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Docklander Stephanie Davey gets a helping hand before setting off to the Cheerleading World Championship.

Three cheers for Stephanie

By Kathryn Lewis

Docklands local of three years, Stephanie Davey, represented the country at her fourth Cheerleading World Championship in Florida at the end of last month.

Alongside her team, Melbourne Cheer Academy Phoenix was progressing well as *Docklands News* went to press.

Stephanie reported from the USA on April 30: "Currently sitting in sixth out of over 80 teams at Cheer Worlds as Phoenix from Melbourne Cheer Academy and head into finals tomorrow."

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Landlords shun short-stay rentals

By Shane Scanlan

What legislation and the courts couldn't do, market forces are now starting to turn the tables on short-stay apartments in Docklands.

While some real estate agents are reluctant to declare a definite trend, one agency says it returned 16 apartments to the long-term market in the last month.

Lina D'Ambrosio of City Residential said many landlords are now yielding more from long-term rentals, but only if they let their properties fully-furnished.

She said 55 per cent of all her long-term rentals were now offered furnished, often with utilities and other services bundled into the price.

"We've let 16 former short-term apartments in the last month," she said. "But this has been going on for a while now."

Lucas Real Estate property manager Dylan Emmett said he'd had a few landlords say they were sick of short-term, but there were not enough of them to constitute a trend.

"Some are happy to get a little bit less and not have to worry about it anymore," he said. "It's clear that the long-term market is as good as it's ever been."

NewQuay landlord Elena Tsapatolis said she recently returned two furnished apartments to the long-term market because the bottom had fallen out of the short-term industry.

She said, at its peak, one of her apartments was returning \$4000 per month, but had recently dropped to only \$1500. But, she said, the apartment was now bringing in \$3500 per month by being rented fully

furnished on the long-term market.

She said long-term renters had greater respect for the apartment itself and, more tellingly, for the local community.

Ms Tsapatolis said an over-supply of short-term rentals in recent years had led to a price war, which had now made long-term rental more attractive.

Barry Plant associate director Steven Heaven said low occupancy rates was at the heart of the move for landlords to return rentals to the long-term market.

He said short-stays in the past were occupied 95 per cent of the time, but this figure had recently fallen to 30 per cent.

He said one landlord recently returning his property to long-term renting reported just 10 per cent occupancy.

Mr Heaven said Barry Plant had recently regained the "handful" of apartments it had lost in the past to short-term rentals.

Ms D'Ambrosio said the demand for long-term furnished apartments was enormous, with many being snapped up before they were even advertised.

"If I was buying a new apartment, I would furnish it and rent it out long-term," she said.

She said an apartment which would yield \$875-\$900 per week unfurnished, would return \$1250 per week if it was furnished.

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She said online booking agencies were now taking massive commissions from short-term landlords, making many of them question their approach.

“When you throw in the other costs like cleaning, they are better off renting to people who want to stay longer,” she said.

Short-stay operator Paul Salter acknowledged the issues facing the sector, but said the market would “correct” again in the future.

“All markets are driven by supply and demand, there is simply an over-supply of short-term properties at the moment and, like all markets, it will correct itself,” Mr Salter said. “Those who offer poor quality and poor service will not survive.”

“Some consumers are still a little naive

and not reading the property’s reviews. The best guide to see what you are getting for your money, is previous guest experiences.”

“Some of the online travel agencies are letting anyone who thinks they can run short-stay, put their property online, with little or no checks, hence the over-supply and the low prices, which is good for the consumer, provided they are checking reviews.”

“My tip for the consumer is, if the operator is not a member of the Victorian Accommodation Industry Association (VicAIA), don’t book it. If you do, good luck if the sheets have been changed!”

“Consumers learn quickly, and only those operators who are prepared to follow a code of conduct and agree to deliver at a high standard, will survive.”



The April Social Club evening was held at Platform 28.

May Social Club

The next Docklands Social Club night out is on Wednesday, May 9 from 7pm at Berth Restaurant, 45 New Quay Promenade.

Some 14 people attended the April function at Platform 28 in Batman’s Hill.

One of the organisers told *Docklands News*: “It’s clear that we have a great community here in Docklands with lots of like minded people coming along”



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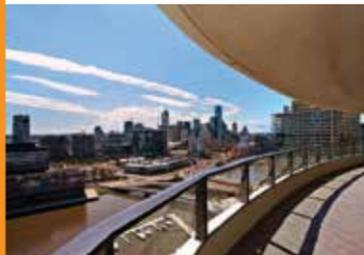


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Candidates grilled on local issues

Docklanders had a chance to assess 11 lord mayoral candidates' knowledge of local issues at the Community Boating Hub on April 30.

The evening was hosted by the Docklands Chamber of Commerce and was well attended by local residents and business people.

Candidate Sally Warhaft commented that the Docklands crowd was the biggest of the various candidates nights held around the municipality.

The Docklands night was also different in that, questions were submitted via a smart phone app, with the most popular questions being asked first.

Another unique characteristic of the night was a 15-second time response for questions asked of all participants. As every question was generally addressed, the Q&A section of the night turned into a "speed answering" session, which put the lord mayoral hopefuls under particular pressure.

Below is a summary of what candidates said specifically about local Docklands issues in their opening three-minute speeches.

Sally Capp

Ms Capp acknowledged that short-stay apartments were an issue. "I am seeking, together with you, reform to legislation to make sure that we rebalance the governance to make sure that Airbnb owners and operators to make sure that residents' concerns are dealt with," she said.

Rohan Leppert

Cr Leppert said he had been working on behalf of Docklanders during his nine years as a councillor.

"A good example is the Harbour Esplanade masterplan where, rather than letting Development Victoria crash through and



The candidates night on April 30 was well-attended.

put all the heritage sheds straight back on the waterfront and blocking everyone's views, requiring that they undergo more consultation so we can get right what we got wrong in the first place," he said.

"The Docklands is the most extraordinary community and it has grown faster than any other part of the municipality over the last few years. In 2017 alone, it grew by 14.7 per cent - more than the CBD - and that's just residents."

"There should be a special focus on Docklands by the council because there are particular challenges facing the fastest growing part of our municipality."

Cr Leppert said change needed to be made at the state government level to ensure that Harbour Esplanade was properly developed.

He also said flammable cladding reform was needed. "Changes to building laws (are needed) so that issues with cladding can be dealt with fairly and very, very quickly - rather than what we have seen with the Lacrosse situation" he said.

On the short-stay issue, he said "accommodation" needed to be defined in planning law. "Short-stays have a higher impact on the wear and tear on our buildings. Without those definitions, you can't start to properly regulate for new apartments that are going to be built in this area," he said. "And owners' corporation laws

as well. The current laws are not fair for all."

On the Yarra's Edge tram bridge issue, he said: "I have great issues with the way it has been planned. We need to ensure that all planning for Fishermans Bend is transparent and that people can see the feasibility of various options and not just take it on trust that the announcement that has been made is the best outcome."

Ken Ong

Mr Ong commented that all Docklands' precincts were different but "somehow all the same" because they all comprised businesses and residents.

On short-stays, he said: "My belief is that we have to get the state government to change the OC rules to get short-term operators registered and get them to contribute more into the maintenance sink funds because their customers cause quite a lot of damage."

He said he didn't think the proposed Yarra's Edge tram bridge was a workable solution.

"I think we need to look at a different solution and I am working with groups over there to try to find a solution, which includes a submerged approach," he said.

Sally Warhaft

Ms Warhaft advocated reverting to a subdivided municipality whereby Docklands

would elect its own ward councillor.

She also said the \$250 million budgeted for Queen Victoria Market renewal could be better spent in Docklands.

Allan Watson

Candidate Alan Watson said: "Coming down here, I feel like a little kid looking at Disneyland. It's just absolutely fabulous."

Katie Sfetkidis

Ms Sfetkidis said she was part of the "Renew" project in Docklands as an artist. The project ran between 2013 and 2016.

"Docklands was part of the Renew project which, unfortunately, is no more," she said.

"Projects like these attract people and bring back communities. And I want to bring this back to Docklands."

Renew actually returned to Docklands in 2017 and is operational at The District Docklands shopping centre.

Ms Sfetkidis said she wanted creative spaces to be made permanent.

On short-stays she said a way needed to be found "to regulate the balance of interests in high density areas".

She said regulation was needed to ensure that residents felt like their buildings were their homes.

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Good behaviour bond for Richard Foster

By Shane Scanlan

Former Melbourne councillor Richard Foster has received a good behaviour bond for his role in Brooke Wandin's unlawful candidate nomination in the 2016 council elections.

This is despite organising her enrolment at his Kensington home address and later "dobbing" her in to the Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC) as well as initially denying involvement to the Local Government Investigations and Compliance Inspectorate.

Magistrate Graeme Keil told Mr Foster he considered the matter a serious offence which meddled with the fabric of our democracy. He said democratic freedoms were hard to gain, but easy to lose.

He told Mr Foster he was "otherwise a good man" who was motivated to assist less fortunate members of society.

Mr Foster's lawyer James Catlin claimed it was reasonable for Mr Foster to deny the charge until he had seen Ms Wandin's witness statement, which was only provided to him in mid-2017.

Mr Catlin portrayed his client as an

accomplice of Ms Wandin and, he said, as a matter of parity, should also receive a diversion or, failing that, a bond.

But prosecutor Elizabeth Ruddle disputed this based on Mr Foster's "post-offence" conduct. She pointed out that Ms Wandin had been co-operative from the beginning, whereas Mr Foster had made no admissions and had offered "false denials".

Ms Ruddle said Mr Foster had "dobbed in" Ms Wandin and later claimed he had no idea how it all happened.

She said that, given the lateness of his guilty plea, there was no evidence or indication of any remorse from Mr Foster.

Mr Catlin told Magistrate Keil his client had not gained from the incident. But Ms Ruddle pointed out that it was Mr Foster's intention to gain political advantage from the matter.

Court documents show that Mr Foster fell out with Ms Wandin and her running mate Nicolas Frances Gilley after they both incorrectly enrolled in the councillor election rather than the lord mayoral contest as agreed.

They were supposed to run for the positions of lord mayor and deputy to funnel votes through to Mr Foster in the councillor contest.

Mr Foster failed to be re-elected to the council, but in a surprise result, Ms Wandin was elected to the council.

Following Mr Foster's complaint to the VEC,



Richard Foster on the campaign trail in 2016.

Ms Wandin was disqualified and, after a series of court cases, Mr Frances Gilley was declared elected.

Mr Catlin told the court Mr Foster has already suffered reputational damage from press reports of electoral fraud. He said Mr Foster's political career was over as a result.

He said Mr Foster was trying to reestablish himself as a private education provider and a conviction would prevent this as his client needed to be "a fit and proper person". He said a conviction would be a "crushing blow" and that his client had "real regret" and was "saddened and embarrassed" by his actions.

Mr Catlin said Mr Foster was trying to help Ms Wandin and his conduct was "of a lesser nature than that of Ms Wandin".

Mr Keil asked Mr Catlin: "Why did they do what they did?" He replied: "It was either a massive brain fade or an incandescent act of stupidity."

The court heard current councillor Jackie Watts had provided a reference for Mr Foster.

Ms Ruddle applied for legal costs from Mr Foster. She said at least \$20,000 had been accrued in prosecuting Mr Foster and about \$33,000 had been spent if the cost of also dealing with Ms Wandin was taken into account.

In answer to a question from Mr Keil, she said a further \$15,000 in internal staff time had been spent on the case.

Mr Catlin objected, saying the prosecution had incurred unnecessary costs, such as potentially \$6000 or \$7000 on a handwriting expert, when Mr Foster had actually admitted filling out his address on the nomination form which Ms Wandin had signed. He said Mr Foster had admitted: "It looks like my handwriting".

Ms Ruddle said the consultant expert was necessary because Mr Foster had flatly denied involvement, saying: "No I didn't fill out anything on Brooke's form."

Costs were awarded against Mr Foster, with the final amount to be negotiated between the parties.

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Firelight was a huge hit in Docklands last winter.

Bigger, better Firelight this year

Firelight will expand to include Victoria Harbour for its second year, after a review of last year's festival overachieved in NewQuay.

The expansion of the winter event also includes merging the Winter Glow festival into Firelight, which will run from June 29 to July 1, and will close Harbour Esplanade to traffic.

Over three nights in 2017 Firelight saw 30,000 pedestrian visitors. The footprint has been tripled to cater for an expected increase this year.

Firelight will have an orange colour theme this year, and will continue to focus on winter solstice traditions and celebrations.

It's not yet known exactly how the closing of Harbour Esplanade will work - when it will be closed or from which points.

Questions were raised at the Docklands Chamber of Commerce meeting on April 11 - when the expansions were announced - about the Harbour Esplanade closure citing apparent transport difficulties that arose from the street closure on New Year's Eve.

City of Melbourne couldn't answer questions from *Docklands News* regarding this issue, but said more information would be released next month.

State funds AFL for Etihad Stadium redevelopment

By Shane Scanlan

The AFL has been awarded state funding to redevelop Etihad Stadium as part of a half-a-billion-dollar deal to keep the grand final in Melbourne until 2057.

The league has been given \$225 million specifically to redevelop Etihad Stadium and its Harbour Esplanade headquarters.

Details of the deal are sketchy, with the most information coming from Channel 9 *Footy Show* host and Collingwood Football Club president Eddie McGuire on April 12.

Speaking about the \$225 million, Mr McGuire said: "Included in that is a new precinct. They're going to knock down where AFL House is and the Channel Seven area out the front there."

