visit www.melbourne.vic.gov.au

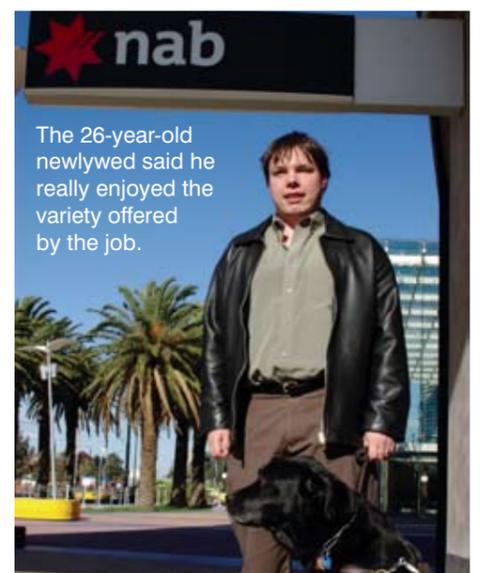
Graduate aims high

Working as a computer programmer is no mean feat but achieving success in this highly competitive field is an outstanding achievement for a person who is totally blind. Chris Baillie is a man who has accomplished this.

An agreement signed recently between Disability Works Australia (DWA) and the National Australia Bank (NAB) ensured NAB had adequate support when employing Chris.

The Swinburne University graduate was one of 1100 people who applied for a role within NAB's graduate recruitment program and one of only 25 who successfully secured the job.

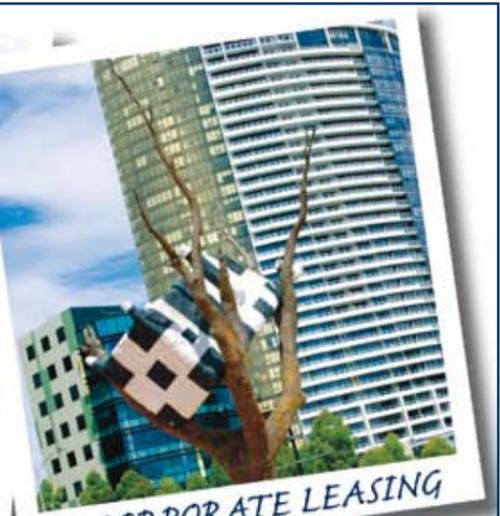
Chris has completed the one year graduate program and has now moved on to become a fully-fledged computer programmer.



The 26-year-old newlywed said he really enjoyed the variety offered by the job.

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Docklands development

Water plaza **well underway**



Construction is well underway on Victoria Harbour's new waterfront plaza to be located on the promenade, just in front of Dock 5 apartments.

Once fully completed mid next year, it will feature a generous lawn area and be lined with trees, garden beds, public art as well as a kiosk.

According to Maurice Cococcia, Lend Lease's Victoria Harbour Development Director, the plaza is set to attract residents, workers and visitors by providing a green heart on the water's edge, where people can take time out from the normal hustle and bustle of city life.

Perry Lethlean, who helped design the site, said the water plaza incorporates water sensitive urban design.

"The water system is largely self-sustaining and is environmentally friendly. The water is collected, filtered and reused to irrigate the trees and grass, using a closed loop system," he said.

Mr Cococcia said Lend Lease was committed to developing a vibrant, yet friendly and engaging community at Victoria Harbour.

"Extensive planning has been undertaken to create a real mix of infrastructure that supports a diverse community over the long term," he said.

"We have a Safeway supermarket to be completed early next year, as well as the Merchant Street retail precinct which will provide a premium selection of cafes, restaurants, boutique shops and convenience stores, all within easy access of the CBD."

Stadium site attracts **keen competition**

Four development players will compete for the right to develop a key Docklands site, VicUrban has announced.

Two development consortiums and two developers have been selected from a field of 13 to submit detailed proposals over the 16,155sqm South East Stadium Precinct.

