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- Christmas Guide pull out
- Jobs, Rentals and Docklands business listing

- And meet our new columnist Abby Crawford who reveals what women are looking for in a perfect New Year's Eve kiss



Docklands thumbs its nose at **the gloom**

Despite press reports of financial doom and gloom, Docklands is powering ahead.

The national press has reported some scaling back or postponements at Bourke Junction and Village Docklands.

But VicUrban general manager, Docklands and Major Projects, Michael Hynes, said: "Development across Docklands remains strong, as the majority of the sites are contracted for development and a number of projects are under construction."

"The global economic situation has raised some challenges for the delivery of major projects. However Docklands is a long-term, market-driven development and, as such, changes in the economic cycle are expected and factored into its development timeframe."

According to MAB's project director for NewQuay, Richard Marshall, MAB was feeling very positive about its recently-announced Harbour 1 development.

"There is a shortfall of apartments in Melbourne. You can't get enough stock," he said.

"The fundamental demand for housing is not being fulfilled, especially for one and two bedroom apartments, and H1 is designed to provide value for money in both price and amenity."

Mr Marshall added that although the project was not to be officially launched until next year, the feedback so far had been very good and he anticipated that there would be no issues with financing.

"We have an advantage. As a private company, we have very good banking relationships and, given our standing, are reasonably comfortable that we stack up well," he said.

Pan Urban managing director Danny Ciarna was just as up-beat and said that its \$300 million north east stadium precinct development Lacrosse had been "underpinned by strong sales of individual apartments".

"Our project is almost 100 per cent sold. The current crises hasn't really caused the project to slow. It's progressing well. We've just finalised a builder ... we are moving

forward, but these things take time in any environment. It may take a little longer, but right now we start building at Easter and our completion date is still 2011."

Lend Lease has confirmed that its various Victoria Harbour projects are continuing. These pre-committed projects include ANZ, Myer, The Montage and the Children's Hub above Safeway.

Lend Lease Development general manager — business development, Maurice Cococchia, said: "We have also recently commenced development of The Merchant residential project and have just launched a new residential tower, Convesso Concavo to be located next to Dock 5."

"Whilst the global financial crisis has affected the Australian market, Victoria Harbour is continuing to proceed in accordance with our overall development strategy," he said.

"Development across Docklands remains strong, as the majority of the sites are contracted for development and a number of projects are under construction."

Mirvac CEO Greg Collins was also positive about moving forward in Docklands: "In the lead up to summer we are continuing to see steady interest in our marina berths at Marina YE and we are looking forward to the launch of what will be an unrivalled apartment building mid-next year."

And local real estate agent Glen Lucas has reported eight sales individually valued at \$1m+ since September, comprising 40 per cent of total sales for the period. Lucas Real Estate considers recent results as being indicative of an improvement in the top end of the Docklands property market, with overall sales equalling those recorded over the same period last year, in what was considered the peak of the market.

In a property market that is reportedly all doom and gloom, it seems that Docklands, previously viewed by many as the problem child of inner city residential real estate, is still performing well, both at the top and bottom end of the price range.

Santa Paws is coming to town

MAY WE TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO WISH ALL OUR READERS ALL THE BEST FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON.

It's been quite a journey for us this year going monthly in June and continuing to expand our offering as the year progressed.

Thanks for all your encouragement and feedback.

We look forward to publishing our first edition for 2009 in February. So watch this space for more innovations next year.

Thanks to Atlantic Group[V] marketing manager Sarah Seddon for the photo of her gorgeous pooch Lamington.

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DOCKLANDS QUIZ WINNER

Shelley McIvor has won a **\$100 dinner** for two at Melbourne Yacht Club Hotel as the winner of the November Quiz.

No one got close to correctly answering all 10 questions. So congratulations to Shelley for having a go.

We'll make the next quiz a bit easier.

- The answers were:
1. 25 metres
 2. At the Melbourne Yacht Club Hotel. She is the sales and events manager.
 3. We would have accepted any boat.
 4. Water views
 5. Silence by Adrian Mauriks (2003)
 6. Denton Corker Marshall
 7. 120 metres (390 ft)
 8. Italian architect Andrea Palladio
 9. Batman Hill Station
 10. 2850

Solution to Dockwords from last edition
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And now for something completely different...



Docklands empty-nesters Alan and Joh Maxwell have turned their passion into a new and unique business with the launch of Tours on Trike.

The Maxwells gave up motorcycling many years ago to fund a deposit on a suburban home as they began to raise a family. But the passion for the highway and the wind in their face remained.

Now the private schools fees are behind them and they have been smitten by the Docklands lifestyle. Their children gave them six months in Docklands. But 18 months later, there's no going back to 'burbs. "We certainly proved them wrong," Joh said.

A year ago Alan did what many middle-aged men in his position do – he started looking for a Harley Davidson motorcycle. But he found a trike and now the trike is taking the Maxwells into the next exciting chapter of their lives.

After getting such great reaction from friends and family he took for rides, Alan decided to turn the hobby into a business.

He isn't planning on giving up his day job as a consultant IT project manager but the Maxwells have started employing riders and have another vehicle on order.

The business was officially launched at Docklands' Lamore restaurant on November 30. "It's not a new concept, but it is certainly new for Melbourne," Alan said.

Tours on Trike offer a range of tours starting with one-hour runs around Albert Park and the inner city, to an all-day around-the-bay indulgence.

"Melbourne has 73,000 visitors every week and we feel that there has been something missing in the offering to them," Alan said. "We're aiming to give them something different."

Alan said the most noticeable thing about riding around in a trike is being noticed by all and sundry. "If you have a need to be noticed, then hop on," he said.

The trike is Australian-made, features Harley Davidson parts and is powered by a 1916cc Volkswagen engine.

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Divisions on liquor licensing bid

By Shane Scanlan

Docklands is divided over the issue of late night entertainment.

On one side are businesses which want to continue to promote Docklands as an entertainment precinct. And on the other side are some residents who say enough is enough and the area can't cope with any more revellers.

The issue has come to a head around an application for a general 1am liquor licence by the new Woolshed Pub at Central Pier.

Objections to the licence application were heard by a panel of Liquor Licensing Victoria on October 29 and, at the time of publication, the Director of Liquor Licensing was yet to announce an outcome.

The Woolshed Pub had hoped to be trading by now and does not know if, or when, it will be able to do so.



General Manager Duncan Laidlaw (pictured left) said there was a misconception that the pub would attract large numbers of unruly patrons.

"Nothing could be further from the truth," he said. "We are a fine dining establishment with seating for 100 people upstairs and about 150 downstairs."

He said there was another part of the establishment which would be able to host pre-dinner drinks for up to 800 people attending functions at the adjacent Shed 14.

But critics of the pub say an application for a licence for up to 1445 people is just too many.

Acting Snr Sgt Daryl Thompson said the Victoria Police opposed the application because there was already a heavy concentration of licences at Central Pier and the amenity of the area would suffer if there were 1445 more people.

The police objection cited a likelihood of "noise issues, property damage, assaults, drunkenness and unruly and unsociable behaviour".

He said police were unlikely to oppose an application for a restaurant licence for far fewer patrons.

The Dock 5 resident objector Peter Henderson (pictured right) said his main concern was with noise from outdoor areas which travels more readily over open water.

He said it was almost impossible to reverse a licence once it was issued and he feared what would happen at the venue in the future if a general licence was granted for 1445 people.

"The problem is they say they are going to trade differently to what they have applied for. The time to get it right is at the time of applying for a licence," he said.

He said it needed to be understood that a general licence would allow the pub



to sell take-away liquor until 1am and Docklands did not have a bylaw controlling public drinking.

"No matter what they say, it may end up as just a beer hall," he said.

The City of Melbourne also objects to the licence on the basis of potential detriment to amenity.

But not all residents are opposed to the licence. NewQuay representative on the Docklands Liquor Licensing Forum, Paul O'Halloran, said he didn't have an issue with the application.

"We feel the people on Central Pier have already demonstrated that they are excellent

at conducting this type of business," he said.

And Docklands Community Association president Michele Anderson said her association no longer had any problem with the application.

December survey

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Change the World is a ground-breaking new cross-platform media project being produced in Docklands by local Melbourne filmmakers Wayne and Anne Tindall and Brent Masters.

This exciting and ambitious project is set to include a feature documentary which will follow the challenges, the struggles and the seemingly impossible dreams of six teams of ordinary Australians who will be given the chance (by way of financial and practical support) to go out into the broader community and make a significant and positive impact on the world.

A highly interactive website will be launched nationally in March 2009 and potential "world changers" will be invited to submit ideas. Change the World is a major opportunity for Docklands residents and businesses wishing to support positive change.

If you have a social conscience and would like to know more please visit us at www.changetheworld.com.au.