"In a joint venture between the AFL and the state government, (it) will go into building a seven-star hotel where the Brownlow Medal and other major events will be held."

"And out over the road there to the waterfront at the other end of the ground."

"On the northern side, there may even be another development there of a Festival Hall-style building. So this has become concert venue."

"It's (the stadium) going to be great for soccer, because they're going to fix up the rectangular area of it, rugby union and rugby league and a major events hub for the AFL."

Mr McGuire said the credit for the deal belonged to Premier Daniel Andrews, ALF chief executive, Gill McLachlan, and Melbourne Cricket Club president Steven Smith.

He added: "They're going to knock over AFL House. AFL House is going to move around the corner, over the fence here (Docklands Studios, where the show is produced), on the waterfront in a deal which gives them 1500sqm of waterfront, plus the sports grounds there at Ron Barassi Snr oval and they'll be able to go a lot of things there for a 40 year lease for \$1 per year."

"It's because it's part of a joint venture with the front of the land that the AFL is to give up



An artist's render of what the eastern side of the stadium might look like in the future.

the state government to build a whole new facility."

The area Mr McGuire referred to is the narrow strip of land on the water-side of Ron Barassi Snr Park at NewQuay West.

AFL national venues manager Simon Gorr told *Docklands News* that, despite Mr McGuire's "scoop", much of the detail was yet to be worked out.

He said Channel 7's building was not part of the AFL House redevelopment and it was also still to be determined whether the league's headquarters would be relocated within Docklands or not.

He said, the AFL was definitely not intending to build anything over Harbour Esplanade.

"The City of Melbourne and Development Victoria have made it clear that they are not interested in that," he said.

He said Harbour Esplanade itself was not a major consideration, but said it would be remiss of both the league and the planning authorities if they did not carefully consider the impacts of their ambitions for both sides of the road.

Mr Gorr said a project control group, comprising AFL and state government

representatives, had been established to drive the project.

He said the redevelopment would be staged to allow ongoing use of the stadium and the league aimed to have the first, yet to be defined, outcomes between 18 months and three years from now.

The state government refused to reveal any details of the deal or what rights the AFL might have over Ron Barassi Snr Park.

A government spokesperson said: "The Andrews Labor Government is redeveloping sporting precincts throughout Victoria, including at Docklands, to keep the best events here."

"The transformation of Etihad Stadium into a world-class sports and entertainment destination will provide an impetus to realise the potential of Harbour Esplanade and Melbourne's waterfront."

"It will create opportunities to bring people to the stadium and the waterfront and create better links between the CBD and Southern Cross station."

"This is an exciting long-term project and we look forward to working with all stakeholders and the community."



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Claims of ill-health protect Doyle

By Shane Scanlan

By claiming ill-health, Robert Doyle looks like walking away from allegations of sexual assault and misconduct with a damaged reputation, but with no formal legal finding against him.

The specific condition of the former lord mayor's health has not been publicly revealed, but in April a Melbourne Health investigation by Charles Scerri QC was called off because Mr Doyle's health prevented him from responding.

After allegations surfaced in December, Robert Doyle resigned his position as lord mayor. He also resigned as chairman of Melbourne Health around the same time.

In a statement about Mr Scerri's "final report", Melbourne Health said:

- "Mr Scerri has no reason to doubt, and at present does not doubt, the veracity of the complainant;
- However, because of ill health, Mr Doyle has been unable to respond to the allegations; and
- In the absence of any response from Mr Doyle, Mr Scerri is not able to reach, and has not reached, any conclusions about the allegations."

But Mr Doyle's lawyer, Nick Ruskin, says his client was not sent details of the allegations.

"The investigation did not progress due to our client's ill health. It did not progress to a

stage where he was forwarded any material by the investigator," Mr Ruskin said.

Mr Ruskin did not reply to *Docklands News's* further questions about what is actually wrong with Mr Doyle.

"Is he terminally ill? If not, why wouldn't the investigators just wait until he was well again?" *Docklands News* asked.

Docklands News asked Mr Scerri: "Did you decide alone to discontinue the investigation? Or were you instructed by Melbourne Health (or someone in government) to terminate the inquiry?"

He replied: "It would not be appropriate for me to comment."

A spokesperson for Health Minister Jill Hennessy would not make any on the record comments.

Mr Doyle's claims of ill-health have also prevented a City of Melbourne inquiry by Dr Ian Freckelton QC from being concluded.

In March, council CEO Ben Rimmer released a summary of a report from Dr Freckelton in which he made four adverse findings against Mr Doyle.

Mr Rimmer appears to have little appetite

to further pursue Mr Doyle to answer outstanding allegations from a so-called "third victim".

The "third victim" is the woman Mr Doyle allegedly assaulted at a Melbourne Health awards presentation evening. Messrs Scerri and Freckelton were seeking Mr Doyle's response over the same incident.

The woman Tweeted on April 26: "We can all thank MCC and Melbourne Health for setting a new precedent and a way of avoidance for perpetrators. Malka Leifer and Doyle shielded by mental illness. Where is the justice?"

She also wrote: "Acting CEO Ruth Vine and CEO Christine Kilpatrick of Melbourne Health heard of Robert Doyle's inappropriate behaviour in Dec 2017 and did nothing other than suggest it is in best interests to remain silent. Charles Scerri finds Melb Health of no wrongdoing. How is this fair?"

A spokesperson for the Department of Health and Human Services said:

"We received advice from his legal advisors that Mr Doyle should not participate in the investigation nor read related materials."

"Mr Doyle was written to five times and in each instance his lawyer stated that Mr

Doyle was unable to participate."

"Mr Doyle's lawyers never sought an extension of time to allow Mr Doyle to participate in the investigation."

"We would be pleased to offer Mr Doyle the further opportunity to attend an interview with Mr Scerri QC and respond to the allegations (a copy of which Mr Doyle has previously received)."

"If Mr Doyle becomes available for an interview, Mr Scerri QC will recommence the investigation."

The spokesperson on April 27 amended this final paragraph to read "When Mr Doyle ..."

In a letter to the secretary of the Department of Human Services, Mr Scerri said others had complaints against Mr Doyle but did not come forward.

He said: "The complainant was very concerned to maintain her anonymity, except to the extent necessary to permit Mr Doyle to respond to the allegations."

"There were two aspects to this. First, the complainant and her husband were concerned that if she made a complaint against the chair, her husband's career at Melbourne Health would be adversely affected."

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Docklands' solar future

By Emma Doherty

The future of Docklands could be solar according to the Australian PV Institute (APVI).

Following the release of satellite technology, APVI's Solar Potential Tool (SunSPoT) estimates the probability of a site's electricity to be generated by solar photovoltaic (PV) cells.

The live system receives up-to-date data from various sources, detailing the environmental impact and potential financial savings of converting to solar.

The implementation of the tool follows a push from the City of Melbourne to encourage residents, businesses and developers to invest in renewable energy.

The APVI report estimates that in Docklands, solar PV panels could produce up to 35.5MW annually and supply 42.1GWh of power to residents.

"The purpose of the tool is to really give people who are not deeply technical or don't have a lot of experience with solar the opportunity to play with it. It also helps them to understand the language around solar," said Dr Renate Egan, chair of the APVI.

Funding for Docklands Primary School

Stage one of the new Docklands Primary School has been funded in this month's state budget.

The government has announced \$18.8 million for the school but it is not known how much of the school is funded, when construction will start or when the school will open.

Following the government's funding announcement, *Docklands News* on April 26 asked these questions of the Education Department but had not received answers by the time we went to press on May 1.

The government has allocated \$353.2 million to build and plan for 28 new schools.

The Budget includes \$3.8 million to start detailed master planning on the new Fishermans Bend Secondary School and \$2.15 million to plan for the new North Melbourne Hill Primary School.

It says inner city families have peace of mind that they will be able to access a great local school, close to home.

Docklands resident Janine Standfield, who campaigned with others for the primary



school, said she was delighted with the funding announcement.

"It's fabulous news for the Docklands community," she said. "Docklands is going to be such an improved place in five or six years."

The Member for Northern Metropolitan Region, Jenny Mikakos, said: "We are seeing more families moving into the inner city and it's important that they have access to a great local school."

But Greens local member Ellen Sandell, while welcoming the funding announcement, called on the government to also build a high school in Docklands.

"The Docklands Primary School is a win for our community who have fought so hard for so long, but we also need more local high schools for our kids," Ms Sandell said.

"This is great news - but our kids education doesn't stop at grade six. We need more local high schools for our kids to attend. This Labor government must commit to building a high school for the Docklands community, rather than pushing them to already over-full schools in other suburbs."

"This goes to show that we can win when our community stands up together and when we have Greens MP in Parliament. I will continue working with the community to make a Docklands high school a reality."

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Gold "Porsche-un" for Niven

By Meg Hill

Kangan Institute's Niven Tsing was awarded the Automotive Gold Medallion at the Class of 2017 Graduation and Awards ceremony on April 9.

The Kangan Institute celebrated the achievements of its top students and graduates – over 180 from Broadmeadows, Moonee Ponds, Essendon, Docklands and Richmond campuses – on the night.

Mr Tsing completed a pre-apprenticeship with Kangan in Docklands last year that landed him an apprentice role at Porsche.

"I finished my pre-apprenticeship in 2016 and got work experience at Porsche through Kangan," Mr Tsing said.

"They liked what I did, and offered me a full apprenticeship. I took that on and started my 'cert three' at Kangan to go along with it."

But his infatuation with cars is a surprisingly new development.

"I was quite a late learner in driving, I didn't start to drive until four years ago," Mr Tsing said.

"Then I got my own car and was hooked. I wanted to work on my car myself but I didn't have the skills or knowledge."



Gold-medalist Niven Tsing hard at work on a Porsche automobile

It wasn't long before Niven started to think about it in terms of a career, not just a hobby.

Mr Tsing said he initially looked at Kangan's Docklands campus because it was close to his home in Southbank.

"Before I applied they gave me a tour, showed me the place and the facilities, and I really liked it."

This is how he started to get to know Docklands.

"I started to run around Docklands for exercise. I'd go over that bridge next to South

Wharf, through Docklands Park and along the harbour."

He hopes to continue working for Porsche after completing his certificate and eventually become a classic car technician.

"Classic cars are kind of hidden. They're really interesting but you have to dig into it, most people just see them as an old car," he said.

"But if you get into it there's a lot of genius mechanical inventions in there and things that work differently to modern cars."

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Forum reform: Opportunity or threat?

By Shane Scanlan

The Docklands community is being asked to grow up as the City of Melbourne winds down its involvement in the Docklands Community Forum (DCF).

The forum has been running for six years with agendas set and managed by both the council and the state's development agency, Development Victoria (DV).

The council has been providing administrative services to the forum, but this is to change over the next couple of years.

The city is seeking up to 20 locals to form the nucleus of a new forum structure. Expressions of interest are open until Monday, May 7 at participate.melbourne.vic.gov.au/dcf.

Over the rest of 2018, the new Docklands Representative Group (DRG) will collectively devise the future shape, purpose and role of the forum.

The council and DV say they will continue to "support" the forum, but it appears this will not extend to secretarial services.

Community engagement officer Melanie Del Monaco told the March 28 forum the DCF would be eligible to apply for community grants to fund its future activities.

So, while it seems the forum will not be as well supported in the future, the current reform presents a terrific opportunity to become relevant and effective.

In assessing the achievements of the forum to date, chairman Phil Spender remarked that the forum had its greatest success when advocating for a primary school in Docklands.

It's no coincidence that, since 2012, the school issue was the only time the forum has



City of Melbourne community engagement partner Mel Del Monaco explains the changes to the March 28 Docklands Community Forum. Forum chair Phil Spender contemplates the unseasonably fine weather as he looks on.

ever actually proposed, debated, voted and passed a motion.

The structure set and administered by the council and DV has been expressly passive when it came to forum participants. The conversation has been decidedly lopsided, with the community's role largely confined to listening.

Should the new DRG wish it, a reformed 2019-styled forum could structure itself to set its own agendas and formally advocate on issues of concern.

But the opportunities are not just political.

In reporting back on feedback received as part of the reform process, Ms Del Monaco said Docklanders wanted more

opportunities to meet and network with each other.

With the demise of the Docklands Community Association, a reformed DCF offers a chance to build a structure that really brings locals together.

The forum doesn't have to be a procession of Powerpoint-equipped talking heads speaking to a passive group in theatre-style presentation.

It could empower itself to run anything from a "Docklands Ball" to calling for street demonstrations to protest the dumping of extra traffic here from the West Gate Tunnel project.

In recruiting for new representative group

members, the council has said:

"We're looking for a diverse group of people with energy, passion and ideas to help further improve Docklands as a place for everyone. The Docklands Representative Group will comprise of between 12 and 20 people to help organise and lead the forum quarterly."

"Members will be required to:

- Connect to the Docklands community to share and promote the forum, as well as encourage greater and more diverse community involvement in the forum and projects arising from it;
- Act as facilitators to ensure the diverse views of the Docklands community are considered and represented in discussions and initiatives;
- Work collaboratively with members to develop a new terms of reference and ways of working for the forum;
- As appropriate, identify and undertake community-led initiatives that respond to local needs;
- Organise, run and promote quarterly Docklands Community Forum meetings with support from City of Melbourne and Development Victoria;
- Undertake roles within the meeting as required, such as chairing, minute taking and other responsibilities;
- Attend quarterly Docklands Community Forum public meetings (held on Wednesdays in 2018) and monthly meetings of the Docklands Representative Group. Times and days to be agreed with group once members appointed;
- Demonstrate respectful engagement and behaviour towards others including community members, City of Melbourne officers, Development Victoria staff and other stakeholders; and
- Act with integrity, confidentiality, diligence and care."