VicUrban expects to be able to announce a successful proponent by the end of this year, with development works to start early to mid 2008.

ISPT, CBUS Property and EPC Partners make up one of the consortiums and Leightons Properties have combined with Devine Limited to form another. Multiplex Developments and Investa are the other two entities on the shortlist.

VicUrban's General Manager – Docklands and Major Projects, Michael Hynes, said the initial Expression of Interest process, which closed on 15 August, had generated strong market interest. "This site has been earmarked for a mixed use development

incorporating commercial, hotel and retail, with an opportunity to complement the entertainment and tourism focus of the adjoining stadium," he said.

"It is also a key connection for pedestrians, cyclists and public transport users between Docklands and the CBD."

Mr Hynes said attractors for the site included its proximity to Southern Cross Station and Telstra Dome and its Bourke Street address.

Assessment will be undertaken and contracts resolved after the four bids are submitted in November.

Mr Hynes said the strong interest in the site reflected a buoyant commercial office market, with recognition of the Docklands' emerging reputation as a premier Melbourne address.

While the Melbourne Docklands precinct is currently one third complete or under construction, approximately 95 per cent of its land has been contracted for development.



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Footscray Road **overpass works**

Footscray Road overpass works are being undertaken as part of the Dynon Port Rail Link project. This joint federal-state project involves the construction of an elevated section of Footscray Rd to separate road traffic from two new rail lines into the Port of Melbourne.

With container volumes expected to increase fivefold in the next 30 years, the improved rail link will separate road and rail access to the

port and increase the amount of freight which can be transported directly to the port by rail. The project will help to secure the Port of Melbourne's pre-eminent position as the largest container port in Australia and ease a major road and rail bottleneck.

From October 2007, traffic conditions on Footscray Rd will be altered to allow for bridge construction works. Three traffic lanes will operate in each direction, and a concrete

barrier will be placed along Footscray Rd to separate traffic lanes until early 2009.

For the safety of drivers and road construction workers, a 60 km/h speed limit will operate along the length of Footscray Road.

For further information on the project contact railprojectenquiries@doi.vic.gov.au or www.doi.vic.gov.au/projects



Myer selects Victoria Harbour



Myer has chosen the Lend Lease proposal at Victoria Harbour as its new corporate store support office.

Myer is joining an array of other large organisations, such as ANZ, National Australia Bank, Ericsson and Lend Lease, in choosing Victoria Harbour as their preferred city location, bringing the total number of workers in the precinct to over 14,000 by 2010.

Myer CEO Bernie Brookes said: "Our project vision for this development is exactly the same as our corporate vision, that is, to be an international class retail business providing inspiration to everyone."

"We were after a building that reflected the substance of Myer and our strength in the retail market and business community and I am confident that our

choice of Victoria Harbour will do this," he said.

The Myer building will be around 26,000 sq metres and Myer will take out a 12 year lease with options.

Construction will commence early next year and the project is due to be completed around the same time as ANZ, injecting over 6,500 new workers into the precinct by early 2010.

ANZ full **steam ahead**

Docklands residents can hardly have missed that work on the ANZ's new workspace at 833 Collins is powering ahead.

The latest works on site is the installation of water piles. The distinctive Steel Tube Piles are visible from Yarra's Edge and the Webb Bridge. The piles are installed in two stages. Firstly, they are vibrated into the river bed over two to three days. Then they are hammered in by a pile driver until they have reached between 30 and 40 metres.

"It's a pretty impressive feat," said site engineer, Sam Hayton. "Between now and

December, we'll be driving in 97 water-based piles. We had to transport these specially made piles by special float as they were so big."

"The hammering of the piles can get pretty noisy but we've had some sound pressure level testing done and, while it's loud, it's within EPA guidelines."

To ensure that the hammering causes as little disruption as possible, the pile driving will only take place during normal site hours - 7am to 6pm Monday to Thursday, 7 am to 5pm Friday and 8am to 5pm Saturdays.