To RSVP to the logo launch and Christmas drinks from 6.30pm on Thursday, December 18 at a private Docklands location please contact Brent Masters by email: brent@changetheworld.com.au or telephone 03 9600 0944.

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A Mecca Christmas for Salvos

Docklands' Mecca Bah will host about 100 Salvation Army "clients" for a special Christmas Day brunch.

Those attending are frequent users of the Salvation Army's services throughout the year and are some of the most marginalised in Melbourne.

This is the fourth year that Mecca Bah has participated in this event, and the chefs are especially eager to provide a truly hearty meal to make it a memorable event for all guests.

"It's great for the Mecca Bah kitchen team to work together and give to people in need. We really do look forward to helping out every year," head chef Justin Cortellino, said.

Mecca Bah will afterwards open to the general public for Christmas Day lunch from 1.30pm.



Mecca Bah sous chef Hayden Crowther is joined by Collingwood footballer Brodie Holland in the lead up to the Salvation Army Christmas brunch.

Pre-Christmas joy from Variety

Children's charity Variety presented over 400 bikes and helmets to Special Needs Children in Docklands last month.

Variety Victoria CEO Norm Hutton said the bike presentation program was one of the most rewarding initiatives on the charity organisation's calendar.

"Seeing the big smiles on children's faces as they reach for the handlebars of their new bikes brightens everyone's day," Mr Hutton said.

"Recipients are sourced from many different schools and organisations and we're yet to see anyone leave disappointed!"

This is the sixth consecutive year Variety has been able to distribute new bikes and helmets to Special Needs Children, thanks to the annual 3AW Variety Radiothon where listeners are invited to donate money for bikes and helmets. A total of \$342,000 was raised during the 2008 event, ensuring 1677 Victorian children will receive a new bike just in time for Christmas.



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Ice rink gets the go ahead



Construction of the National Ice Sports Centre at Waterfront City is scheduled to begin early in the New Year.

Sport and Recreation Minister James Merlino has announced \$10 million funding towards the National Ice Sports Centre, which will be the first of its kind in Australia.

"The \$58 million National Ice Sports Centre will be a world-class facility and complement Victoria's elite network of sporting facilities," Mr Merlino said.

"It will feature two rinks with spectator seating and be equipped to host national and international ice hockey, ice skating, curling and speed skating events," he said.

The centre will be a partnership with developer ING, which has confirmed its commitment to the project by lodging a planning application with VicUrban.

Organic herbal technology comes to Docklands

By Lucy Brown

The fight against ageing has just become a little easier down in Docklands with the expansion of Compoundia into Docklands Anti-Ageing Medicine (DAAM), a multi-modality centre which addresses modern day ageing concerns.

One of these modalities is organic herbal technology.

Melbourne-born cellular skin specialist Dr Vivienne Finnegan is the director of this modality.

At age 13, Dr Finnegan suffered from an acute acne skin dysfunction which left her skin partially disfigured.

She went to many skin specialists in an attempt to address the problem. However, most simply suggested antibiotics and this

was not an option that Dr Finnegan's parents approved of.

What they were seeking was a natural holistic approach. Finally, a specialist was found who treated acne via a topical application of herbal peeling and internal detoxification process.

The results were simply brilliant, solving the problem and revealing healthy, beautiful and clear skin. And these results can now be achieved in a fraction of the time with the ultimate in organic herbal technology.

Travelling the world to develop and research organic herbal skin resurfacing options is Dr Finnegan's deep passion and it was a dream come true when she spent time studying in one of the world's leading institutes in Switzerland.

Over the past three years, Dr Finnegan has been periodically commuting several times a year to New York as well as Miami's trendy South Beach, mixing with A-list celebrities and working in some of the leading laboratories.

And now she has brought her expertise to Melbourne, choosing Docklands because, like her treatments, it is always developing and evolving.

All her years of research and development have created organic and herbal skin resurfacing treatments like no other.

These treatments are based on a holistic approach and provide excellent results for ageing skin, sun damage, pigmentation, open pores, dryness, fine lines, acne and skin texture with the emphasis on skin detoxification.

In particular, Vivienne has worked to develop an organic herbal eye-area resurfacing peel which is unique in the fact that it treats even the most sensitive skin around the eye without any side effects like redness, discomfort, post shedding, irritation or recovery time.

In fact, all the organic herbal technology treatments have no recovery time. Hollywood A-list celebrities actually have their treatments as close as the day before the Emmys and Oscars!

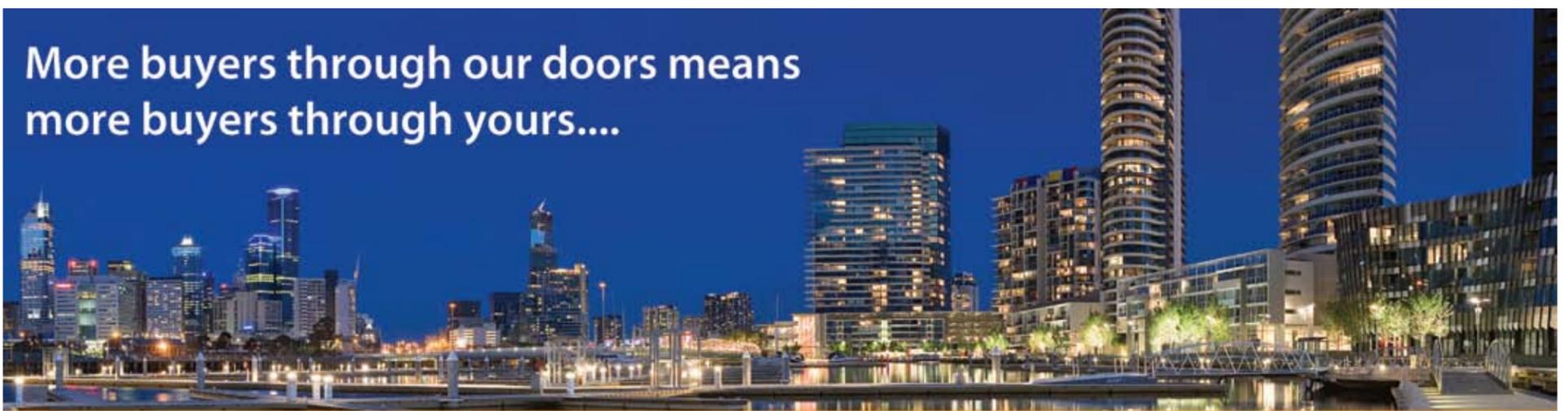
These treatments are for everyone, even if you believe you have perfect skin. The fact is that it still requires a regime of topical detoxification to provide anti-ageing benefits long-term. And they are not just for women. Dr Finnegan has found that since opening in Docklands, 60 per cent of her patients have been men!

Dr Finnegan also runs a cosmetic surgery liaison service whereby she helps her clients to become armed with the right knowledge when deciding whether to go ahead with a certain cosmetic procedure and will even accompany her clients to their clinical appointments to provide comfort in a potentially confusing situation.

Dr Finnegan is hoping that her work will contribute to creating a more holistic Australia, believing that our bodies work as a whole and so need to be treated as such.

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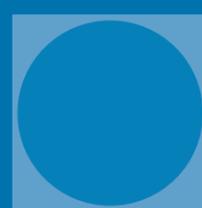
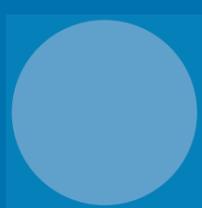
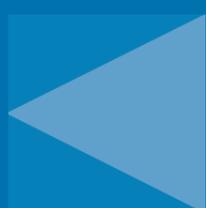
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Docklands says yes to **police station**

Docklanders think we need a police station and it should be located at Victoria Harbour.

Following our lead story last month on the search for a suitable location, we surveyed the community. We received nine responses. Only one said they didn't

believe Docklands needed a police station. Four of the eight who want a police station nominated Victoria Harbour as a suitable site. NewQuay received two votes as did the stadium precinct.

This month we want your views on liquor licensing. Have your say online at www.docklandsnews.com.au/liquor.

Atlantic secures **Platinum deal**

Atlantic On Site has secured the exclusive right to provide catering on board Docklands-based luxury super yacht Platinum.

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Disbelief on water taxi decision

How disappointing to read our water shuttle ferry service is not to operate this spring/summer season. I cannot believe it.

Is there nothing to be done to convince Parks Victoria to reconsider its funding?

Why oh why are some decisions made that make no sense at all? Particularly now, with the Observation Wheel opening and all those new shops. Surely a tourist great day out would be the arrival by water, then the wheel – a really different experience.

I've told so many people to make sure when they come into town to take the water shuttle from Southgate. Get off at Docklands and have a bit of lunch. I say: "Get back onto the water and go back to Fed Square, it's the nicest thing to do. It's a really lovely day."

And now our yellow/blue ferry is NOT GOING TO OPERATE!