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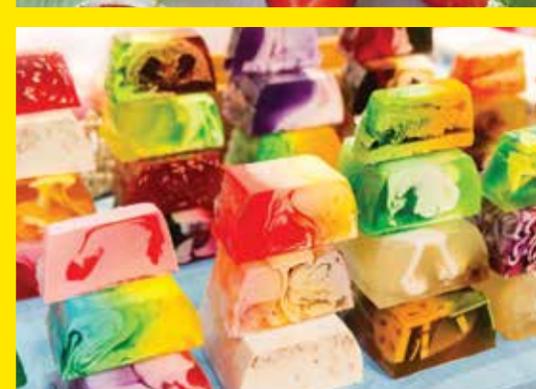


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Residents misled by City of Melbourne

The City of Melbourne has been caught out misleading residents but has justified using an incorrect statement as a use of a "standard phrase".

The matter first came to the attention of local residents when they received a letter from former lord mayor Robert Doyle about the positioning of the Good Cycles container store on Harbour Esplanade in November, 2016.

The residents were upset that the container was inappropriately placed in front of the harbour and would block water views.

Mr Doyle wrote explaining that the council wrote to "owners and occupiers of adjacent properties" and received no objections.

"We did not receive any objections or requests for relocation of the hub," Mr Doyle's letter said.

"After careful consideration of the most appropriate location of the hub by numerous departments within the City of Melbourne and Places Victoria, officers approved the proposed location and notice of the proposal was mailed to the owners and occupiers of adjacent properties," Mr Doyle wrote.

Being owners and occupiers of adjacent properties themselves, and having not



received such a letter, the residents sought clarification from the council about who had actually received the invitation to object.

"We would greatly appreciate you informing us as to who were the owners and occupiers

consulted by mail," the residents wrote to council on January 9, 2017.

It has since emerged that the only notification made was to Places Victoria (now Development Victoria) – the actual initiator of the Good Cycles container store.

In response, acting planning manager Jane Birmingham pointed out that the permit application was exempt from public notification but notification was given to Places Victoria because it owned the adjoining land.

In reply, the residents pointed out that Ms Birmingham's explanation was in contradiction to the lord mayor's words and they sought an explanation. They said:

"Either the Lord Mayor himself instructed the deliberately misleading letter dated 14/11/16 be prepared and then signed and such letter was posted to me; or

The deliberately misleading letter dated 14/11/16 was knowingly prepared by CoM staff for his signature and was duly signed and posted to me."

The residents informed the council at this point that a complaint to the Ombudsman was contemplated.

Writing back on July 11 last year, acting CEO Martin Cutter said requirement to give notice only applied to one property, 119-129 Harbour Esplanade, owned by Places Victoria.

But, the vacant land referred to is actually the site of the Good Cycles container store and not adjoining land.

"The phrase used in the letter is a standard phrase we use in this situation and the names of owners and occupiers are not usually made public for privacy reasons," Mr Cutter said.

"In using this phrase, council did not intend to mislead you but rather demonstrated that the requirements of the Melbourne Planning Scheme were met in regards to giving notice."

In September the residents wrote to the Ombudsman complaining and requesting an investigation into "deliberately misleading conduct of the Lord Mayor and/or his senior council officers."

The residents are still awaiting a written response from the Ombudsman.

The original issue was raised from residents' concerns that the authorities had scant appreciation of the value of keeping water views of Victoria Harbour open from ground level.

Residents now say the experience has led to an overwhelming negative attitude towards the council.

They say their views have now progressed from "dismissive, disappointed, disbelieving, disillusioned and disquiet, to angry and unhelpful".

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Transpire at The Dock

By Meg Hill

Myriad Collective has partnered with the Victorian AIDS Council, City of Melbourne and Library at the Dock to showcase Myriad's fifth annual IDAHOT exhibition: TRANSPIRE.

IDAHOT is the International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia.

Showing at Library at the Dock until May 5, the exhibition explores what it means to reveal oneself as trans and/or gender diverse.

The complicated and nuanced nature of visibility and "coming to light" are central to the artworks.

One such example is the work of Sunny Short (pictured) titled *Dirty Words*, and uses lighting to play on the words (dis)comfort and (don't)see me.

"It's obviously about language," Sunny told a crowd at the opening night. "I'm interested in how closely linked culture and language are and how language can form gender,



and gender can form language. It's quite personal. It's all based on my experience."

Darcy T. Gunk, a cofounder of Myriad Collective, opened the exhibition with a reminder.

"I'm especially grateful to the trans women of colour who have gone before us who have fought so hard to make it possible to be trans and gender diverse now," Darcy said.

"We all have to pay respect to those trans

women because they have been the beginnings of where we're at now, where so many of us - I'm speaking from personal experience - can walk out looking like we do and we don't get beaten up."

"I'm grateful to have been able to work with all the artists in this show and I'm really grateful to continue to be able to have the opportunity to work with trans and gender diverse artists. It's so amazing what our community can do."

Watergate claims dismissed

By Lina Le

The Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT) on April 20 struck out a series of conflict of interest allegations against the Watergate owners' corporation (OC) and associated individuals.

Lot owner Anton Sare made a number of claims against the OC, its chair Barbara Francis and its strata manager Kingston Management Group.

Mr Sare claimed conflicts of interest, alleging the parties had not disclosed their association with We Live Here Movement Ltd to lot owners, and signed a contract for the building's security service with a company owned by an employee of the OC.

"It is not inconceivable that funds from this contract that have been directed into WLHM but I do not know that. Conflict of interest is one whether it is a matter of fact or a matter of perception," Mr Sare said.

But Tribunal Member Mr Hugh Davies said: "The mere statement that people are in conflict because they belong to some other organisation, in this case, WLHM, cannot stand as we know there is nothing here that indicates what the activities of that movement are which would constitute conflict."

Another claim alleged that the OC had acted dishonestly as it did not inform all lot owners that a ballot had been extended beyond its closure date.

But a lawyer representing the respondents, Anthony Wilkinson, said: "To make the allegation of dishonesty, my understanding of the law is that he must have pleaded actual facts of the dishonest statement. That was not spelled out [in the application]."

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New home for 'Cow up a Tree' sculpture

The iconic "Cow up a Tree" artwork on Harbour Esplanade is set to move to a new home just down the road - to the plaza opposite LaTrobe St.

Development Victoria (DV) has worked with the artist, John Kelly and the sculpture's owner, the City of Melbourne, to agree the new location, and will now engage a landscape architect to design a suitable setting for the sculpture's proposed location.

DV's general manager, precincts, Simon Wilson, said there was a range of works occurring along Harbour Esplanade.

"The works and initiatives will improve this section of Harbour Esplanade; however, we do not want them to impact on *Cow up a Tree* and have sought an alternative location, in consultation with the artist and City of Melbourne," he said.

"We would rather see the sculpture relocated rather than have it go into storage while work is underway. The new location is ideal and gives the sculpture high visibility from both



Harbour Esplanade and LaTrobe St.

"This is a good outcome for everyone who loves this Melbourne icon."

City of Melbourne Acting Lord Mayor Arron Wood said *Cow up a Tree* was one of Docklands' first pieces of public art.

"*Cow up a Tree* was displayed to great acclaim in Paris but John Kelly's masterpiece has found its true home in Docklands," the Acting Lord Mayor said.

"I am pleased that DV has secured a high profile Docklands location for this iconic piece so it can continue to be enjoyed by residents, workers and visitors."

The *Cow up a Tree* artwork is an iconic eight-metre-high, five-tonne bronze sculpture by John Kelly which has become synonymous with Docklands.

It is part of DV's Docklands Art Trail, which features 26 pieces of art.

"We are proud to oversee the extensive public art program in Docklands, which is widely recognised for its contribution to the unique feel and character of the precinct," Mr Wilson said.

"The art program has delivered an extensive range of works including sculptures, such as *Cow up a Tree*, that have been integrated into the public realm and landscape of Docklands."

Development Victoria will commence procurement of a landscape architect to lead the artwork relocation process in early May.

Scribes in Esplanade shadows?

There are 19 streetlights currently not working on Harbour Esplanade between Bourke and Collins St, according to one local business owner's count.

"There are some really dark patches, most notably the corner of Collins St and Harbour Esplanade," Andrew Ward, who is managing director of the PUSH! Group, said.

"I noticed this when leaving at 8.20pm and then counted the lights this morning at five when I arrived. It's actually very dark and needs urgent attention."

Mr Ward also believes that graffiti culture is "creeping" into Docklands, citing an increase in the same area as the faulty streetlights.

"We need to be vigilant about it. It's been quite a pristine area for some time. I've noticed in the last month it's become worse."

A City of Melbourne spokesperson said: "The City of Melbourne has not seen an increase in requests for graffiti removal for locations addressed within the (sic) Docklands."

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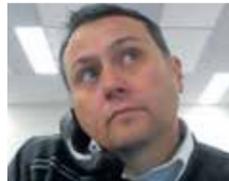
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What you consider to be the three priority issues facing the City of Melbourne?

XIE, Qun

No response received.

CAPP, Sally

Getting the basics right- such as making sure there is an efficient rubbish service, roads are maintained and rates are low;
Liveability - managing rising population and challenges that face a growing city including homelessness and balancing development; and
Congestion and transport - how we move around the city now and in the future.

DOWNING, Luke

Corruption affecting living standards; Homelessness; and Victoria Markets redevelopment proposal.

LEPPERT, Rohan

Changing development rules to ensure we're building a sustainable and attractive city, not leaving a legacy of poorly designed apartments; Ensuring everyone has a roof over their head and access to services they need - more affordable housing, and better social services; and Improving council's culture and transparency. We should all work for the public interest.

WARHAFT, Sally

Addressing the culture that abetted Robert Doyle's conduct and led to a climate of impunity, intimidation, disrespect of women and stifling of debate; Saving the QVM from Doyle's misconceived development proposal. This project should be completely reviewed; and Supporting the ambitions and needs of our different communities.

MacDONALD, Alex

Queen Victoria Market redevelopment; Safety and cleanliness of our streets; and Governance and transparency of council.

Live in the City of Melbourne?

No response received.

No.

Yes.

Yes.

No.

No.

Any local government experience?

No.

No.

I am a current Melbourne City Councillor, elected in 2012.

No.

No.

Past or present political party affiliations?

No response received.

I was a member of the Liberal Party from April 2014 to August 2016

Yes, I am an ALP member.

I am the endorsed Greens candidate.

No.

No.

How much are you spending?

As I am personally fundraising for my campaign as an independent, the total amount has not yet been finalised.

Nomination fee of \$250. Anything else spent thus far has just been goodwill and patience of my partner with me being away more.

I expect we'll exceed our 2016 budget, which was about \$30,000.

I anticipate my campaign budget will be around \$10,000.

\$4000.

Where is your funding coming from?

No response received.

Family, friends and supporters. I am not accepting donations from property developers.

Left pocket, wherein my wallet resides

Small donations from individual supporters. I'm not taking any donations from developers or corporations. The median donation so far is \$100.

Individual donations and friends and family - particularly in-kind assistance.

Self-funded.

What makes a good lord mayor?

No response received.

Two things: passion and credentials. I have both in abundance. I'm passionate about Melbourne, having lived here throughout my life. And, as someone who has run businesses big and small, I've got the experience to oversee a yearly budget of \$500 million, and make wise decisions that advance our wonderful city.

Transparency, accountability. Takes the blame when things aren't working, gives credit when they are. Knows when to speak and when to listen. Recognises they are an advocate for the city's residents and therein the buck stops with the mayor.

Given that Melbourne is experiencing its fastest growth since the gold rush, we need a lord mayor who doesn't owe favours to any developer and who has demonstrated an absolute commitment to governing in the public interest. Someone who understands that healthy culture comes through respect and collaboration, not grandstanding.

A belief that the role is about public service rather than a quest for political prestige, a commitment to independence from external parties including lobby groups, and the dedication, curiosity and humility integral to all good leadership.

Good mayors relate to and understand the needs of the electorate. They are a strong voice that can effectively communicate these needs and action them with professionalism. Ensuring that council is providing infrastructure and services that keep our city looking its best, practicing good governance and acting transparently and responsively.

Preference flow:

No response received.

No recommendation.

No recommendation.

Leppert 1, Warhaft 2, Yang 3, Poon 4, Sfetkidis 5, Downing 6, Watson 7, Ong 8, Burge 9, O'Sughrue 10, Morgan 11, Xie 12, Capp 13, MacDonald 14.

Put Gary Morgan second because of his policy on QVM. Then select Rohan Leppert, Jennifer Yang and Ken Ong. Put Sally Capp last.

No recommendation.

CBD News says:

The mystery candidate. Has drawn the best barrier position. Well placed to win the Donkey Vote.

The favourite. Impressive in track work. Hungry and motivated for victory. Capable and committed. Carrying the hopes of the big-end of town. Some questioning over her connections.

Introverted, deep-thinker. Prone to a global rather than a local perspective. Might do better in a different race.

Capable of winning if enough votes are drawn away from the other fancied runners. Carrying the hopes and aspirations of residents. Smart as a whip with impressive track record. Strong on integrity and open governance. Stable colours could polarise.