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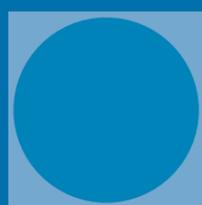
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Docklands Community Calendar

Date and Time	Event	Venue and Location	Description & Contact details
1 to 5 October 7am to 7pm daily	Sailing on Victoria Harbour	North Wharf Road (directly adjacent to Shed 4), Docklands	Come and try sailing at Victoria Harbour with Yatching Victoria's sailability boats and you can help fight cancer at the same time. Cost: Gold coin donation per ride. Visit www.bmdi.org.au / 03 8610 4800
3 to 24 October Mon to Fri 9am to 5pm	Roger Colson, new paintings	Gallery Foyer, National Australia Bank, Harbour Esplanade, Docklands (Mel ref: 2E D7)	British artist Roger Colson is returning to Melbourne for his second Australian Solo Exhibition presented by Cruz Art and once again to be opened by leading Fine Art Auctioneer Anita Archer. This exhibition will feature 24 new oil paintings of 'skies' that depict the artist's obsession with atmosphere moods, colour, light and their haunting beauty.
19 October 6pm to 11pm	Imagine07 - Imagine giving an education to the world's poor!	The Pavilion, Waterfront City Docklands Drive, Melbourne Docklands (Mel ref: 2E D4)	Imagine07 is a concert created completely by students bringing the message loud and clear, youth can make a difference! With an amazing line up, this is an event not to be missed! Cost: \$25 per person (Tickets available through Ticketmaster 13 61 00 or www.ticketmaster.com.au). Visit www.waterfrontcity.com.au / www.imagine07.org
21 October 11am to 3pm	Lincoln Car Club - Show n Shine	Waterfront City Piazza extending along Waterfront City and NewQuay Promenade Docklands Drive, Melbourne Docklands (Mel ref: 2E D4)	Feast your eyes on over 200 classic American cars including Mustang's, Cadillac's, Lincoln's, Mercury's, Pontiacs & more that will be on display along Waterfront City and NewQuay's promenade. In its second year, The Lincoln Car Club - Show n Shine event has made its home at the Docklands and is now double the size! Enjoy a day on the waterfront while admiring the classic cars and enjoying a roving jazz band! Cost: FREE Visit www.waterfrontcity.com.au / 03 8628 6000
26 October 9 and 23 November 7 and 21 December 4pm to 8pm	Waterfront City Twilight Markets	Waterfront City Piazza and Promenade Docklands Drive, Melbourne Docklands (Mel ref: 2E D4)	The Waterfront City Twilight Market is back bigger and better than ever! Open from 4pm to 8pm over five Fridays in the lead up to Christmas, visitors will be able to peruse the 100 stall open-air market while soaking up Melbourne's picturesque city skyline. Ideally positioned along the Waterfront City promenade and piazza, the Twilight Market will sell a variety of fresh seasonal produce, great gifts and accessories - all home-made and great value. Cost: FREE Visit www.waterfrontcity.com.au / 03 8628 6000
28 October 11am to 4pm	Community Safety Day at Docklands	Waterfront City and NewQuay Promenade Docklands Drive, Melbourne Docklands (Mel ref: 2E D4)	Community Safety Day at Docklands is an educational family day hosted by Melbourne's emergency and safety services. Join Melbourne's emergency and safety services to learn more about safety and get close to helicopters, trucks, boats and other emergency and rescue vehicles. Kids can pick up their Passport to Safety from the City of Melbourne tent, visit the displays and answer all the questions for their chance to win a new bike. Cost: FREE Visit www.waterfrontcity.com.au / 03 8628 6000
10 and 11 November 10am to 8pm	Festival Indonesia 2007	Waterfront City Piazza Docklands Drive, Melbourne Docklands (Mel ref: 2E D4)	Festival Indonesia 2007 will have a <i>Growing Together for a Better Future</i> theme and will aim to promote Indonesia for its excellence in trade and tourism. The festival aspires to provide a platform for Indonesian businesses to develop and introduce themselves to the Australian public. In its third year, Festival Indonesia has become an annual event hosted by the City of Melbourne. It is hoped that the festival will introduce the richness of the Indonesian culture to the Australian community. Cost: FREE Visit www.waterfrontcity.com.au / 03 8628 6000