It seems to me that huge amounts of advertising dollars have/are being spent promoting the "Blue Park" that is Docklands waterways.

Why cancel the one element that gives useability and involvement for people?

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Triumph of the lilies



Concept David Simmonds Photography Simmonds & Barra.

Photographer David Simmonds submitted this photo of two lilies as part of a fine arts course in the late 1980s. But the folio was failed on the basis that it was not contemporary enough.

Well it seems the picture's time has come because it is now the centre piece and inspiration for an international campaign to market Docklands' latest residential development Convesso Concavo at Victoria Harbour.

Despite failing the course, the image remained a personal favourite of master photographer Simmonds. It's symmetry and beauty inspired the design of his and his wife Sandra's wedding rings.

Some close friends have copies of the image but up until now the photo had not been commercialised.

It's elevation from private favourite to campaign hero started at a lunch conversation with Badjar Ogilvy creative director Chris May earlier this year.

Architects Bates Smart had designed two buildings – one convex, one concave – in a very organic shape which, together, formed one. Mr May spoke of the beauty of living inside and outside. He spoke of flow and connection.

David went away and searched the globe for suitable images which might inspire a starting point for the creative process. He gathered 60 images and then, almost as an after-thought, included one of his own – his photo of the lilies from his "failed" fine art portfolio.

Well Mr May connected with the lilies as soon as he saw them.

"The two lilies echoed everything I was looking for," Mr May said.

In a departure from the usual architectural approach, the agency has based a campaign around the lilies and five other supporting images which David and Sandra conceptualised and produced. The include images of gold fish, feathers, artichokes, Nautilus shells and jade.

David has enjoyed a long and fruitful career as a photographer and is highly regarded, particularly for his architectural work, including some signature pieces early on in the Docklands story.

But he has never before enjoyed success for his still life studies. So the triumph of the lilies is a career highlight.



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Docklands Love

Steven Li and his bride Jacky Chow were in Docklands last month having their wedding photos taken.

The Blackburn South (pictured left) couple chose Docklands because of the water views and architectural integrity of the precinct.

The 29-year-olds would like to live in Docklands but can't afford it at this stage of life.

And Docklands-based air conditioning technician Rick Quirk (pictured top right) proposed to Amanda Gibbs during a Discover Sailing trip from Waterfront City on October 24.

Rick looks after many local businesses' heating and air conditioning but his romance is on fire.

It was love at first sight for Amanda who saw Rick parking his car in Collins St, City recently.

When he got back to his car he found her phone number with a simple message "?"

The couple spent the rest of the afternoon texting each other, arranged to meet up and are now engaged.

"When you know, you know," Rick said explaining the couple's hasty journey of love.

And the sister of Waterfront Venues corporate sales and event manager Photini Koutroumanis, Anna, married Foti Papoutsis (pictured bottom right) at a Docklands venue recently.

Send your love stories to news@docklands.com.au



Located in one of Melbourne's finest heritage buildings is this east facing studio apartment with balcony overlooking Spencer Street. The apartment has unique high ceilings and is fully furnished with a secure undercover car park and is securely leased to Accor hotel group with returns of \$330 net per week. Services include pool, spa, sauna, gymnasium and barbeque area.

Docklands 622/67 Spencer Street
LONG SURE LEASE
Studio 1 Bath 1 Car
Price Private sale \$285,000
Inspect By appointment
Contact Glenn Donnelly



This sensational 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment is superbly located in the Boyd building. Located on level 15 you can enjoy fabulous views overlooking New Quay Promenade, Port Phillip Bay, Victoria harbour and the marina below. Superb modern style kitchen with quality stainless steel appliances, large bench tops and ample storage. Floor to ceiling windows compliment the generous living/dining area leading to the outdoor balcony. Two generous bedrooms both with BIRs, large main bathroom offering shower over bath, and a separate Laundry.

Docklands 1505 / 5 Caravel Lane
STYLE, AMBIENCE & LOCATION
2 Bed 2 Bath 1 Car
Price Private sale \$600,000
Inspect By appointment
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Presentation perfect with unrivalled panoramic views over the parks and gardens, this impressive 1 bedroom apartment on the 9th floor is the epitome of Docklands living, capturing glorious western sun, this immaculate home enjoys open plan entertaining with a balcony and designer kitchen. Finished with marble bench tops, zoned heating/cooling, bathroom with bathtop, video intercom & security undercover car space. It's pure excellence with its flawless presentation that is complete with lift access, and use of the pool, gym & BBQ facilities.

Docklands 908 / 8 Waterview Walk
WATERGATE GEM
1 Bed 1 Bath 1 Car
Price Private sale \$380,000
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The ultimate in luxury lifestyle with a perfect blend of individuality, unique design, breathtaking sunsets and sunrises including absolutely stunning water front views and aspects. Yarras Edges flagship building tower 5 has the core value of luxury living like no other. Its north facing terrace and 260 degrees of sheer edge views and structures designed and developed for your pleasure will ensure a harmonious lifestyle accompanied by 3 good sized bedrooms, 1 study, 2 bathrooms, 2 car spaces and storage.

Docklands 2704 / 90 Lorimer Street
INDULGE YOURSELF IN LUXURY
3 Bed 1 Study 2 Bath 2 Car
Price Private sale \$1,490,000
Inspect By appointment
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No earthly reason to accept second best when you can live in this fabulous apartment which includes one bedroom plus separate large study. With the City at your finger tips, combined with facilities including an outdoor. This apartment offers everything to the owner occupier or investor. Village Docklands is situated very close to the Southern Cross station, Crown Casino and Telstra Dome. The building is positioned less than 3 minutes drive from the freeway entrance and has a tram stop directly in front of the building.

Docklands 1308 / 8 McCrae Street
TERRIFIC CITY VIEWS
1 Bed 1 Bath 1 Study 1 Car
Price Private sale \$440,000
Inspect By appointment
Contact Glenn Donnelly



An exceptional residence located in Flinders Wharf offers a lifestyle that is uncompromising in lavishness and quality. The apartment features an open plan living, gourmet kitchen with stainless steel appliances and stone bench tops. Its large bedroom, balcony, quality fixtures and finishes, this north facing home is bathed in light and a great sense of style and space day and night. It provides easy access to public transport, fine restaurant and cafes. The building also has fantastic facilities such as Pool, gym, sauna, spa and steam room.

Docklands 516 / 60 Siddeley Street
WILL NOT LAST LONG
2 Bed 1 Bath 0 Car
Price Private sale \$380,000
Inspect By appointment
Contact Glenn Donnelly

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Celebrating Nature

Celebrate Nature with children's activities at The Hub on Thursday, January 15, 2009

Jane Tanner Illustration Workshop, 10.00am - 11.00am

Using soft pastels learn some special techniques from award winning children's illustrator Jane Tanner to use in your drawing.

Story time Session, 11.15am - 12noon

Come along to a Celebrating Nature story time session featuring stories, songs and an activity. Presented by Melbourne Library Service.

David Miller Illustration Workshop, 12.15pm - 1.15pm

Create an illustration using the paper construction method David is well known for.

These sessions are suitable for children aged 6 - 10 years. All children will take home a completed activity from each session attended.

Bookings are essential on 8622-4822.

All sessions will be held at The Hub, 17 Waterview Walk, Docklands.

It's Just Life

with Abby Crawford

Silly Season Snogs – How to get them and make them memorable

"What women want" is the ultimate unanswerable question for a man. Not only do men never understand what women want, women don't quite understand either. But we know we don't want a pushy man who can't kiss. As I am feeling particularly generous this silly season, I am going to spill the beans on how to secure the perfect New Years Eve kiss.

Firstly let's go over the basics of the party pick-up. First impressions are vital. You want to give an impression that makes you a "decent" guy. This means being polite, generous and attentive.

Once the first impressions are over it's time to start planning the kiss. Here are the top five tips for securing a kiss she is not likely to forget.

Firstly, pick your moment. You want the moment to be as relaxed and comfortable as possible. Be on the lookout for the perfect gap in the conversation where your eyes meet and neither of you is able to look away. This silent break is your moment.

Secondly, don't ask permission. Women love men who take charge particularly during passionate moments. So, once you've got your perfect conversation break, be a man and go for it. Of course, you need to make sure she is into it too.

Thirdly, make sure you touch her. Wrap your arms around her waist and pull her toward you. Then, place one of your hands on



the back of her head gently running your fingers through her hair. Or, if you feel like it, cup her face in your hands. She will probably melt away.

My fourth tip regards the actual kiss itself. Instead of just planting your lips on hers, give her a sensual kiss on the cheek and slowly work your way around to her lips. This kind of sensitivity will go down in history as a fantastic first kiss.

Number five is without a doubt the most important. Any kiss, particularly a New Years Eve Kiss cannot be sloppy.