Can't fault motivation and commitment. Potentially blinkered by academia and a bias to run to the left side of the track. Will benefit from the outing.

A refreshingly honest trier but probably outclassed in this event. Very good at putting the horse before the cart.

Scratched: Phil Cleary (nobbled by his own team); Intaj Kahn (expected to be able contest from Werribee); Jane Garrett (was it about other races?); Sam Newman (dunno).



Melbourne lord mayoral by-election



WATSON, Allan

Homeless; QVM; and Safety.

YANG, Jennifer

The need to bring the voice of residents and small businesses back into council decision-making; Fixing the toxic culture at town hall; and Fixing the ongoing homelessness crisis and putting an end to rough sleeping.

SFETKIDIS, Katie

Diversity, affordability and supporting arts and culture are key issues. It is through the arts that we are able to celebrate our exciting and diverse city and demonstrate our commitment to social change. As the population continues to grow, it is imperative that the City of Melbourne remains affordable for people, institutions and business both large and small.

MORGAN, Gary

Stop the proposed \$250+million "mega" redevelopment of the QVM; Support the Melbourne airport railway initiative and ensure council works with the state to facilitate its immediate commencement; and Review council's budget, focus on core council functions and eliminate all unnecessary expenditure so rates are cut every year over the next three years.

O'SUGHRUE, Nathalie Nicole

The number of homeless seeking employment; Alcohol and drug abuse resulting in violence; and Access to mental health services.

BURGE, Michael

Safety (includes, crime, traffic, homelessness); The balance between maintaining Melbourne's heritage and character while attending to development and infrastructure; and Genuine community consultation (I have conducted research into genuine consultation; results indicate that there are some real problems here).

ONG, Ken

Providing better core services and amenities for people of City of Melbourne; Improving the planning system to preserve city's character and liveability and more infrastructure for the growing population especially better walking infrastructure like wider footpaths; and Better accessibility for people of all abilities.

POON, Bruce

My main priority is ending the suffering of animals. I intend to end the use of horse-drawn vehicles in the city, stop the selling of furs and shark fin products; In terms of sensible economic management and development, I intend to reform the rating which would see more rational and just rates for all; and We also need to make the city an ever greater place to live and work.

No.	No.	Yes.	Yes.	Yes.	No.	No.	Yes.
Yes, was Melbourne's lord mayor in 1993 and a Melbourne councillor on and off between 1972 and 1993.	I spent six years on Manningham City Council, including two-terms as mayor.	No.	No.	No.	No.	Yes. Eight years as a Melbourne City councillor.	No.
Yes, previous Labor membership but resigned in the 1990s.	I am a member of the Australian Labor Party.	In my uni years I had a brief brush with the Labor Party, until I recognised that party politics was not for me.	No.	No.	Yes, I am a member of the Liberal Party.	Yes. Liberal.	I am representing the Animal Justice Party, for whom I work full-time.
\$250 nomination fee.	My donations will be disclosed in the normal way.	Spending very little on my campaign. Most of my campaign will be run online and I will also attend a number of public forums.	Less than \$2000.	No backing of large corporations or parties. Other than potentially having flyers and posters made, I plan on doing most things face to face.	Have an unfolding budget but contained within four figures.	Between \$80,000 to \$90,000.	The overall spend will be minimal.
Self-funded.	I am receiving funding from grassroots campaign supporters.	Personal finances.	I will cover all costs from my own pocket.	The majority of funding will be coming out of my own pocket.	Self-funded.	Mostly self-funded. Expect some small donations and a small fundraising dinner.	Personal savings.
The lord mayor should be elected by the council so he/she knows they have the council's confidence. They should be a spokesperson for the city. I'd like to bring a little bit more humanity into the council.	A good lord mayor is someone who loves Melbourne and has the energy, experience and vision to improve our city for residents and small businesses. More than ever, Melbourne needs strong leadership to drive the significant cultural change required at town hall.	A good lord mayor contributes to the culture - ensuring it is an inclusive and exciting place to work, visit and live. I intend to initiate cultural change within council, creating a safe space for a diverse range of voices including women, queer, trans, indigenous and people of colour. I will be a forward-thinking, creative and inspiring advocate.	Honesty, independence and insistence on transparency in all decisions and processes to restore trust in council and respect for the role of lord mayor. A powerful voice for Melbourne, with a resident's understanding of community needs and vision for Melbourne as Australia's leader in business, retail, education, arts and tourism.	A good lord mayor understands the people and their community. They listen to all sides of the equation and form their own opinion before deciding for the greater good. They are confident within themselves and know what they stand for.	I believe a good lord mayor, while demonstrating leadership, should also be a leader that is a grounded servant of the people that demonstrates high standards of ethics while inspiring confidence, trust and enthusiasm in all sectors of the community and within the council	A good lord mayor coming in now would have extensive experience in the governance of this city and fully understand all the intricacies of the challenges facing the city so as to hit the ground running. In addition, must be able to closely work with existing councillors and officers.	A good lord mayor is a good listener, to hear the many diverse voices of our city. Further, they will be smart enough and wise enough to outline a vision of where the city can go, and how it can be improved for everyone's benefit.
No recommendation.	Yang 1, Ong 2, Leppert 3, Warhaft 4, Capp 5, Downing 6, MacDonald 7, Watson 8, Sfetikidis 9, Morgan 10, O'Sughrue 11, Burge 12, Poon 13, Xie 14.	I would encourage voters to support independent female candidate Sally Warhaft and Greens candidate Rohan Leppert.	I have not allocated preferences - however those voting for me should put Sally Warhaft second.	No recommendation.	Burge 1, MacDonald 2, Xie 3, Poon 4, Watson 5, O'Sughrue 6, Downing 7, Sfetikidis 8, Warhaft 9, Yang 10, Morgan 11, Ong 12, Leppert 13, Capp 14.	No recommendation.	Preference Rohan Leppert.
Put out to pasture years ago. Surprise entrant. Not expected to worry the rest of the field.	Has won in the bush but perhaps not yet ready for a win at this level. Has a couple of the favourites worried and won't be disgraced. Should run a place.	Art for art's sake? A one-trick pony?	Loves this event but continues to struggle for winning form. Perhaps a stewards' swab might reveal the answer why?	A complex and interesting character. Has strong opinions and speaks well. Would finish better placed if this race was a beauty pageant.	Would appear to favour a wet track. Serious, but not a serious contender.	A ready-made lord mayor. Could slip into harness tomorrow. A solutions focused all-rounder - jumps, sprint and distance events.	Doesn't believe in horse racing but not expected to win this race.

Mirvac Thinks Pink

In April Mirvac launched Melbourne's first progressive marathon – where participants have two weeks to complete the championship distance at their own pace – in the name of charity.

Participants of the Yarra's Edge Progressive Marathon had the option to smash it out in one go if they chose, but could also log the 42.2km in portions between April 7 and 21.

The finish line was located outside The Wharf Club at Yarra's Edge on April 21, where Mirvac hosted a pop-up wellness festival.

The registration fee of \$25 went to breast cancer charity the Think Pink Foundation to support patients and their families.

The partnership stems from Think Pink's findings around the benefits of walking for those with the disease.

"Regular walking and physical activity is important for prevention of illness as well as rehabilitation and recovery," director and patron of Think Pink Foundation Irene Hendel said.

"It helps you feel stronger, more energetic, happier and improves your overall quality and enjoyment of life. As well as having great physical benefits, group walking has a positive social impact on people's lives."

Think Pink currently has a Living Centre in Victoria and is committed to establishing one in every capital city in Australia.

Mirvac's general manager of residential Victoria, Elysa Anderson, said the Yarra's



The progressive marathon brought multiple benefits to participants and the community.

Edge Progressive Marathon aimed to increase people's activity in April and highlight the link between healthy living and cancer prevention.

"At Mirvac we are passionate about creating healthy communities and enabling residents to be active through the planned provision

of amenity such as parks and wellness facilities," she said.

Mirvac said Yarra's Edge boasted one of Melbourne's healthiest communities, with extensive walking and cycling boulevards, a landmark health facility and superfood bar.

Road project wants to help

West Gate Tunnel management has reached out to Docklands businesses, promising that construction holds significant opportunity for the local economy.

West Gate Tunnel Project business engagement manager Megan Walker told a Docklands Chamber of Commerce meeting on April 11 that expressions of interest for supply were open via the Industry Capability Network.

Pre-empting the assumption that supply would revolve around construction material, Ms Walker told the audience the project was seeking interest from a range of industries, including hospitality.

Ms Walker also said a Workforce Trader Directory would be set up in the coming weeks: "This will open up direct marketing opportunities to our workforce of 6000."

Other opportunities include participation in open days and project events, and membership of project liaison groups.

At the same time, the audience was promised ongoing and comprehensive communication about traffic changes throughout the construction period.

Melbourne City Council Lord Mayor by-election

Postal election: check the mail for your ballot pack

Ballot packs containing voting material were delivered to enrolled voters from Monday 23 April 2018.

This is a postal election.

If you do not receive your ballot pack by Thursday 3 May please call (03) 8619 1498 during office hours to arrange an alternative.

Candidates

Candidates who have nominated to stand for election are listed in the ballot packs and at vec.vic.gov.au. Where provided by candidates, a photo and statement are also included.

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Melbourne Knowledge Week in Docklands

From May 7 to 13 Melbourne celebrates knowledge with a program of events focussed on connecting people, place, research and technology to imagine the city of the future. Here's what's on in Docklands.

BLOCKCHAIN: RECLAIMING IDENTITY – TUESDAY MAY 8, 6-8PM – STONE & CHALK, GOODS SHED NORTH

RMIT and TypeHuman are developing an app to help people take back ownership of their identities – find out how you can protect and reclaim your identity with Blockchain technology.

<https://mkw.melbourne.vic.gov.au/events/blockchain-reclaiming-identity/>

IMMERSIVE SCIENCE: VR MEETS DATA – THURSDAY MAY 10, 1-8PM – CSIRO DATA 61 DEMO LAB, 710 COLLINS ST

Data61 invites you to experience science in ways that used to be impossible, using virtual and augmented reality to explore the world through immersive 3D environments.

<https://mkw.melbourne.vic.gov.au/events/immersive-science-virtual-reality-meets-data/>

SENSOR[ED]: EXHIBITION OPENING – THURSDAY MAY 10, 6-9PM – KNOWLEDGE MARKET

Sensors tell us about our city's pedestrians, air quality, light and sound levels. But what does this data actually mean for us? *Sensor[ed]* is an exhibition exploring ideas large and small – from urban infrastructure to your personal devices.

<https://mkw.melbourne.vic.gov.au/events/sensored-exhibition-opening/>

STARTUP BREAKFAST: INTERSECTION OF MEDTECH AND FINTECH – FRIDAY MAY 11, 7.30-9AM – STONE & CHALK

Join LaunchVic and Melbourne-based accelerator Stone & Chalk for a fireside chat and breakfast between GM of Stone & Chalk.

<https://mkw.melbourne.vic.gov.au/events/startup-breakfast-intersection-of-medtech-and-fintech/>

MAB hedges its bets in NewQuay

MAB Corporation has launched its latest mixed-use development in Docklands – the \$130 million Escala.

Six Degrees Architects are on board to work on the four buildings, including residential, hospitality and commercial offerings in the eastern precinct of NewQuay.

It will comprise a 20-level single tower and a collection of podium buildings over five levels, including a red brick facade with arched windows inspired by Collingwood warehouses.

MAB said the project included an east-west laneway (a first for NewQuay) reminiscent of Degraives St, a north-facing cafe space, bar space and a new public space piazza.

The importance of the piazza is highlighted by the deliberate placement of Escala 200 metres away from Docklands' future Woolworths, opening in 2019.

"We expect the variety of apartment sizes and shapes, not to mention the inherent flexibility of the loft and SoHo offerings, to appeal to young Gen Ys and millennials that often work from home," MAB Corporation general manager of residential David Allt-Graham said.



Escala brings a lot of "firsts" for NewQuay.

MAB pointed to a recent Australian Bureau of Statistics finding that almost a third of employed persons regularly worked from home in their main job or business.

Not that their scope is limited, as the development is also just 100 metres from the future Docklands Primary School. Appropriately, Escala is Spanish for "scale".

"However, we also feel the scale of the loft offering will attract young families seeking spacious inner city living," Mr Allt-Graham said.

"The mezzanine can be an elevated children's play area and the living spaces are generous for hosting friends and extended family."

Six Degrees director Mark Healy has a "melting pot" vision for the development and its community-building opportunities.

"As a mixed-use development with residential, commercial and retail floor space interwoven in four buildings, we wanted to create a vibrant community with opportunities for people to come together," he said.

Mr Healy has worked on a number of iconic CBD projects, including Meyers Place and the City Square, and once told *The Age* he'd like to demolish the Casino.

"I think it's an absolute tragedy that we held out for so long and then capitulated, joined the rest of the rat race and built a casino," he said.



Who needs a plastic bottle?

The District Docklands has recently unveiled two "O fountains" to help reduce the 118,000 tonnes of plastic drink bottles purchased in Australia each year.

As part of the centre's \$150 million redevelopment, and in collaboration with Wonderment Walk Victoria and the O Initiative, Melbourne-based artist Lisa Roet was commissioned to create the fountains.

The centre hopes that visitors will be encouraged to refill their water bottles rather than purchase unnecessary one-use plastic.