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As You Like It

by Inouk Mackay

IKU IZAKAYA

There are enough Japanese restaurants around these days for them to have lost their novelty, but only a few which offer a traditional and unique dining experience. Forget disposable chopsticks with plastic bowls and start imagining elegant sunken dining tables with lovely cushioned seats, gorgeous decorative menus and beautiful hand shaven chopsticks. Iku Izakaya has all this and more and its great location down at Yarra's Edge allows you to experience another fantastic, yet different, view of Melbourne and the Docklands precinct.



SNAPSHOT

- Venue:** Iku Izakaya
- Location:** 64A River Esplanade
Yarra's Edge
Docklands Vic 3008
Tel: 9646 2400
- Executive Chef:** Carlton Ball
- Open:** 7 nights & lunches
Wednesday to Sunday
- Price range:** Entrées: \$10.00 - \$25.00
Mains: \$25.00 - \$45.00
- Cards:** All major cards & EFT
- Other:**
 - Fully licensed
 - Outdoor seating
 - Takeaway available

Iku Izakaya is spacious and modern; its stylish décor is one of the nicest in Docklands. The sunken seating is more casual and fun than formal dining, it's like sitting in someone's living room. Likewise, the bright red pyramid lights create a comfortable and soft ambience whilst the long open bar and kitchen makes for an entertaining environment. It allows you, for example, to take a peek at the sushi chef doing his thing, which we found quite impressive. His vinegar rice will make you (wasabi) green with envy, the way it sticks together so perfectly.

If presentation were everything then Iku Izakaya would top the list. Every dish looked

stunning and more importantly, the flavours back up that visual impression. Our group sampled a variety of dishes. Firstly we tried something new to me, the Nasudengaku-Fried eggplant with sweet miso paste. Simple but enjoyable, it had a slightly crispy skin with a soft delicious flesh, sweetened just nicely with the paste. The Sashimi Salad offered great value, with a generous amount of warmed salmon and tuna sashimi, served with mixed lettuce, tomato & a soy onion dressing, very tasty indeed.

A favourite of many, Gyoza- Dumplings did not disappoint. We sampled the pork variety & they were perfectly crispy on the outside, with good texture inside and served with a

vinegar, soy and chilli oil sauce that had a hidden bite I loved.

Next we tried two types of Yakitori- Skewers, the Tsukune (Chicken meatballs) and Wafu Steak (Eye Fillet steak), the steak coming served with a lovely red wine sauce. My favourite for the day was one of the restaurants specialty dishes, the must try Sushi & Sashimi combination. The presentation was amazing (you almost dared not disturb its beauty) with a terrific array of 10 different fish varieties, including nigiri & tuna rolls, salmon, white fish, squid & scallops; all of which were fresh, delicate & simply outstanding!

The dessert menu is fairly westernized but nonetheless good, however one standout is

the Green Tea Ice-cream, which is definitely worth a try.

If you're seeking a function with a difference, be sure to consider the private dining room adjacent to the main restaurant. It seats 24 at 2 sunken tables and there's an extensive function menu to choose from should you wish. There's also plenty of outside dining for those warm balmy nights.

In all, Iku Izakaya is a really great Japanese restaurant - well worth venturing out of the central Docklands district to experience. Children are welcome and it's a place where you can enjoy excellent authentic cuisine in a relaxed and friendly environment.