So gents, keep your tongues at a minimum, take your time and be as gentle as possible – at first.

I'm really looking forward to sharing more advice with you in the issues to come so if you have any burning questions you are dying for a woman's opinion on send them to life@docklandsnews.com.au and I promise to shed as much light as I can about what women want.

Abby Crawford

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Amanda's angle



Well, with my first attempt at journalism firmly behind me and my ego crying out for more, I decided to give it a second go.

I have spent this last month getting to know as many of you as possible and I have been overwhelmed with the passion that there is for Docklands. I asked for your opinions on the paper and its content and I got it.

You guys really love this place and with so much doom and gloom around it has been so nice to spend time with really happy, positive people. Even Shane cracked a smile last week!

Maybe it is because of where we live/work that makes us so positive. Docklands is a hive of activity, fun and community. And I just love it.

I ventured out of Docklands the other day to a seminar in the city, where I nodded and listened to a very prominent speaker in a room full of stuffy business suits. I mingled and chatted and listened to them discuss the terrible state of the world's finances and "oh my, what will we do?" when I went to the ladies to discover that throughout the

whole thing my skirt zip had been broken and my big pink pants had been proudly on display to the whole room.

I ran so fast down Bourke St and into the safety of Docklands. Within seconds of arriving back I was given a jacket to cover up and then it was off to the pub to sit and laugh with friends who reassured me that no one would have noticed. Yeh, right!

But my point is that the energy changed when I got back to Docklands and there is a really feeling of a bright future. And as I sat there sipping my gin, I remembered the speaker at the seminar telling us that one of the main indicators used to judge prosperity was to count the number of cranes you can see on the skyline.

He had just left Sydney and had only counted one crane. When he landed in Melbourne he counted seven. But look out the window now. How many of those seven are in Docklands?

You see, sometimes it takes a BIG MOON, TO MAKE YOU REACH FOR THE STARS!

Upgrade to Docklands.com

Visitors to VicUrban's Docklands website have the chance to win a ride on the new Southern Star Observation Wheel and dinner at NewQuay – simply by sharing their thoughts on how the website could be improved.

In a recent Docklands survey, residents, businesses, employees and visitors rated the www.docklands.com site their third most preferred information resource. VicUrban understands that up-to-date information is key when living, working, investing or playing at Docklands and is seeking your input into the changes you would like to see in a new-look docklands.com.

This feedback and ideas period is open to all website visitors and is your chance to shape docklands.com into a resource that suits you.

Go to www.docklands.com and follow the links to the feedback forum.

Submit your feedback and, if you leave us with your details, you will go into the draw to win a double pass to the Southern Star Observation Wheel and \$100 meal voucher at Mecca Bah.

The feedback forum is open from December 1, 2008 to January 12, 2009.

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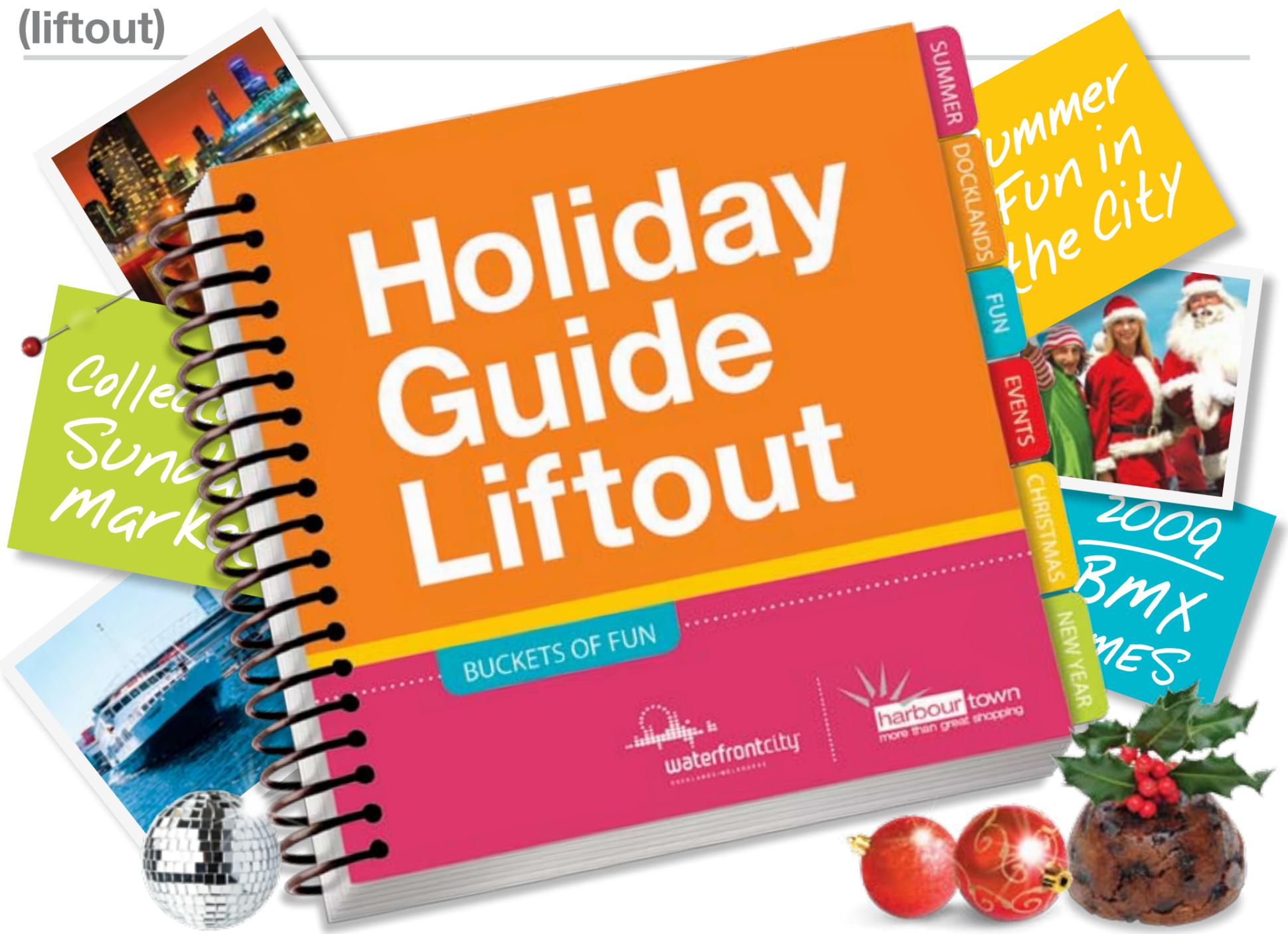
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(liftout)



(summer in the new city) ●●●●●

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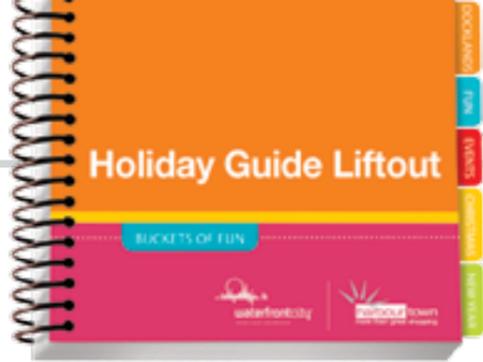


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Under the Southern Star at Waterfront City
Exit off Citylink on to Footscray Road
Melbourne Docklands | Mel Ref 2E D3
harbourtownmelbourne.com.au

harbour town
more than great shopping

(liftout)



Heavy Weight TRIVIA
MON-till Xmas
TUES-from Jan 6th
6:30pm sharp
BCM

TUES
2 for 1
Kobe Jones
2 meals for price of 1

BCM WED
Poker & Pizza
Night starts mid Jan
Ph 9329 2360

THURS
Red & Smokey
Whisky Night
BCM



(entertain me)

Get down to Waterfront City this holiday season for a winning combination of fine food, festivities & harbour views. With exciting events held every day and night, there's something for everyone!

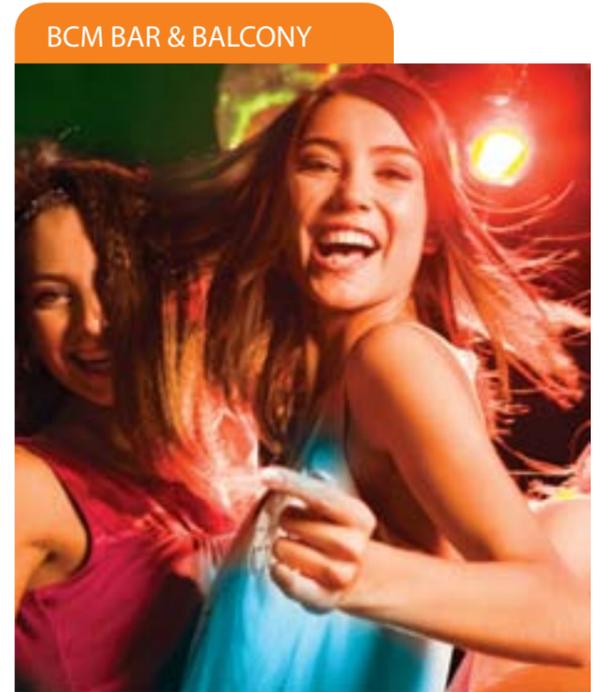
Dec 25th
Celebrate a family Christmas
Have the hassle free Christmas you always promised yourself and book lunch today at any of our great restaurants below.