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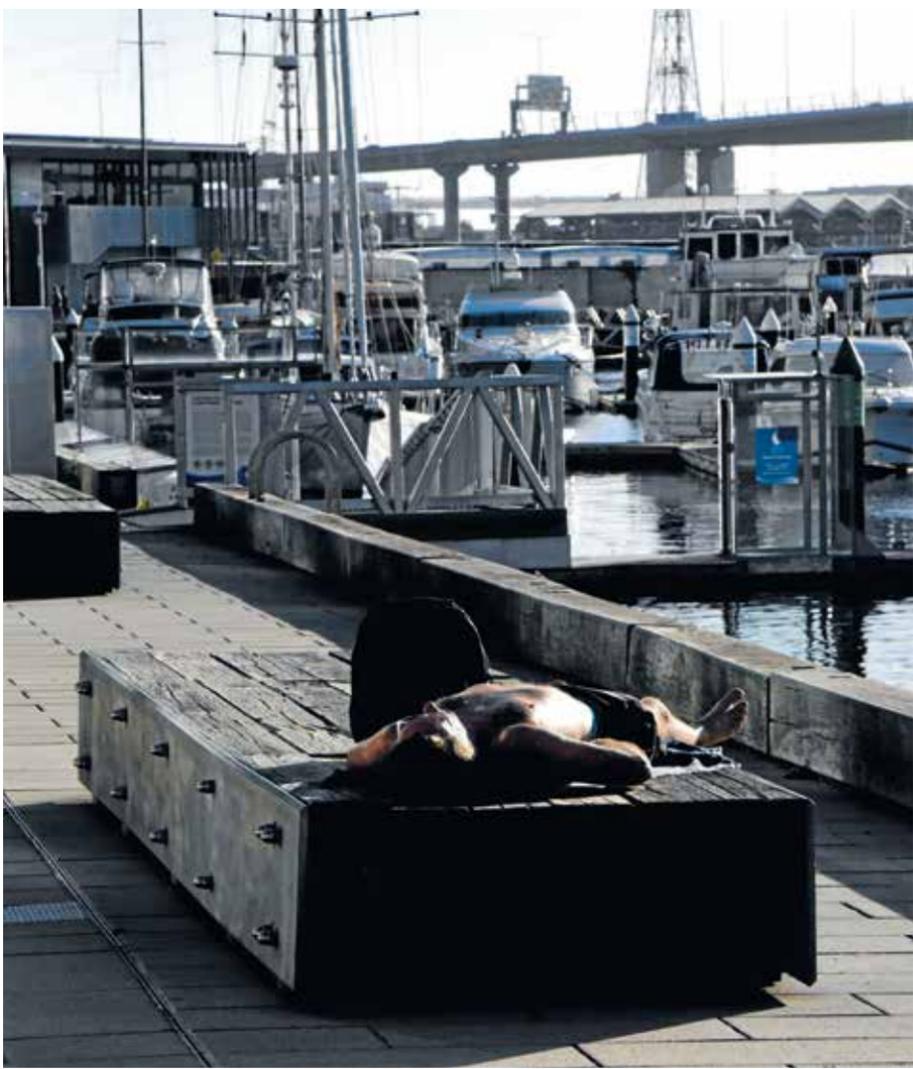
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CITY OF MELBOURNE



As the afternoon sun starts to lose its strength, this Docklander to full advantage of the purpose-built sun-worshippers altar on the Victoria Harbour Promenade last month.

Commercial milestone reached

A major milestone has been achieved in Docklands, with over one million square metres of commercial floor space delivered or under construction.

In addition, more than 10,000 apartments have been built or are under construction.

Development Victoria's general manager precincts, Simon Wilson, said the milestones highlighted how far Docklands had come, with more than 13,000 residents currently calling Docklands home and 58,000 jobs created.

"There is a real confidence in Docklands which is highlighted by the fact that many blue-chip companies have also moved their head office to the precinct," he said.

"Construction is continuing on a range of commercial spaces such as Lendlease's Melbourne Quarter and Victoria Harbour, Walker Corporation's Collins Square, and the redevelopment of Ashe Morgan's The District Docklands have all contributed to the milestone."

"Docklands also sustains between 2500 and 3000 construction jobs annually."

Development Victoria is responsible for delivering Docklands on behalf of the

state government, and works closely with stakeholders to achieve commercial and community outcomes.

In the past year, a range of projects have been delivered by Development Victoria, including new community spaces in Village St and on the corner of Harbour Esplanade and Collins St, as well as facilitating construction of a number of major projects.

"There has also been almost 170,000 square metres of retail delivered and almost 60,000 square metres of hotel space," Mr Wilson said.

"Along with these milestones, there has been significant infrastructure delivered over several years to facilitate the boom in population. This includes new roads, the Collins St, LaTrobe St and Bourke St bridges, and the continuation of tram services."

The Docklands community will also benefit from a new primary school, with the Victorian Government committing \$18.8 million towards the construction of the first stage of the Docklands Primary School.

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Docklands Art Collective – May wrap

WHARF STREET OPEN NIGHT 2.0

Friday, May 4

The Docklands Art Collective has joined forces once again for Wharf St Open Night 2.0! There will be several exhibition openings happening along the street from 6pm.

THE AUSTRALIAN CARTOON MUSEUM

The ACM now has the 'Trump Tower' (12 foot high) and a Ball Tampering exhibition. Paul Harvey's fabulous caricatures remain on show in the Head High Tackle exhibition.

Also in May it has a Phantom (Ghost Who Walks) exhibition scheduled for late May, plus a Phantom PHANS MEET UP on Saturday, May 5.

MAGNET @ DOCKLANDS

MY COUNTRY – April 22 – late May 2018

A very rare opportunity to see and purchase paintings by some of the great names of Aboriginal art, including Rover Thomas, Queenie McKenzie, Jack Dale Mungenen, Anjolu (Heather Umpagai), Alex Nganjmirra and others.

TRASH PUPPETS

Sunday Puppet Club will be running throughout May and June to coincide with the District Makers Market on Sundays. Participants can make their very own Trash Puppet with expert guidance from the Trash Puppet team. \$10 entry fee.

AT CURRENT GALLERY

At Current will open a new exhibition, Tremble Like Flowers, by resident artist, Brett Mallon.

CROWTHER CONTEMPORARY

May 3 – May 22: Opening night Friday, May 4, 6-9pm

J Forsyth's exhibition, *Above The Line*, sticks to the older 35mm film format, opting out of



the digital fashion of today's photographers. Her urban and desolate landscapes are brought together with the line of light that filters into each frame, demarcating a space that is in transition where neither light or dark has taken over. These works speak of the fragility of the environment and the human's role in it.

Conversely Tara Stuble's textured and painterly work in her exhibition *The Intimate and Sensual in Nature* explores the raw power present in nature. These paintings are packed with gestural and expressive forces that evoke the presence of the natural environment. Each painting brings us closer to what we miss in the city environment, the exotic pull of the untamed world that we were once more in touch with.

THE ARTISTS GUILD

Visible - The Artists Guild Public Circle

May 18, 7pm - 8.30pm

Panel speakers: Atong Atem, Karla McGrady, Leah Jing

Join us for an open circle discussion about diversity in the arts and the challenges women of colour have getting their work seen. As part of the annual Human Rights Film Festival (HRAFF) - The Artists Guild is facilitating a forum for artists, curators, and the public to participate in sharing ideas, stories and experiences on how to create a more inclusive arts community.

The Artists Guild Member Show: The Shape of Things

Opening night May 4, 6 - 9pm

Exhibition running from the May 4 - May 26

Free

Stephanie Gobor | Janita Ryan | Natasha Kelly | Annie Taylor | Claire Weigall | Annie Jones | Claire Needham | Petra Kleinherne | Avrille O'Doherty | Karima Baadilla | Emily Raubenheimer

When we shape something we form it. Shape is about the external form, contours, or outline of someone or something. It is about defining one from the other, about forging something that was nothing into something that is a THING. It is about push and pull and the resultant outcome of this process. We shape objects, we shape ideas, we shape movements, we shape ourselves, we shape others and we shape the world around us.

The Shape of Things is an open-ended invitation to artists of diverse mediums to explore the theme in whatever direction it leads them. Feature artwork by Annie Taylor.

Monthly Artistic Circle for female artists

Sunday, May 20. 7.30pm – 9.30pm

Are you a female artist craving connection and a bunch of like-minded souls to share

your creative journey? Come and try our artistic circle.

Buy membership for \$30 per month or \$15 concession.

Tea and coffee provided.

On the Hearth: Stephanie Gobor – Where I Landed

Opening night May 4, 6 - 9pm

Exhibition running from the May 4 - May 26

Free

During this assimilation period I have explored materials including paper pulp painting, collage making and ink jet printing on hand-made "Dodgy Paper". I have also inhabited new spaces and grown my artist community here at the Artists Guild and within the Docklands Art Collective.

Website: www.stephaniegobor.com.au

Instagram: stephanie_gobor

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Life-Drawing @ Tree Paper Comics

Every Thursday in May from 6.30pm

\$20 or \$15 concession

The Artists Guild, Tree Paper Comics and At Current Gallery organise a weekly life drawing class at Tree Paper Comic studio on Wharf St.

It is an unguided class and a safe place for people of all levels to further develop their skills.

All materials are provided.

Hosts: The Artists Guild, At Current Gallery,

TREE PAPER COMICS

Opening night May 4 from 6pm

Anything Goes is a group exhibition at Tree Paper Comic's studio space, with five local artists: Samuel Emery Baaqiy, DemonStrips, Lazy Willy and Manda Jean.

Works will include original paintings, prints, zines, and small sculptural pieces.

Exhibition closes May 15.

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Cladding inspections funded in budget

By Kathryn Lewis

\$25 million in the Victorian Budget 2018/19 will be given to authorities in a bid to tackle combustible cladding found on 1400 buildings across the state.

Planning Minister Richard Wynne said the latest move would give authorities the resources to inspect more buildings.

"We're getting on top of the issue, building by building," he said.

The Victorian Cladding Taskforce, established last year, will receive \$4.3 million in funding to continue to uncover the extent of the issue across Victoria.

A further \$16.5 million will be given to the Victorian Building Authority (VBA) to complete a statewide audit of buildings and increase inspections.

The taskforce has determined 1369 sites with planning or building permits that need to be assessed by the VBA. Half of the priority sites have already been inspected.

The budget includes \$4.2 million to increase penalties and make legislative change to ensure residents are not at risk.

The funding aims to send a message to builders that relying on cheap, dangerous materials will result in suspension or a cancelled licence.

In March, Mr Wynne issued ministerial guidelines banning the dangerous types of combustible cladding that contributed to the spread of the Lacrosse building fire in LaTrobe St, Docklands, in 2014.

Aluminium Cladding Panels with a polyethylene core of more than 30 per cent has been banned on all multi-storey buildings. Expanded polystyrene has also been banned.



Big bird takes flight

Docklands' "Bunjil" statue briefly took flight on April 28 but came to ground again just 12 metres from where it started.

The artwork was moved within the Wurundjeri Way road reserve to allow for further work on Melbourne Quarter.

Work is proceeding quickly at the Lendlease development. In late December it announced planning approval for its third and final commercial tower.

Arrest for alleged robbery

Police arrested a man following an armed robbery at a Docklands business on April 18.

It is alleged a man, armed with a metal pole, attended a fast-food outlet on Batman's Hill Drive about 11.40pm.

The man assaulted a staff member,

before fleeing the scene with an amount of cash.

The male staff member was treated on scene for minor injuries.

Police arrested a man, with the assistance of the Dog Squad, in the vicinity of Southern Cross Station and a Bourke St sports venue shortly after 1.30am.

The man, a 33-year-old from St Kilda, was charged with armed robbery, theft from motor vehicle and criminal damage.



Celebrations in Florida.

Three cheers for Stephanie

Continued from page 1.

"This event is our main event, our routine is designed for this scorecard and we compete against the best teams that are small co-ed like us. We are the highest ranked Aussie team here by a mile and even beating great American teams."

Before she left, she told us: "It's not pom poms and dancing like the stereotype may seem. It is a highly competitive sport, and these particular championships have 20,000 plus athletes from more than 70 countries," she said.

Each team perform a two and half minute routine incorporating high-level gymnastics and acrobatics that are judged on difficulty and technique.

Throughout her 15-year career, Ms Davey has challenged the ditsy stereotype given to the athletes.

"You get stereotyped as an airhead or ditsy but in reality you've got to be switched on, we are on an Olympic level of athleticism," she said.

Cheerleading was provisionally approved as an Olympic sport last year and could make its debut in the 2024 games.

Ms Davey said she would not compete in the games but hopes to be considered for a coaching position.

The sport promotes an inclusive and friendly environment with different positions for everybody.

"Your body type does not matter, there is a place for you," Ms Davey said.





DOCKLANDS FASHION

10 Years On

Docklands Community News
Issue 31, April-May, 2008

Sustainable development for Stadium precinct

A \$300 million sustainable development has been announced for Docklands' North East Stadium Precinct (NESP).

Planning Minister Justin Madden said the development known as the Lacrosse Docklands would receive the VicUrban Ecologically Sustainable Design (ESD) Award of Merit.

Features will include:

A blackwater treatment plan which will re-use 70 per cent of stormwater; and

Rainwater from roofs will be used to flush toilets and podium water will be used for irrigation.

"The Lacrosse Docklands development will see 550-600 residents call the place home. As well, two new entry points have been created to the Telstra Dome concourse for people coming over the LaTrobe St bridge," Mr Madden said.