Talking Plonk

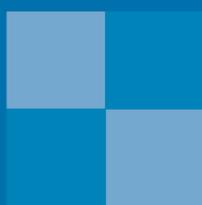


- Task:** Inouk and her dad Bruce share a bottle of wine.
- Plonk:** Redesdale Estate Shiraz, 2003
- RRP:** \$42
- Background:** Heathcote wines from Central Victoria are gaining ever-increasing recognition. It is an area renowned for producing excellent Shiraz and Cabernets in dry conditions on ancient terroir, especially the cool climate southern part of Heathcote. Redesdale Estate is now a high-end player of the region, a boutique winery who consistently turns out much sort after Shiraz & Cabernets that are well worth tracking down.

You'll find this wine at **Rathdowne Cellars** - Carlton, **Prince Wine Store** - South Melbourne and **CloudWINE CELLARS**.

Conversation:

- I: The first thing you notice is the deep, rich purple/red colour. It even stains the glass.
- B: It's not only rich in colour but concentration and there's plenty of lovely ripe fruit on the nose.
- I: The dark fruits taste like blackberries & plums.
- B: Yes, with a nice touch of spice too. It's a medium to full-bodied wine but has lovely fine, well-balanced tannins.
- I: It's smooth and quite velvety and I'm absolutely loving it with this roast pork.
- B: It is a great match! I'm sure this wine would compliment a variety of meat-based dishes. The baked lamb fillets I love to cook is another one that comes to mind.
- I: Oh yes! I would say you can enjoy this superb wine now, but there's no doubt it will also cellar very well.
- B: Given the restricted quantities I'd pick up an extra bottle now, as you wouldn't want to miss out. This is a beauty.
- I: For those contemplating the higher price tag, remember the old saying, "you get what you pay for"? Well, how appropriate!



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The average meeting lasts for two hours. Membership is affordable with annual fees of about \$110.

After joining a Toastmasters club, members progress through a series of ten speaking assignments designed to instil a basic foundation in public speaking.

Docklands Toastmasters President Rob McIlroy said: "Our club welcomes employees of nearby businesses, along with residents, to attend our meetings and learn how membership can benefit everyone."

Toastmasters meets at The Hub, 17 Waterview Walk, opposite the NAB building at 6.45pm on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month. For more information, contact Grant on **0400 500 388**, e-mail docklandstoastmasters@yahoo.com.au or visit docklands.freetoasthost.org.



Sam Sarah speaking at a Toastmasters meeting.

Public speaking might not be a favourite pastime with most people but the ability to speak in public is definitely an advantage.

Surveys show that presentation skills are important to success in the workplace.

Many people pay thousands of dollars to attend seminars to gain the skill and confidence necessary to face an audience.

However, the Docklands club of Toastmasters International offers a less expensive option which is highly regarded in business circles.

A typical Toastmasters meeting is a "learn by doing" workshop in which men and women develop their skills in a comfortable, friendly atmosphere.

Docklands Toastmasters, consisting of 20 members, meets twice a month to learn and practice public speaking and leadership skills.

Docklands Community Choir

– The Voices of Docklands

Docklands is proud to announce the formation of the new Docklands Community Choir in association with Docklands Church.

This group of enthusiastic individuals draws from stars within the Docklands community.

This is your opportunity to indulge your singing talent to create awesome choral music.

If you fancy yourself as a Soprano/ Alto/Tenor or Base come along to

our meet and greet night on Monday the 15 October 2007 at The Hub @ Docklands Hub from 7pm. (17 Waterview Walk, Docklands)

More information can be gathered off our facebook group, "Docklands Community Choir".

The first project this choir will be embarking on will be Docklands Carols by Candlelight in December.

For any questions please contact Robyn Hill at robyn-hill@bigpond.com.au.

Parent Information Sessions at Docklands

- 17 October – CPR for Babies and Children
- 24 October – Children's Speech and Language Development – Speech Pathologist
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