Monday/Tuesday
Test your knowledge
The Heavyweight Title Challenge is on! Test your knowledge every Monday till Dec 15th and every Tuesday from Jan 6th, BCM, 6.30pm. Phone 9329 2360.

Tuesdays
2 for 1 > Docklands
Two meals for the price of one! Who could resist and with so much choice at Waterfront City, simply jump online at waterfrontcity.com.au for participating restaurants.



Southern Star Observation Wheel - Opened!
With tickets now available for the 'Star' Melbourne's latest tourist attraction, treat the family or a loved one to an unforgettable 30 min ride. Book at Kobe Jones for a quick bite and receive discounted tickets. Phone 9329 2360 for our 'Star' offer.



Kobe Jones Christmas Experience
• Eleven signature dishes
• Merry Christmas Bag
• Unique chocolate centre pieces on all tables
\$105
Per person Inc wine, beer & soft drink.

Christmas Lunch on the Harbour
• Three course Christmas luncheon with trimmings
• Festive gingerbread table centre pieces
\$95
Per person \$45 Children Inc wine, beer & soft drink.

BCM Cracker New Year's Eve Bash
• Finger food, wine, beer & soft drinks
• Pumping DJ
• Premium views of the waterfront fireworks
\$95
Per person Inc wine, beer & soft drink.

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Wednesday
Poker & Pizza (starts 15 Jan)
 Starting every Wednesday from mid Jan at BCM, is the craze that has swept the nation - Poker Night! Be in the running from a national pool of contenders to test your poker skills and maybe make it to Vegas! BCM, 7.00pm start. Phone 9329 2360.

12 Jan - 1 Feb
Mr Sandman Sand Sculpture
 Bring the children down to Waterfront City and enjoy the amazing work of sand artists. Workshops on 14-15 Jan!

Thursdays
Red & Smokey Whisky Night
 Now there's finally a night to pay homage to a premium whisky or prize winning red. Brought specially to you by an enviable mix of top wineries and international whisky distillers at BCM. Phone 9329 2360.

Fri/Sat '70 & '80s Groove Train
 Dance your pants off every week to the hottest DJ in town! Held at BCM, jump online for guest list registry www.waterfrontvenues.com.au

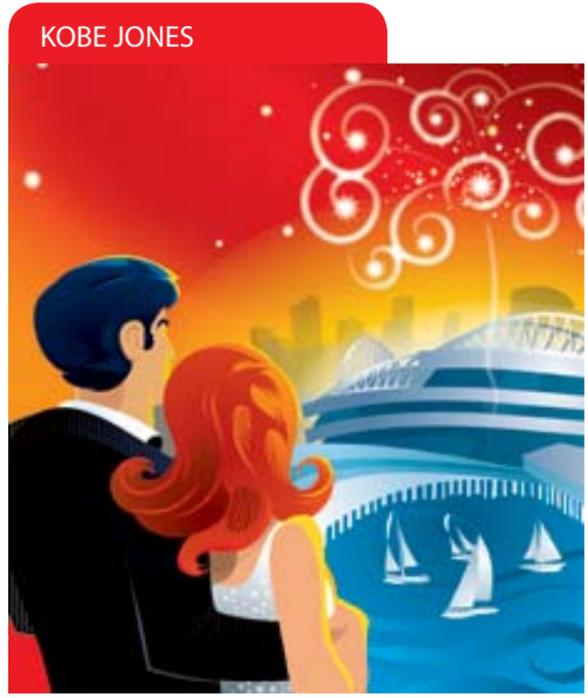
Dec 31st
New Year's Eve Festivities
 With both early and late sittings of the fireworks on the Waterfront City harbour, all ages can experience New Years Eve.
First Fireworks 9.00 pm
Second Fireworks 12 midnight
 Check below or on the following page for special NYE events for each venue.

Thursdays/Fridays
Movie-Goers Night
 Held at the Waterfront City Piazza until the 18th December you and your family can enjoy free flicks on the large screen. For movie showings visit waterfrontcity.com.au. To pre-order a hamper from Moored ph 9329 2360. See the menu at waterfrontvenues.com.au
 Lovers in the Piazza Selection (for 2) \$25
 Gourmet Cheese Selection (for 2) \$25
 Sushi / Sashimi Selection (for 2) \$25
 Family Movie Goers (for 4) \$45

Punch Bowl Sundays & All You Can Eat for \$24 where kids pay their age!
 Chill out every Sunday at Moored with a buffet to entice everyone. To book simply call 9329 2360.

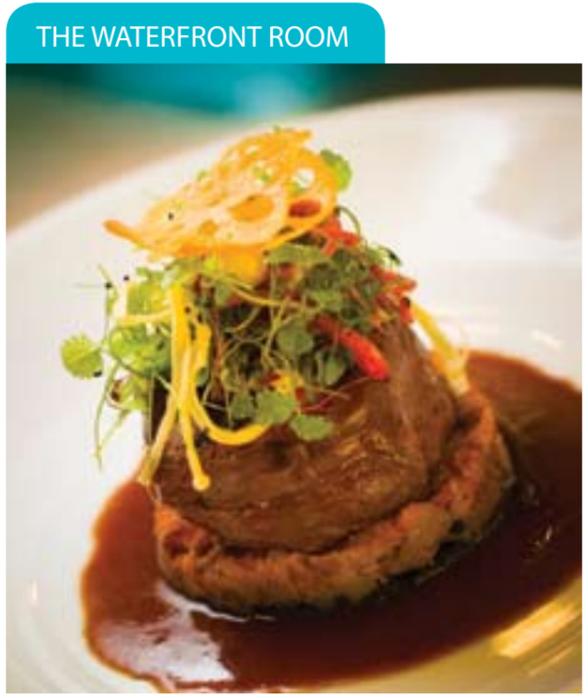


BCM Weekly Folder of Fun
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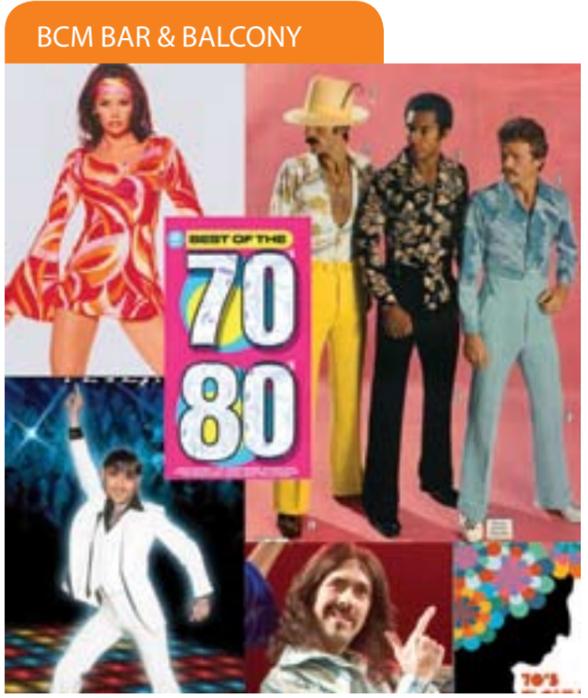
Kobe Jones NYE Deco
Decadence Black Tie \$155
 • Signature cocktail dining
 • Platinum fireworks views
 Per person Inc wine, beer & soft drink.

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Waterfront Room NYE
Gala Dinner \$120
 • Four course dinner
 • LIVE band
 • Cocktail on arrival, wine, beer & soft drinks
 Per person Inc wine, beer & soft drink.