VicUrban has entered into a development agreement with 675 LaTrobe St Pty Ltd - a joint venture between Pan Urban and Halim Group, to develop the site.

"The Lacrosse Docklands will feature a 21-level city-facing tower and 18-level water-facing tower that will create a precinct to add to Melbourne's ever growing CBD community," Mr Madden said.

The development will also see 300 SoHo (small office/home office) apartments, 120 serviced apartments, and more than 5000 sqm of retail space.

VicUrban CEO Pru Sanderson said the development was in line with VicUrban's vision for the entire stadium area.

"The proximity to both Southern Cross Station and the CBD, combined with easy access to the Docklands waterfront makes this a prime area in which to deliver an active, integrated development unique to this part of the world," Ms Sanderson said.

"The project will also further strengthen the diversity of the Docklands wider community, bringing in additional residential, retail and commercial opportunities."

Construction is scheduled to begin in mid-2008 with completion in 2010.



Fashion on the streets of Docklands

Yzreil Paku, 23, Docklands

LOCATION: NewQuay Promenade

DESCRIBE WHAT YOU ARE

WEARING: Overalls and jumper. It is a little funky and warm enough for the weather.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE PIECE OF CLOTHING:

Shoes. I have quite a collection. Adidas Superstars are my favourite.

WHAT BRINGS YOU TO THE DOCKLANDS:

I live here. I'm going on a morning walk to get a coffee.

DESCRIBE YOUR STYLE:

I would say low-key chic. I like to dress-up a bit so I'm at least presentable.

WHAT MAKES A GOOD OUTFIT:

I think shoes and accessories. They make an outfit more personal.

Raghav Kumar, 28, Docklands

LOCATION: Harbour Esplanade

DESCRIBE WHAT YOU ARE

WEARING: I can wear whatever I want to work so I chose this because it is comfortable and warm.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE PIECE OF CLOTHING:

Not what I have on today. I like just jeans and a white t-shirt.

WHAT BRINGS YOU TO THE DOCKLANDS:

I live and work here.

DESCRIBE YOUR STYLE:

Very generic, I don't care that much and will just wear whatever I have that is appropriate.

WHAT MAKES A GOOD OUTFIT:

I think whatever a person is comfortable in, as long as they are dressed for the occasion.

Zoe Dixon, 22, Docklands

LOCATION: Harbour Esplanade

DESCRIBE WHAT YOU ARE

WEARING: I tried to look like an adult today. The dress is from Zara and the coat is from ASOS.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE PIECE OF CLOTHING:

The dress I'm wearing today. It's new and very comfortable.

WHAT BRINGS YOU TO THE DOCKLANDS:

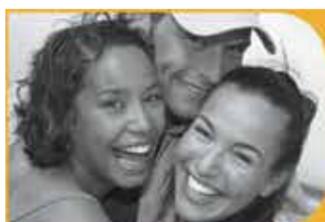
I live here and am running a few errands today.

DESCRIBE YOUR STYLE:

Usually it's quite sporty and casual. Today I wanted to dress up a bit.

WHAT MAKES A GOOD OUTFIT:

I think it's up to individuals, but anything that is comfortable and practical.



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Vertical visions of lord mayoral candidates

Melbourne's by-election for the lord mayor is fast approaching – but how well do the 14 candidates understand vertical living and what do they offer our burgeoning vertical villages?

We vertical dwellers know intimately the appeal and challenges of high-rise living. On the one hand, there are the positives of proximity and paring down but also there are negatives of noise and neighbours unknown. However, these little capture what is distinct about our vertical lifestyle and it remains a cross to bear that many government decision-makers have only a superficial appreciation of our problems and possibilities (oh, the saving potential of communal procurement!).

Yet this new way of living is already mainstream within the City of Melbourne, which currently claims a residential population in the high density precincts of Docklands, Southbank and the CBD of over 80,000 which, by 2037, is expected to increase to more than 150,000.

However, as the lord mayor is not required to live within the city, the question becomes how well do these 14 candidates understand our different way of living?

Do they have empathy for this fast growing yet still emerging lifestyle?

And how will each of these candidates ensure we move away from a “ghettos in the sky” scenario to a vertical village future?

With this in mind, all 14 candidates were asked two questions and a 100-word response was requested:

What do you consider to be the three top issues for people living in high-rise, high-density precincts in the City of Melbourne?

How will you address these issues?

What follows are the responses of the nine candidates who had something to say (listed in reverse order of draw):

Bruce POON:

We need to see state legislation or local bylaws enshrining the right to keep pets in rental properties, as well as the development of more parks and gardens for everyone's use. I also want to reduce the cost of living by using site value rather than capital improved value rates for all property. This will promote development of the city and lower the rates payable on most properties. I will also promote the rights of body corporates to decide the legitimate uses for the building, giving local control over short-stays.

Ken ONG:

High density inner city living residents face a shortage of open space, lack of communal facilities in their own buildings and disruptions by short-term stays. To improve the lack of open space, council can look at using some under-utilised small roads and lanes and pedestrianise them. New open spaces in the inner-city can be created.

Maybe some unused rooftop space can be used too. Secondly, council can change the planning scheme to include specific communal facilities to be include in all new high rise buildings. For the short-term stay matter, with some state government help, council can implement registration of all short-terms operators and introduce a levy for all operators for additional contribution to the building's maintenance sinking fund. Also, there should be clear rules for the operations of short-term stays in the OC Act.

Michael BURGE:

Residents are feeling caged within the building and suffer from the absence of open community space and after hours shopping. Crime is making residents feel vulnerable and isolated. The lack of schools and safe places for children to play is a big problem. Many high-rise families are feeling depressed and anxious. Recommend performance-based, cost-effective planning that will enable design standards to deliver high quality apartments – particularly, internal living spaces that are better for occupants. Liaise with residents to achieve mandatory standards. Plan for emerging issues of car parking, noise, natural ventilation and crime.

Gary MORGAN:

For Melbourne residents living in high-rises, it's vital that the council protects their amenity by maintaining the heritage of Melbourne by preventing over-development such as the proposed \$250+ million to be spent on the Queen Victoria Market site. Releasing these funds will allow council to improve services for inner-city residents and make Melbourne a better business and tourist hub increasing retail and entertainment employment and promoting new business opportunities. As lord mayor I will aggressively pursue the interests of residents by tackling the state government (Liberal or Labor) by presenting accurate data to the government for how important issues should be handled.

Katie SFETKIDIS:

Affordability, liveability and access to services and activities are the top issues for high-density precincts. High-density living is becoming more popular as the resident population grows and it is imperative we ensure that high-rises can foster community. This includes making sure new developments have access to public transport and communal green spaces. It is important that these spaces are activated through arts and cultural events to celebrate community and bring visitors to these areas.

Jennifer YANG:

Australia is building too many poor quality high-rise apartment towers that are alienating to live in and have low environmental performance. As our city grows, I believe access to public open space is the key issue for residents living in apartments. If elected, I will ensure that the open space contribution made by developers is actually spent on high-rise residents. I will also lobby the state government for stronger powers for owners' corporations to sanction residents who don't pay their fees, prevent dangerous and flammable materials being used in new high-rise construction and boost funding for high-rise community services including neighbourhood houses, schools and health care facilities.

Sally WARHAFT:

Very poor forward planning has been detrimental to residents in high-rise, high-density precincts and to the city at large. You cannot create or support a community without infrastructure, public transport, open spaces and schools. There has been a long-standing practice of developments going ahead, using every square inch of available space, with the only concern being maximising profits. We need to develop policies which demand the expectation of design excellence so these buildings will serve their communities for generations. I will advocate for policy settings which demand design excellence and create prosperous high-rise communities into the future. If I am elected lord mayor, a priority will be making sure Fishermans Bend has all the necessary infrastructure from the beginning of its redevelopment and better design standards suitable for community living introduced.

Rohan LEPPERT:

I see the top three issues for people living in high-rise, high-density precincts in the City of Melbourne as being: The impact of commercial short stay accommodation on owner-occupant amenity, owners' corporation costs and building wear and tear; The fragmented private waste collection market and the noise and disruptive impacts of multiple trucks servicing the same buildings multiple times; and Poor or poorly-advertised construction management plans for buildings, and on-street utility upgrades, disrupting access.

I intend to address these issues by: Advocating strongly to the state government for modern building, planning and owners' corporation laws that regulate different

accommodation types fairly; incentivise owners' corporations and waste companies to use communal waste compactors and food digesters, greatly reducing truck collections; and instigate a new transparent web tool to clearly set out all planned on-street disruptions and building construction times in the central city, accessed by all.

Sally CAPP:

The three top issues are:

- Residents' amenity being affected by growth in Airbnb;
- Lack of services like schools and public transport; and
- Poor planning outcomes leading to “dead zones”, like some areas of Docklands.

I intend to:

- Work with residents and the tourism industry to identify ways in which, through legislation and regulation, more onus is placed on owners to take responsibility for people in their properties.
- Authorities and other decision-makers failed to predict the growth in high-density precincts. Because of this failure, we need to retrospectively add in service such as vertical schools. Traffic flows also haven't been well planned - we need to tweak things like signalling to ensure better traffic flows.

Summary

So fellow voting vertical villagers, it is now for you to decide how well the above responses from these eight candidates resonate with your experience of vertical living. And maybe keep in mind that, for those candidates that did not respond, past behaviour tends to be a good predictor of future behaviour. Something to consider.



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We Live Here

Make your vote count

A by-election for the vacant position of lord mayor will be held in May. It will be conducted entirely by postal voting, with ballot packs mailed to voters between Monday, April 23 and Thursday, April 26.

Your ballot paper must be returned, either by mail or delivered in person to the electoral office by 6pm on Friday, May 11.

Fourteen candidates have nominated and you can check out their credentials on the Victorian Electoral Commission website at www.vec.vic.gov.au

We Live Here encourages you to go along to the meet-the-candidate sessions being held by the Southbank Residents Association on April 26 and the Docklands Chamber of Commerce on April 30. In particular, you need to find out for yourselves which candidates genuinely support residents and those that are entirely pro-business.

Already we know that the mayoral candidates have differing views on the tram bridge proposal. Some candidates have not yet formed a view. Others, when pressed by We Live Here, said they would think about it more before declaring a position.

One candidate went so far as to disparage the number of people affected by the proposal as not worth worrying about, in blissful ignorance of the widely-reported rally against the tram bridge attended by hundreds of Yarra's Edge residents and others just a short while ago.

With the exit of Robert Doyle, we now have the opportunity to also get rid of his legacy – the “business before residents” gerrymander that gives commercial interests two votes while residents only have one.

Many candidates have webpages with policies that can be found via Google – time for voters to do some homework!

This is your chance to have your say. The We Live Here movement encourages you to contact the candidates and seek their views on short-stays in residential buildings and what they are going to do for residents.

Remember your vote is extremely important to them. Make sure that it counts.

Airbnb sending short-stay operators to the farm

We Live Here was not surprised to read in the *Docklands News* (February 28, 2018, “Short-stays: a race to the bottom?”) that short-stay operators might be driven out of business by Airbnb.

It's not so long ago that residents were being told by short-stay operators to “get used to the sharing economy – if you don't

like it, go live on a farm.”

And it is not just Airbnb killing short-stay operators – there are many factors including the vast expansion in hotel room numbers in Melbourne which will put downward pressure on room rates. Last year it was estimated that more than 8000 hotel rooms were in the pipeline – all approved by Planning Minister Richard Wynne.

What is really being exposed is the flawed economics of short-stays.

Investors can get 20 per cent more on an ordinary residential lease compared with the best that a short-stay operator can offer who lets their apartments out by the night. Rental demand is sky-high right now with crowds attending rental open-for-inspections. If short-stay operators are forced to pay market rent for the properties they lease, the risk will go up and the return will go down.

Perhaps the short-stay operators, self-described Airbnb-victims, should stop bleating about the sharing economy and migrate out of the city into farm-stays? It might be more lucrative.

Short-Stay Bill gathering dust

Since returning to the Legislative Council in December, 2017 the Owners Corporation Amendment (Short-stay Accommodation) Bill 2016 appears to have been left on the shelf gathering dust, having barely moved from No 18 on the Notice Paper.

Is this a de facto concession of defeat?

We Live Here calls on the state government to admit it made a mistake collaborating with Airbnb on this Bill, and just trash it altogether.

We also repeat our request for the government to start talking constructively to all the parties affected by the unregulated short-stay industry so there is a level playing field for all.

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We welcome your comments and feedback, and invite suggestions for topics you would like us to address in this column.



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Pets' Corner



Amanda Harrison (right) and Emilia Daneff enjoying the autumn sun with Shae on Harbour Esplanade.

It's treat time

By Lina Le

2pm can be an unusual time for people to walk their dogs, but for Amanda Harrison, it is the perfect moment to take her eight-year-old husky Shae for a walk along Harbour Esplanade.

“It is a treat for her to be coming to the harbour. She absolutely loves it,” Amanda said.

Shae is a good, friendly dog. She loves

small dogs and people and enjoys riding on the train.

“She loves the city because she gets all the attention. People stop to pat her,” Amanda explained. Following Amanda's request, beautiful Shae can sit, shake hands and drop down.

Amanda and Shae walk 2 km a day, sometimes 4 km, but Amanda noticed that Shae gets lazy when she has to walk long distances.

According to Amanda, Shae does not normally care much about toys, but she wants the toy whenever she sees other dogs have them.

“She's like a toddler. She tells you what's going on, not the other way around,” Amanda said.

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What Women Want

We are such creatures of habit

We are such creatures of habit, often returning to routines that comfort us and patterns of behaviour that we believe are protecting us.

We often unwittingly seek to repeat our situation time and time again, it's familiarity reassuring us that things are the way they are meant to be. The way they have always been.

I'm starting to think around this, as it seems that I am repeating a few habits. And not all of them are good.

For example, I have been working in a stressful environment for a considerable amount of time. When I analyse this, it is all justified around business growth and responsibilities etc, etc, etc. But when I really think about it, being in a stressful place is actually something I'm comfortable in.

By comfortable, I mean it's literally where I've been for so long that it feels normal – whereas I should be thinking through things more to recognise that no, it's not normal to feel comfortable in times of elongated stress.

So here's the thing. I realise that I've come to relate stress to working hard and therefore, if I'm not stressed and pushed, then subconsciously I feel that I mustn't be working hard enough. How ridiculous is that?

Equally ridiculous, yet an incredibly hard habit to break, is the midnight "Monkey on the Brain". Like clockwork, I wake from a seemingly deep sleep between 12.30pm and 1am and tick tick tick ... my mind goes at a million miles an hour, reviewing all the things I haven't done yet from a single item on my work task list to lifelong goals and big picture achievements.

Here's the bad part – I'm so used to this occurring, that I have completely accepted that I don't sleep from 1am to 4am most nights. And so it continues, because I'm

comfortable with the fact I will wake I've come to expect it – and therefore have stopped trying to break the habit.

To change habits, we have to break them. We have to have a clear intention to stop something from being the way it "has always been" and have an action plan to overcome it.

When you actually pause and think about it, it is really quite exciting to realise you have a new goal ... So my goal is simple: Support myself better.

I don't want to change my business, but I do want to break the habit of letting stress overtake the positive things that happen. And I want to wake from a great sleep rather than letting stress creep into that as well.

It's quite a beast to tackle, but they all become so interlinked it's only when we step back and get some perspective that we can see some of the habits we have formed.

What a woman wants is for peaceful days and restful nights, but what a woman needs to remember is that the reality of the world often means we live hand in hand with stressful situations. The key is to break bad habits that let them overtake all that you are.

Please prioritise yourself this month, have a look at some of the things you might be accepting in your life that really you should be focusing on changing.

Your happiness, your peace of mind, your enjoyment of every day should be the frame in which we assess how we are doing. To break the bad habits takes commitment – but wouldn't it be wonderful to break them? Good luck this month,

With love

Abby

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Health and Wellbeing

Efficient and effective workouts

Express workouts are short workout by time, normally 20-30 minutes long with a focus on maximising effort and work completed during the session. This concept is a perfect match for corporate workers who have limited time before, during and after work.

Good news is that the express workout is an effective way to train and nowadays most exercise programs and service providers have adapted shorter formats and variations to suit the corporate worker.

Spin the clock back 10 years and a gym workout was normally an hour long, as were the fitness classes. Longer time workouts are still effective, but more for purpose and by choice. If you have the time to enjoy a longer class, or spend 60-90 minutes in the gym then that's fine and you should enjoy the experience. But just know, that as workout time increases, workout intensity decreases and there are real benefits with higher intensity training. It is horses for courses though – not everyone is looking for the body smashing ultra-Spartan time torture workout. It's just that most corporate workers don't have the luxury of spare time, so the express workout is the best match for them.

Back to express workouts. They are great for many reasons including the fact that you can burn up to, and in excess of 300 calories in 30 minutes. However, there is a downside and you need to be realistic and conscious of this. We all learnt in school sports and exercise 101 that we should warm up and cool down effectively before any activity. If we just turn up to gym straight from the desk and launch into a high intensity workout without an effective warm up, there is a real risk of injury. On top of that, we place significant stress on the cardio vascular system (your heart and lungs) when we move too quickly from a sedentary position at our work desk, to the gym and straight into some plyometrics, sprint work or lifting weights above our head.

An express workout may (should) have a small warm up at the beginning of the class which is a good start. My advice though is to arrive early for such classes and tack on a proper warm up of, say, five minutes on a rower, assault bike or cross trainer. These machines used with a low to moderate intensity will warm up your muscles and kick start your heart so you are ready for the higher intensity work ahead.

As well as warming up, stretching and cooling down are important parts of any exercise routine. Dynamic stretching and mobility exercises and movements are more effective than static stretching, especially at the beginning of your workout. Think about mobility exercises as shortening and lengthening the muscles while moving a joint or joints through their full range of motion. Dynamic stretching helps prepare both the muscles and joints for the 'good' physical stresses of exercise and will help reduce the risk of injury and muscle soreness.

Here are some express classes and

workouts you might like to try, all which last for 30 minutes: BodyPump Express, CX Worx, GRIT, Core Express, Warrior, MetaFit, Stretch and Roll, Cycle Express, Boxing Express, Boot Camp and many more! Or why not just go for a 30 minute run...

It's health and fitness prime time so grab some friends and get out there!

One Million Steps with the Heart Foundation

The Heart Foundation has recently moved its headquarters to Docklands and it hasn't wasted any time moving with the launch of the Prime Minister's "One Million Steps" program.

The program, along with an easy to use Walking App, were released to the public just over a month ago. Together they help motivate us to move more, track our activity levels, set realistic and achievable goals, and reward us for achieving milestones along the way to one million steps.

All you need is a smart phone to get started. Download the free Heart Foundation Walking App from the App store, register, and then get moving. The app can either be synchronised with a fit bit or other activity tracker that measures your steps. If you don't have one, you can just switch on the health app or pedometer in your smart phone to monitor your activity and it will automatically feed the data to the Walking App.

You can join walking groups in your area through the app or even create your own with some friends. The app has leader boards that show yours, your group and the general public's achievements which are great motivators. As you progress through your journey to one million steps, you are recognized for your efforts and receive digital certificates for the milestones.

Today I received my digital certificate for achieving 150,000 steps – cool! It also came with some tips and reminders of why exercise and movement are so critical for heart and general health. Did you know that exercising 30 minutes per day can help reduce the risk of heart disease, stroke and diabetes by one third?

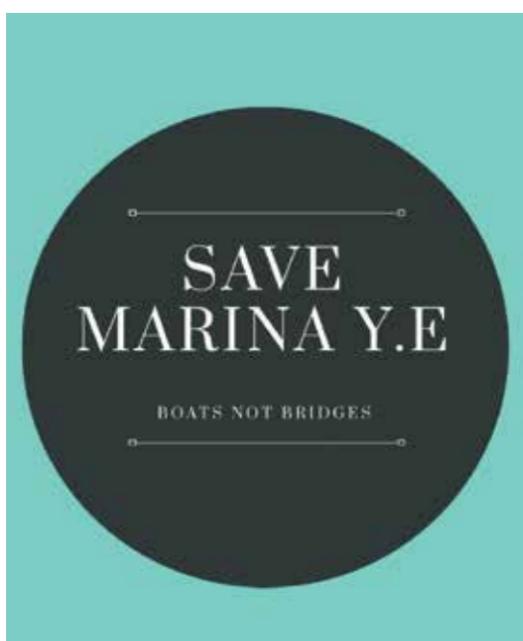
So why don't you get started today! I just had a look and four people have just reached One Million Steps which is amazing. There are some prizes for being involved, but the biggest reason you should sign up is for your own personal health and wellbeing. What are you waiting for?



Andrew Ward

Andrew Ward from Push! Fitness.

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Docklander

Vertical living imitates life

By Meg Hill

Linda Dugan has lived in Docklands for four years. She says the community here trumps her old suburb by far.

"I came from South Yarra and it was so different here. There's an incredible sense of community here, people who really care," Linda said.

Docklands News isn't out to defame South Yarra - where residents might be regular readers of our sister publication *Southbank Local News* - but the general consensus among Linda's friends at the time makes it worth mentioning.

"I was telling all my friends I want to move to Docklands and all my friends said 'that's the most stupid decision you've ever made.' They all thought I'd regret it."

Not one to give in to peer pressure, Linda made a common sense decision. She decided she'd move to Docklands by renting an apartment first and seeing if she wanted to stay.

"Within six months I knew it was perfect for me," she said.

Linda thinks that most assumptions about vertical living are wrong: in her view, the system facilitates community.

"In the suburbs, people drive into their garage, close the door, go into their houses and don't come back out until they go back through the garage and into their car again."

"When you live in an apartment building, you have to see your neighbours. In the lift or the corridors or whatever, it happens every day."

One of her favourite stories of community is how she got involved with Victoria Point's walking group.

"I saw a notice in the mailroom for walking group and I thought 'I can do that'."

"I went down and waited in the lobby and



Linda Dugan at home in Docklands.

saw all these young lycra-clad bodies and thought 'I can't do this' and left."

"Got to the lift and thought *Linda*, it's just

a walking group - you can do it. So I went back and the lycra-clad people weren't the walking group. The real walking group came

down later and since then I feel like I've been in one of the best communities I've ever been in."

Linda has her own business, Petal Back Clothing, with an emotional origin.

"Approximately 20 years ago my grandmother went from being very active to totally inactive. She was very independent, and then she was put into a high care facility, with all functions done for her," Linda said.

Linda's experience as a designer meant that her family turned to her to figure out what her grandmother could wear. Not only was it hard getting her into clothing, it was also extremely painful for her.

"I designed what's now known as a petal back nightie, and the nurses said 'Linda that's the easiest nightie I've dressed someone in, can you make one for the woman opposite your grandmother?'"

Linda did some research and found that there was nothing like what she'd designed available. She started carrying the nightie around to nursing homes and collecting orders.

"And then nurses were saying 'but what are we going to put on these ladies in the day time?' Now we've got a dress, and blouses, and polos, and special assistive trousers."

Twenty years later and Linda is still providing specially-made clothing.

Bringing the story full circle is the fact that, although Linda's orders are usually for anonymous customers, she knows through the regular contact she has with her neighbours in Victoria Point that her clothing has been ordered by residents in the building.

Chamber Update

What do the winter months mean for Docklands?

Every year we hear that the onset of winter brings business numbers down with the prevailing attitude of Melburnians' that Docklands is cold and windy.

We've been in constant talks with the City of Melbourne's events team over the past few months and we are very confident in the increased focus on activations in our precinct this year.

We know, for example, that Firelight is going to have a presence around the entire harbour - not just the NewQuay side. We also know that Harbour Esplanade is going to be activated for this three-day festival. We might even have a surprise in store that will blow people away...

How can Docklands best take advantage of efforts like these? Stay informed and get involved - our Facebook profile has over



151,000 followers and always has the latest information regarding events - www.fb.me/MelbDock. It's also available to advertise on, contact us at admin@docklandsc.com.au



The District Makers Market

Speaking of new activations ... The District Docklands will be hosting the District Makers Market every Sunday until June 3 from 11am to 4pm.

We're loving everything that they are doing and seeing this new market, with a focus on homemade food and artisan crafts, is a very welcome addition to our Sunday routine.

Successes uniting our stakeholders

You might have seen we've been very active with our local businesses this past month. We've physically stepped in and spoken with over 60 restaurants, cafes and retailers, informing them of the opportunities for marketing with us, the City of Melbourne and the planned activations coming up in June and July.

We've also had a packed house for our most recent stakeholder meeting. If you'd like to stay informed of these sessions then head to our website - www.docklandsc.com.au - and whilst you are there sign up to our newsletter.

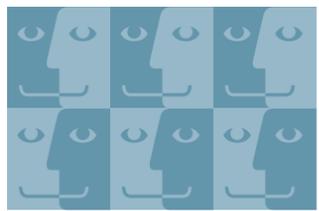


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FACES OF DOCKLANDS

Question: What does community mean to you?



FEULIA JOHANSJAH, 48, BURWOOD EAST, IT

It's people living in the same place, but it also has to involve interactions. Community is when you're not on your own.



NHI LIEU, 50, WHEELERS HILL, IT

It has to involve social events and doing things together. Physical proximity is important but those things are more important.



BINNY PRADEEP, 61, CBD, RETIRED

Living together with a basis of give and take. It evens out and there's a balance.



PERI SANTHAPPAN, 31, CBD, SOFTWARE ENGINEER

Community in Australia is different to where I come from. Here it's based on multiculturalism and a mix. It forced me to go outside my comfort zone at first, but everyone has been really friendly.



VELA RAJIKANNU, 26, CBD, UNEMPLOYED

Lots of different kinds of people with different backgrounds mixing together, that's how I like to see community.



KEN GAYLER, 77, HEIDELBERG, RETIRED

Community projects always help with community and can be a great insight into communities too. I come a long way to take part in community projects in Docklands and I really see the value.



Alma exhibit launched

State Veterans Affairs Minister, John Eren (centre) officially launched Alma Doepel's "Soldiers at Sea" exhibition in Docklands on April 30.

In this picture, Sail and Adventure director Matt McDonald stresses the value of the exhibition, which showcases Alma Doepel's role in the Australian Army's operations in the Pacific theatre during WWII.

The chair of not-for-profit Sail and Adventure, Alan Edenborough (left), looks on.

Alma Doepel is Australia's last remaining square-rigged wooden ships in Australia.

She is currently being restored in Docklands and will resume her role as a youth training ship on completion.

The public is invited to view the exhibition during the Australian Heritage Festival Alma Doepel Open Day at Shed 2, Northwharf Rd, Docklands, between 10 am and 4pm on Sunday, May 6.



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Street Art

Quality art fair in Docklands

I find it hard not to write about what's going on at The District shopping centre.