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BCM Bar & Balcony
Groove Train '70s & '80s
Retro Fri/Sat Night \$10
 • Hottest house DJ
 • '70s & '80s plus current house
 • Register your guest list & avoid disappointment
 Entry. For guestlisting: waterfrontvenues.com.au/bar.php

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(christmas)

25 December ●●●●●●●●●●

Kobe Jones

Level 1, 427 Docklands Drive
Includes 11 signature dishes,
unique chocolate centrepieces
& Christmas bag on departure.
Time 11am-4pm Price \$105
(beer, wine & soft drinks)
Bookings 9329 2360
www.waterfrontvenues.com.au

Moored

Level 1, 427 Docklands Drive
Includes 3 courses, Christmas
gingerbread house table
settings. (beer, wine & soft drinks)
Time 11am-4pm Price A \$95
C \$45 Bookings 9329 2360
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Rivers Dinner Cruise

Waterfront City Marina
Includes 3 course table service,
live entertainment.
Time 6pm returns 9pm
Price A \$149 | C \$69 (4-12 years)
(0-3 years free) | (beer, wine & soft drinks)
Ph 9285 0000 www.rivers.net.au

Rivers Lunch Cruise

Waterfront City Marina
Includes 3 courses.
Time 12:30pm returns 3:30pm
Price A \$120 | C \$69 (4-12 years)
(0-3 years free) | (beer, wine & soft drinks)
Ph 9285 0000 www.rivers.net.au

Bellissimo Cucina & Trattoria

G15, 427 Docklands Drive
Includes 3 courses + sides.
Prices A \$75 | C \$37.50 (4-12 years)
(0-3 years free) Ph 9326 6636
www.bellissimo.net.au

Fish Seafood Grill & Rotisserie

G9-12, 439 Docklands Drive
Includes 3 courses + sides.
Price A \$79 | C \$39.50 (4-12 years)
(0-3 years free) Ph 9640 0686
www.fishrestaurant.com.au

Yum Cha Dragon

G14, 427 Docklands Drive,
Waterfront City
Includes All you can eat Yum
Cha plus dessert.
Price A \$69 | C \$45 (4-12 years)
(0-3 years free) Ph 9329 6868
www.yumcha.net.au

BlueFire Churrascaria Grill

G17-18, 427 Docklands Drive,
Waterfront City
Includes Entree, churrascaria
(meats & seafood carved to your
table), dessert & sides.
Price A \$95 | C \$49.50 (4-12 years)
(0-3 years free) Ph 9670 8008
www.bluefiregrill.com.au

Hot Chocolate Café

G12, 439 Docklands Drive
Includes 3 courses.
Price A \$49 | C \$24.50 (4-12 years)
(0-3 years free) Ph 9642 1818
www.hotchocolate.net.au

Butchers Grill

Pav 1, 439 Docklands Drive
Includes 3 courses + sides.
Price A \$89 | C \$44.50 (4-12 years)
(0-3 years free) Ph 9640 0696
www.butchersgrill.com.au

(new years)

31 December ●●●●●●●●●●

Bellissimo Cucina & Trattoria

G15, 427 Docklands Drive
Includes Sparkling & canapés
on arrival, 3 courses + sides.
Early Sitting Time 5:30pm - 8pm
Price A \$60 | C \$39.60 (4-12 years)
(0-3 years free)
Late Sitting Time 8:30pm onwards
Price A \$99 | C \$49.50 (4-12 years)
(0-3 years free) Ph 9326 6636
www.bellissimo.net.au

Yum Cha Dragon Dinner

G14, 427 Docklands Drive
Includes Sparkling & canapés
on arrival, 3 course banquet +
sides & prime view of fireworks.
Early Sitting Time: 5:30pm - 8pm
Price A \$65 | C \$39.60 (4-12 years)
(0-3 years free)
Late Sitting Time 8:30pm onwards
Price A \$99 | C \$49.50 (4-12 years)
(0-3 years free) Ph 9329 6868
www.yumcha.net.au

BlueFire Churrascaria Grill Dinner

G17-18, 427 Docklands Drive
Includes Sparkling & canapés
on arrival, appetizer plate,
churrascaria (all you can eat
meat & seafood, sides &
dessert), view of the fireworks.
Early Sitting Time 5:30pm - 8pm
Price A \$75 | C \$59.60 (4-12 years)
(0-3 years free)
Late Sitting Time: 8:30pm onwards
Price A \$149 | C \$74.50 (4-12 years)
(0-3 years free) Ph 9670 8008
www.bluefiregrill.com.au

Butchers Grill Dinner

Pav 1, 439 Docklands Drive,
Includes Sparkling & canapés
on arrival, 3 course banquet +
sides, prime view of the fireworks.
Early Sitting Time 5:30pm - 8pm
Price A \$75 | C \$60 (4-12 years)
(0-3 years free)
Late Sitting Time 8:30pm onwards
Price A \$150 | C \$75 (4-12 years)
(0-3 years free) Ph 9640 0696
www.butchersgrill.com.au

Rivers NYE Cruise

Waterfront City Marina
Cruise time Boarding 7pm,
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floor & prime view of fireworks.
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cocktail on arrival.
Time 7pm-1am Price \$120
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Bookings 9329 2360
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(december/january)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
• Roving Santa (Harbour Town & Waterfront Promenade)	• Roving Santa (Harbour Town & Waterfront Promenade)	• Roving Santa (Harbour Town & Waterfront Promenade)	• Roving Santa (Harbour Town & Waterfront Promenade) • Movies on the Waterfront	• Movies on the Waterfront • Roving Santa (Harbour Town & Waterfront Promenade) ★ Circus Sunrise 6pm	• Roving Santa (Harbour Town & Waterfront Promenade) ★ Circus Sunrise 2pm/7pm	• Collectors Sunday Market in the Piazza • Roving Santa (Harbour Town & Waterfront Promenade) ★ Circus Sunrise 2pm
• Roving Santa (Harbour Town & Waterfront Promenade)	• Roving Santa (Harbour Town & Waterfront Promenade)	• Roving Santa (Harbour Town & Waterfront Promenade)	• Movies on the Waterfront • Roving Santa (Harbour Town & Waterfront Promenade)	• Movies on the Waterfront • Roving Santa (Harbour Town & Waterfront Promenade) ★ Circus Sunrise 1.30pm & 4pm	• Roving Santa (Harbour Town & Waterfront Promenade) ★ Circus Sunrise 11am/1.30/4pm	• Collectors Sunday Market in the Piazza • Roving Santa (Harbour Town & Waterfront Promenade) ★ Circus Sunrise 11am/1.30pm
• Roving Santa (Harbour Town & Waterfront Promenade)	• Roving Santa (Harbour Town & Waterfront Promenade)	• Roving Santa (Harbour Town & Waterfront Promenade) ★ Circus Sunrise 11am, 1.30 & 4pm	• Movies on the Waterfront • Roving Santa (Harbour Town & Waterfront Promenade) ★ Circus Sunrise 11am/1.30/4pm	• Roving Santa (Harbour Town & Waterfront Promenade) ★ Circus Sunrise 11am/1.30/4pm	• Roving Santa (Harbour Town & Waterfront Promenade) ★ Circus Sunrise 11am/1.30/4pm	• Collectors Sunday Market in the Piazza • Roving Santa (Harbour Town & Waterfront Promenade) ★ Circus Sunrise 11am/1.30/4pm
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• Mr Sandman Sand Sculptures on the Waterfront City harbour.	• Mr Sandman Sand Sculptures	• Mr Sandman Sand Sculptures ★ Circus Sunrise 11am/1.30/4pm	• Mr Sandman Sand workshop • Mr Sandman Sand Sculptures ★ Circus Sunrise 11am/1.30/4pm	• Mr Sandman Sand Sculptures ★ Circus Sunrise 11am/1.30/4pm	• Summer Fun in the City - Martial Funk • Mr Sandman Sand Sculptures ★ Circus Sunrise 11am/1.30/4pm	18 ★ Circus Sunrise 11am/1.30/4pm • Collectors Sunday Market in the Piazza
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★ Circus Sunrise | Under the Southern Star Observation Wheel | See dates & time above

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Late Sitting Time 8:30pm onwards
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Prime Minister in Docklands

Prime Minister Kevin Rudd visited Kangan Batman TAFE's Automotive Centre of Excellence in Docklands last month to announce a \$6.2billion plan to make the automotive industry more economically and environmentally sustainable by 2020.

The Government's "A New Car Plan For A Greener Future" followed a review of the future of car industry assistance headed by former Victorian Premier Steve Bracks.

More than 180 industry and government representatives, media outlets, and Automotive Centre of Excellence staff and students attended the event to hear how the Federal Government intends to roll out the plan over the coming years.

Carols at Docklands

The Docklands Community Choir invites you to join them for a festive night of Christmas Carols at Docklands from 7pm, Thursday, December 11.

Don't miss a special guest appearance by musical comedy act Tripod and cast members from Billy Elliot the musical and much more.

Proudly supported by the City of Melbourne, Docklands Church, Victoria Harbour Lend Lease and the Starlight Foundation.



Walk to fitness with YMCA

Docklands YMCA is organising free community walks every Wednesday and Friday to improve community health.

Centre manager Nadine Fletcher said walking was the number one way for most Australians to get fit.

"Walking is so popular because it is suitable for people of all ages and fitness levels," Ms Fletcher said.

In partnership with the Heart Foundation, YMCA Docklands offers structured, organised walking groups twice a week.

"People can talk while they walk so it's a great way to get to know others in the local area," Ms Fletcher said.

Walks are scheduled on Wednesday at 5.30pm and Fridays 12.30pm. The group meets at YMCA Docklands, Level 4, 100 Harbour Esplanade.

To find out more call 86159622 or turn up 10 minutes prior to the start time.

Dodo warning for Docklands

The newly-formed Defenders of Docklands are meeting on December 15 to plan a campaign against the planned low rail bridge in front of the Bolte Bridge.

The Port of Melbourne Corporation is planning a rail link between Webb and Dynon docks but it is feared the proposal will "choke" Docklands' water traffic.

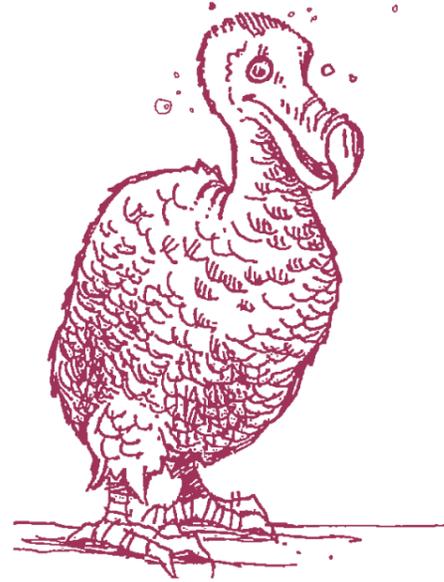
Evoking the analogy of the dodo, the group is warning of extinction unless the Port of Melbourne can be convinced to use a tunnel instead.

Campaign organiser Michael Lindell says the meeting at Nina's under the Southern Observation Wheel in Harbour Town was to discuss the campaign in a social setting.

"I'm using the terms 'finger food, wine and collusion' to let people know that it is primarily meant to be a social get together," Mr Lindell said.

The event kicks off at 5pm.

A spokesperson for the Port of Melbourne Corporation said the matter remained with the State Government and nothing had changed.



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Marina Notes

by Allan Cayzer, Manager Marina YE



Dirty Dottie does Docklands



Marina YE at Yarra's Edge recently played host to Mark Snyder and Dorothy Maggi and their 12.5 metre yacht "Dirty Dottie" from Miami, Florida.

In March, 1998 Mark and Dorothy sold all of their worldly possessions and set sail on their adventure. They cruised the coasts between Florida and Texas for two years, then crossed the Gulf of Mexico, sailing to Mexico, Belize, Honduras and Panama.

They transited the Panama Canal and sailed under the Bridge of the Americas into the Pacific Ocean in January, 2001. From there they sailed the "Coconut Milk Run". That took them to the Galapagos Islands, the Marqueses, the Tuamotus, the Societes, the Cooks, Nuie, Tonga, and then to New Zealand. Leaving from Opuia, NZ, they sailed north to Fiji, then Tuvalu, Kiribati and up the eastern chain of the Marshal Islands.

Returning, they sailed south down the western chain of the Marshals to Vanuatu,

then New Caledonia, and arrived in Bundaberg, Australia with the "Port to Port Rally". They then cruised down the east coast of Australia to Tasmania, where they spent two years circumnavigating Tasmania which Dorothy lists as one of their cruising highpoints.

In their 10 years of cruising they have traveled over 20,000 nautical miles and dropped anchor in the waters of 19 different countries. They swam with humpback whales, sat on the rim of a fiery volcano, danced with restless natives and waited out gales in a mid-ocean reef.

They have seen the "green flash", and enjoyed sun-downers with people from all over the world and from all walks of life. As well they saw a pirate or two and, occasionally, like all sailors, they talked about when they had the wind at their backs.

They sailed into Port Phillip in mid-September to enjoy the big city life for a while and chose Marina YE because it

was so close to Melbourne's city centre and is an easy walk to pick up the free City Circle trams.

In all of their travels Dorothy said: "Marina YE was the only marina they had ever seen, or heard of, that supplied its guests with daily towels and launders them for you to boot."

While here they attended live theatre, dined in many of the different ethnic restaurants and visited as many of the museums, markets, and exhibitions as possible.

They were constantly amazed at the display of public art and the wonderful diversity of the architecture. Dorothy maintained that every person they encountered in Melbourne had been friendly and helpful. Oh, and she did mention shopping.

The crew of Dirty Dottie loved their time with us and thanked Melbourne for extending such a warm welcome.

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Merry Christmas Docklands



By Guy Mason
Docklands Church Minister

Love it or hate it, Christmas is here! For me it's an exciting season that we get to take time out to enjoy friends and family, eat hot lunches in 35 degree heat, kick the footy around and celebrate the great things that God gives us.

It's also a great time to be out and about and connecting with the local community. At Docklands Church we are working to help people do just that.

We are teaming up with the City of Melbourne, Lend Lease, the Community Choir and a host of special guests (Tripod and the cast from Billy Elliot, to name a few) for the inaugural Docklands Christmas Carols. It's on at Victoria Green on Thursday, December 11.

Money raised will go towards the work of the Starlight Foundation. So bring a few dollars, a rug, a friend or two and join us.

Also, to help the community get into the Christmas spirit, Docklands Church will be hosting two very special Christmas services at James Squire Brewhouse, Waterfront City - 10.30am and 6pm on Sunday, December 20.

Our services include music, a Christmas message, a time to meet others from our community, and lots more. It would be great to see you and your family there to celebrate this special time of the year. For more info you can visit www.docklandschurch.org.au May you all have a great Christmas.



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New businesses in Docklands

Docklands-based businesses wishing to be profiled in this section should email: news@docklandsnews.com.au



Move over Renzo, it's Nina's turn.

Docklands has had the popular Renzo's Bar for a few years. And now it's time to meet the "better half", Nina's which has just opened under the Wheel at Harbour Town.

Nina is the name close family call Anna Mammolito. So when it came to naming the new business, someone said: "Why not call it Nina's?"

After all, the family's first business in Armadale was Renzi's and then they had Renzo's Bar. So the Nina connection was obvious.

The new business is a rosticceria, which roughly translates as gourmet fast food.

Anna explained: "It's real food. Done properly. Done with care."

After eight years home with kids, Anna is looking forward to taking a lead role in the new venture.

"I love to cook. I will have a big say in what gets cooked and how it gets made," she said.

For Renzo, Nina's is the realisation of an ambition he has harboured since he started his career at 14.

With everything made on the premises, patrons can expect to be treated to pastas, pizza, panini, salads, gelato and more.

Unlike Renzo's, there will be no table service. But with two experienced pasta chefs Pino and Armando, diners can look forward to the same quality they have become accustomed to at the NewQuay branch of the Mammolito business.

Nina's is at 10 Star Circus, Harbour Town.
Ph: 9670 7172.

Anthony changes his tune

Entertainer Anthony Jaye turned his hand to hospitality when he opened Vabene Pizzeria on Central Pier on December 2.

Mr Jaye, 37, says he has been involved with so many venues over the years that he has picked up an enormous amount of knowledge.

This has resulted in Vabene with its communal principles and European feel.

He says the pizzas are thin based, flavoursome and authentic to the origin of the Italian art form.

Diners are encouraged to sit with strangers along 4.8 metre benches. The kitchen is exposed and vibe is open and transparent.

"In the Italian tradition, the table is communal and all are welcome in the kitchen," he said.

He is hoping Docklands corporates will order in and that Docklands residents will become accustomed to the fine cheeses, cured Mediterranean meats and other treats which he describes as "casalingua".

Vabene will have a lunch menu, a dinner menu and an after-11 pm supper menu to catch Central Pier patrons as they make their way home.

Head chef Marisa Travain comes with a reputation forged at St Kilda's Mr Wolf.

"She lives and breathes Italian food," Mr Jaye said. "I'm looking forward to a rush of kitchen energy when we get going."



Costco is underway

Construction started on the new Costco retail outlet at Waterfront City on November 19.

Costco Managing Director, Patrick Noone, and ING Real Estate CEO, Greg Boyd, turned the first sods in a ceremony for the cameras.

Scheduled to open to the public in third quarter 2009, more than 200 local employment opportunities are expected to be generated as a result of the 14,000 square metre Docklands store opening.

Mr Boyd confirmed that Hansen Yucken had been awarded the building contract and that over 100 jobs were expected to be generated following the start of construction.

"ING Real Estate is pleased to announce another important milestone for Waterfront City. Costco will be another anchor for the growing retail and entertainment precinct which also features Harbour Town shopping centre and Melbourne's new giant observation wheel, the Southern Star," Mr Boyd said.

Costco is a wholesale warehouse membership club that carries quality, brand name merchandise at substantially lower prices than typically found at conventional wholesale or retail stores.

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FACES OF DOCKLANDS




Ben James, 24
Butchers Grill, Head Chef

The Waterfront City restaurant is Ben's first job since arriving from Perth last month.