That's because this newspaper is Docklands centric and, to be perfectly honest, not as much happens in Docklands culturally as you may think.

Once you take out Blender Studios, the Docklands art precinct, the beautiful library and the sculpture trail, you aren't really left with much for the public to engage with.

So I am going to talk about the first Friday of the month down at The District (opening night).

So the next one is Friday, May 4 (you may have missed it by the time you have read this article. But I'm going to tell you about it anyway.)

So the Docklands Arts Collective (DAC) is made up of about 15 galleries and creative spaces. They have galleries that include: screen printing, trash puppets, fine art, a comic museum, photography gallery and recycled paper shop. There is even an indoor plant shop, which is cool.

Anyway, so the first Friday of every month is the DAC opening night. Every space has an event or gallery opening.

So all the gallery spaces invite all their guests, everyone has a drink, checks out heaps of art, and an awesome night is had by all. You can spend a lot of time going from one space to another and still not see all the art. It's like a giant contemporary art fair - every month. I have a solo show coming up on the first Friday in July you should come check out the space. It's pretty fun.

On Friday, July 4 Blender Studios will join DAC with an opening of an interactive art installation in the new Blender Projekt Space by Simon Doyle and Darkhorse experiment.

Will be launching Thai artist Nakarin Jaikla's amazing performance and installation *The Boundary of Void* which will be open throughout the month (pictured).



I was lucky enough to be in an international art workshop earlier this year with Nakarin and was blown away by the quality of his work. He is formally trained in dance - a medium that he uses as a tool to convey his subtle and sensitive ideology through art performance.

If you can't make it to these Friday night events, don't stress. Every Sunday The District runs its Makers Market from 11am -

4pm and all the art spaces open their doors, plus there is music, workshops and food.

So get down and check out some of these quality fine art and research establishments, or get ya face painted and drink some locally-sourced gin.

Ya can see why it's hard not to just write about The District as there is so much going on.

Have an awesome month.

Like me on Instagram: doylesart
Peace out.



Adrian Doyle
Street Artist
Blender Studios founder and director

Owners' Corporation Law

Why the delay Minister?

The 29th day of April 2018 marked the two-year anniversary of the closure of the public submissions period for Consumer Affairs Victoria's review into the Owners Corporation Act reforms.

It has also been over four years now, since Consumer Affairs released draft legislation for the regulation of owners' corporation managers, something that is long overdue in Melbourne.

Back in February 2018, Consumer Affairs staff provided a stakeholder representing owners' corporation managers with a copy of the proposed newly-drafted legislation for feedback and further consultation.

Other stakeholders (including those representing owners' corporations) were not provided the same opportunity to be given a copy of the legislation. No reasons were given by Consumer Affairs as to why certain stakeholders were excluded from this process.

In any event, by all accounts the draft legislation already appears to be out of date and out of lockstep with developments in the common law and in the owners' corporation management industry. Without updated reforms, this "new" legislation is set to be woefully out of date and out of touch.

The state government has also not moved to put the ill-fated Owners Corporation Amendment (Short-Stay Accommodation) Bill back for reading to the Lower House.

Readers will remember that the 2017 Upper House inquiry into the Bill made more than a dozen recommendations to change the legislation. The Labor government spectacularly decided to seek to

reintroduce the Bill without any amendment at all and simply asserted that a review could be implemented after a few years down the track.

Given the woefully inadequate policy response, advocacy groups representing owners' corporations had to again ask the opposition politicians and cross-benchers to consider why they would support such ham-fisted legislation.

Now, the Bill has quietly disappeared from Parliament altogether, which could mean either, (1) there has been a major policy re-think (hallelujah), (2) there's going to be a pre-election "stunt" later in the year, whereby Labor will seek to pass a whole host of legislation in one fell swoop and may seek to bundle this legislation in there in an effort to slip it past the goalkeeper, or (3) nothing will be done before the election, and if the current government survives then it will seek to reintroduce the legislation in amended form once back in power.

My sense from talking to committees all around Victoria is that there is great frustration with the elected officials in regards to these reforms.

Depending on who you listen to, they've either got it wrong altogether and need to start again, or they've got it right but they've waited too long and now the legislation is out of date. In other words, even when they've got it right, they've got it wrong.

The reality is that the whole situation is a total mess. No one has high hopes for the Owners Corporation Act reforms. It's such a crucial piece of consumer legislation but it appears to be stuck. Even I'm starting to feel sorry for the politicians.



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WHAT'S ON

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | **MAY** | JUN | JUL | AUG | SEP | OCT | NOV | DEC

**10.30-11.30AM FRIDAYS TO JUNE 29,
LIBRARY AT THE DOCK**

HINDI STORYTIME

Share stories, songs, rhymes and craft activity with your child, delivered in both English and Hindi. For kids ages 3-5.

FREE

**FROM 7PM, WEDNESDAY, MAY 9,
BERTH RESTAURANT, 45 NEWQUAY
PROMENADE**

DOCKLANDS SOCIAL CLUB

Join other locals, workers and residents for a monthly social gathering in a relaxed, informal setting. Come along for a drink or sit down for a meal. Everyone is welcome.

**7 AND 7.30 AM ON FRIDAYS AT THE
HUB BASKETBALL COURTS**

EARLY MORNING FITNESS

\$10 per class after the first month.
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**11AM EVERY SUNDAY
SUNDAY WORSHIP**

City Light Methodist Church at St Peter the Mariner's Chapel. Mission to Seafarers, 717 Flinders St. English and Chinese service
中文

**10AM-5PM
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DOCKLANDS

SUNDAY MARKET

A variety market featuring arts and crafts, books and more. For more info, ring
0412 910 496

**4.30 – 5.30PM WEDNESDAYS UNTIL
END OF 2018, LIBRARY AT THE DOCK**

CREATIVE KIDS AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

The club meets during school terms for painting, craft, STEM activities, games and fun! For ages 7+ years.

**2– 4PM, EVERY TUESDAY,
SASSONE, 70 LORIMER ST**

YARRA'S EDGE SOCIAL CLUB

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**EVERY OTHER SUNDAY 11AM-4PM
DOCKLANDS YACHT CLUB**

COMMUNITY SAILING DAY

Come and try sailing with the community. No age limit and no fitness requirements. People with disabilities are welcome.

\$20. **docklands.yachting.org.au**

**EVERY 1ST & 3RD SATURDAY, 10.30-
11AM, LIBRARY AT THE DOCK**

CODE CLUB

A fortnightly workshop that teaches children to code and improve their problem solving skills and logical thinking. For 9-11 year olds. Book via Eventbrite. **9658 9379** or
makerspace@melbourne.vic.gov.au

**MAY 16 – JUNE 7, 8AM–7PM
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MAT VAUGHAN AND NICKI LETT'S: TRAM STOP STORIES

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**1ST & 3RD MONDAY OF THE MONTH
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**2ND FRIDAY OF THE MONTH,
4-5.15PM, LIBRARY AT THE DOCK**

JAZZ BREW CAFE

A monthly Docklands Jazz lounge at Library at The Dock's foyer. Sip some coffee while enjoying the diverse Jazz tunes. FREE.

**WEDNESDAY 4.30PM – 6.30PM,
MAY 9, LIBRARY AT THE DOCK**

MAKERBASICS: CREATE PROFESSIONAL POSTERS

This workshop shows you how to effectively use Adobe Photoshop and Illustrator by developing and creating an event poster.

**2ND SATURDAY OF THE MONTH,
2-4PM, LIBRARY AT THE DOCK**

ADHD SUPPORT GROUP

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**WEDNESDAYS 5.45PM-7PM
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**FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH,
9.30AM-12PM LIBRARY AT THE DOCK**

CHINESE BOOK CLUB MORNING TEA

Meet other readers, have a chat and find some new Chinese books, magazines or DVDs to borrow. FREE

**FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH,
10AM, LIBRARY AT THE DOCK**

SUNRISE PROBUS CLUB

Probus Clubs for men and women over 50. Meet new friends, share interests and enjoy activities.
Contact **mspc.docklands@gmail.com**

**EVERY SATURDAY, 9.30AM,
COMMUNITY HUB AT THE DOCK**

CYSM SEA DRAGONS

Three free dragon boating sessions. Contact Vicky at **cysm.seadragons@gmail.com**.

www.cysm.org/dragonboat

**MAY 2– MAY 5 LIBRARY AT THE DOCK
LE PERE NOEL EST UNE
ORDURE**

The Melbourne French Theatre presents its newest play Le Pere Noel est une Ordure, a brilliant black comedy juggling high farce and grotesque black humour. \$20 - \$37

**MAY 27, 3PM – 4.15PM
LIBRARY AT THE DOCK**

SUNDAY LOUNGE MUSIC: AARTI JADU

In this session of Sunday Lounge delve into the music of Aarti Jadu. While her roots are in Indian devotional music.

**MAY 3, 4 – 6.30PM
LIBRARY AT THE DOCK**

MAKERHANGOUT: ARDUINO MEETUP

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**MAY 5, 10AM – 5PM
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COMIC BOOK DAY

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**MAY 10, 3PM – 5PM
LIBRARY AT THE DOCK**

ECONOMICS OF HAPPINESS

An award-winning documentary film, The Economics of Happiness spells out the social, spiritual, and ecological costs of today's global economy. FREE

**MAY 11, 10.30AM-11.15AM
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Challenge yourself with friends at this regular catch up of ping-pong enthusiasts.

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Every Thursday 7.30-8.30am
Come along to find your inner peace and power at this weekly community Tai Chi session that is open to people from all walks of life. The ancient Chinese martial art is a tranquil and graceful way to keep fit. Beginners welcome. FREE.

STOMPERS

Mondays at 10.30am

Encourage your child to have a life-long love of books by coming along to Stompers, Melbourne Library Services weekly program for toddlers aged 18 months to three years.

SONGBIRDS

Wednesdays at 10.30am
Come along for songs, rhymes and stories to engage your budding book worm's mind and introduce them to the fun and rhythm of language. Suitable for babies and toddlers aged up to 18 months old.

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Wednesdays 4.30pm to 5.30 pm.
Ever wanted to 3D print your own superhero figurine? At the Creative Kids After School Club you can. Come hang out and create in our maker's space. Projects will include jewellery making, game design, paper crafts, comics and more.

DOCKLANDS SPORTS PAGE

Engin keeps on making good calls

During lunchbreaks, city workers head to Flagstaff Gardens and our local Docklands Sports Courts to play ball with Active Melbourne City Sports.

With over 140 teams across seven sports, the need for quality referees is a must for the overall enjoyment and safety of players.

This is where Engin Aksac comes in.

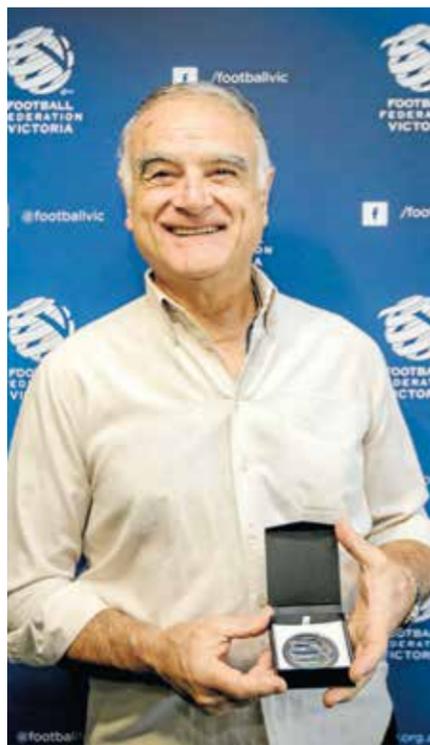
Engin is one of Active Melbourne City Sports' soccer referees. He's been refereeing games for 28 years and a part of Active Melbourne City Sports since 2011.

Engin was recently awarded a silver medallion from Football Federation Victoria (FFV) in recognition of his 28 years as a Victorian referee.

He recently accepted the award in front of 200 fellow referees at the Annual Referee Meeting.

As a retired teacher, Engin said: "I really enjoy teaching how the game is played and ensuring correct and fair decisions are made for players so everyone can get maximum enjoyment from the game."

Specifically, he likes his work with Active Melbourne City Sports as "it gives those who sit down all day, an opportunity to



Referee Engin Aksac.

get physically active with the sport they enjoy. Those men and women can have fun and be physically active for 30 minutes."

If you participate in Active Melbourne City Sports, be sure to congratulate Engin on nearly three decades of helping Melbourne stay active.



Masters of the seven seas

Dragon Masters, one of Docklands' six dragon boating clubs, is accelerating in 2018 with tours to both Hungary and Canada.

Last year the club took part in competitions in Hong Kong. It also topped off two-years of high performance at the nationals to qualify for the Club Crew World Champions (CCWC) in Szeged, Hungary.

"To get invited to Hungary you have to be one of the best teams at the nationals during the two years before the title," club president Zonda Lynn said.

"So in 2016 and 2017 we had to win events

against all the other Australian teams in our age group."

Dragon Masters are a club for over 40s, and their older members seem to be carving out the most success. Heading over to the CCWC are two 60+ teams.

Fellow Docklands teams Yarra River Dragons and the Melbourne Flames also qualified, but the latter decided not to go.

The sport is notably popular in Docklands, with six of Victoria's 23 teams based here!

Ms Lynn said club would continue to seize international opportunities.

"We're looking at perhaps going on a four-city tour in China, and then towards the end of next year another Australian team will be selected to go to Thailand," she said.

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