He says Docklands is a fantastic concept and has the capacity to become the dining capital of Victoria.



Eri Kikukawa, 30, and Max
Resident of NewQuay

After 18 months in Docklands Eri returns to Japan this month. She's loved Docklands – in particular shopping and the views.



Jackie Korhonen
Infosys Australia, CEO

Jackie takes over from Gary Ebeyan on December 15 after 23 years of IT industry experience – most recently as vice president of managed business process services for IBM Australia and New Zealand.



James Walker, 27
Principal Physiotherapist,
Back-in-Motion

James has only worked in Docklands for two months. He's excited by its potential for growth.



Harry Nguyen, 35,
Northwind Group,
Quantity Surveyor

Harry hopes to play a larger role in the future development of Docklands.

Based at Aquavista Tower he has seen the precinct grow and is upbeat about its future.



Heidi Sparks, 30
Metro Real Estate,
Property Manager

Heidi has been working at Docklands for nearly four years and has been watching it evolve.

She says the local residents, business owners and employees are so friendly it makes it a great community to be a part of.



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Docklands Community Calendar

Date and time	Event	Venue and location	Description & contact details
Every day	Circus Sunrise	Harbour Town	A family circus under the Southern Star Observation Wheel
6.30pm every Monday, until Xmas and then every Tuesday from Feb 6	Trivia Night	BCM, Waterfront City	Form a team and join the fun. Prizes and glory on offer.
First Wednesday of the month	Docklands Dinner Book Group	The Hub, 17 Waterview Walk	Sample a variety of restaurants in Docklands whilst discussing books with like-minded people. Contact CAE Book Groups at 9652 0620 or email bookgroups@cae.edu.au
First Wednesday of the month	Residents night	Alumbra, Central Pier	RSVP is essential. Please contact Mia via email on mia@alumbra.com.au or phone 8623 9669
Every Wednesday at 5.30pm	Community Walk	YMCA Docklands, Level 4, 100 Harbour Esplanade	In conjunction with the Heart Foundation, a great opportunity to meet new people, walk and talk.
Every Friday at 12.30pm	Community Walk	YMCA Docklands, Level 4, 100 Harbour Esplanade	In conjunction with the Heart Foundation, a great opportunity to meet new people, walk and talk.
Every Sunday, 10am – 4pm	Collector's Sunday Market	Waterfront City Docklands Drive	Discover treasures from the depths of some of Melbourne finest antique and pre-loved specialists, including art, jewellery, retro clothing, vintage books and car boot sales.
Every Sunday, 5pm	Salsa Dancing	Yarra's Edge Bar / Café	Free. Bring the family, the kids, the dog! All welcome.
Second and fourth Wednesdays of the month, 10.30am to 11.45 am	Drop-In café	The Hub, 17 Waterview Walk	Hosted by the Docklands Church. All welcome.
Second and fourth Sundays of the month, 11am to 3.30pm	Try Sailing	Docklands Yacht Club, Shed 2 North Wharf Rd	Try dinghy sailing on the magnificent Victoria Harbour
Wednesday, December 10	RMIT graduation	Telstra Dome	RMIT University graduation ceremony
Thursday, December 11	Community Carols	Victoria Green, Victoria Harbour	The Docklands Community Choir invites all residents to participate in a festive night of carol singing.
December 14	Toy Run	Waterfront City	The Motorcycle Riders Association Toy Run
Boxing Day, December 26 3pm – 1am	Dimitri From Paris: Return To The Playboy Mansion	Peninsula, Shed 14, Central Pier	Peninsula has never before been used for a dance event and will be transformed into a Playboy wonderland. Tickets – \$120. Presale \$60 from Alumbra during office hours.
New Years Eve 9.15pm and midnight	Fireworks	Victoria Harbour Promenade and Waterfront City	The first display will burst into the sky at the family-friendly time of 9.15pm. At midnight the city will erupt in a second, spectacular display as we say g'day to 2009.
New Years Eve	Sensation	Telstra Dome	The world's biggest dance party comes to Docklands.
January 2 – February 24, 2009	Summer Fun in the City	Various Docklands venues	For more information including a full program of events visit thatmelbourne.com.au
Friday, January 9 and Saturday, January 10, 2009. Four lessons daily at 9.30am, 11am, 1pm and 2.30pm	Ready, Set, Sail	Victoria Harbour Promenade, between Corporation Road & Shed 4	Suitable for adults and children aged five years and older. Participants aged five to 18 years must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Part of Summer Fun in the City. Bookings are essential. Call the City of Melbourne: 9658 9658 .
Monday, January 12 to Sunday, February 1, 2009	Mr Sandman – Sand Sculpture	Waterfront City Piazza	Award winning international artists have sculpted 20 tonnes of sand into an extraordinary and eye-catching sand installation. Part of Summer Fun in the City.
Wednesday, January 14 and Thursday, January 15. Four workshops daily at 10.30am, 11.15am, noon and 12.45pm	Mr Sandman – Sand Sculpture Workshops	Waterfront City Piazza	Alongside the Mr Sandman sculpture, come play and create your own sand carvings at hands-on workshops. Workshops run for 30 minutes. Part of Summer Fun in the City.
Thursday, January 15, 2009 Three sessions.	Celebrating Nature	The Hub, 17 Waterview Walk	Various activities for children aged 6 - 10 years. All children will take home a completed activity from each session attended. Bookings essential on 8622 4822 .
Saturday January 17, 2009 4.30pm – 5.30 pm	Martial Funk	Waterfront City Piazza	From kung fu and tai chi to hip hop funk, Martial Funk incorporates Asian culture of the past and present through martial arts and dance.
January 19, 20, 21, 22 and 23, 2009 10am to 2pm	Paint Our World	The Hub, 17 Waterview Walk	Starting from a simple drawn circle, your child will be encouraged to paint a face that reflects their world. Suitable for children five to 12 years. Part of Summer Fun in the City.
January 21-22, 2009	Skandia Docklands Invitational	Waterfront City	A prelude to the main Skandia Geelong Week. The winners takes all in a revamped King of Docklands event.
January 24-26, 2009	2009 Rockstar Energy Drink BMX Games	Central Pier and Waterfront City	Organised by Freestyle BMX Australia
January 30 – February 1, 2009	Melbourne International Boat and Lifestyle Show	NewQuay and Waterfront City	\$100m worth of boats on display along the length of the promenade. Gourmet food and wine to match.
Saturday January 31, 2009 4.30pm – 5.30 pm	Martial Funk	Waterfront City Piazza	From kung fu and tai chi to hip hop funk, Martial Funk incorporates Asian culture of the past and present through martial arts and dance.
February 2, 3, 4 and 5, 2009 Four workshops - 10am, 10.45am, 11.30am and 12.15pm	Mini Music Making	The Hub, 17 Waterview Walk	Mini Music Making is a fun way for you and your child to develop confidence through music. Bookings are essential. Call the City of Melbourne: 9658 9658 .

It's show time

If you feel like running away and joining the circus, head for the Wheel at Harbour Town.

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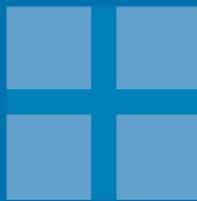
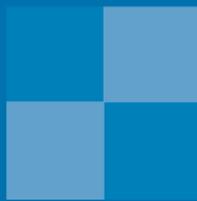
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Yacht club says thanks

Docklands Yacht Club rear commodore Terry O'Donnell has thanked the community members who participated in the recent "Go Sailing Day".

"On behalf of Docklands Yacht Club, may I say thank you to the several members of Docklands Community who visited us on November 9, as we participated for the first time in Yachting Victoria's Go Sailing Day Campaign," Mr O'Donnell said.

"Lots of people shared a very pleasant sail with us on the spectacular Victoria Harbour," he said.

Mr O'Donnell said the club played the day "a little low-key" to ensure it could safely cater for visitors.

"But as we continue to grow in memberships, volunteers, club fleet and privately-owned boats, we expect to be ready to carry out a very large-scale, heavily-sponsored open day for Go Sailing Day in November, 2009," he said.

Dragon Boats to roar

On December 7 Docklands will come alive to the banging of drums and splashing of paddles as the Docklands Dragon Boat Cup springs to life.

Racing will commence from 9am and the boats, complete with dragon heads and tails will be paddled by 20 paddlers, 10 each side with a sweep standing at the stern steering and a drummer in the bow beating time for the crew.



The "coolest boat in the world" Earthrace is coming to Docklands in January.

Boat show is back

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The event has grown from strength to strength and this summer's show promises to be the biggest and best ever with a large and varied range of exhibitors and over \$100 million worth of boats on the water.

Some of the most luxurious boats in the country will be on display with companies such as Maritimo, Riviera and Princess represented – not to mention the always-stunning display from European-bred Sunseeker.

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