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Docklands takes flame

Thousands of people flocked to Docklands from June 28 to June 30 for the firelight festival weekend – the celebration of the winter solstice where “fire and water do go together”.

The City of Melbourne estimates more than 60,000 people attended the festival's third year, where giant flame jets, fire performers, flaming cauldrons and an hourly laser-light show transformed Victoria Harbour. Despite inclement weather on June 29, the event proved a huge success and once again showcased the beauty of our waterfront.

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Street performer Brendan Jones gets into the spirit of the Firelight Festival last month.

Photo: John Tadigiri.

Has the community forum run out of steam?

By Meg Hill

A year on from the restructuring of the Docklands Community Forum (DCF), it appears the project has stalled from member dropouts and lack of independence or initiative.

The forum was originally established in 2012 as a replacement for the legislated and expensive Docklands Co-ordination Committee and was restructured following a review in 2017 as an interim measure. Members of the Docklands Representative Group (DRG) – residents, workers and others – organised and ran the public forums.

Both the DRG and community forums were instrumental in securing Docklands' future primary school.

Current DRG member and Rotary representative Daniel Limmy joined the

forum a year ago and was “very excited to work with like-minded residents and professionals who work in Docklands”.

“But there are frustrations, mainly because people are dropping out of the team,” he said.

“We originally had 20, but rarely have 20 people shown up. At the last meeting we only had five people turn up so that was a big frustration for me.”

Mr Limmy said there were effectively only eight people from the original 20 still

involved in the DRG.

A likely consequence of this is a drop in reach and community engagement. Others have told *Docklands News* that it was being too closely guarded by the City of Melbourne (CoM).

A CoM spokesperson said the most recent DCF, on June 26, attracted more than 50 participants to the Library at The Dock.

“The DRG has successfully organised four community forums including the most recent one in June, which attracted more

than 50 participants and featured presenters from the Victorian School Building Authority (VSBA) and Fishermans Bend Taskforce,” a CoM spokesperson said.

But *Docklands News* attended the forum and counted no more than 35 in attendance, many of whom were participants associated with speakers. Interested residents have since complained about a lack of promotion, saying they didn't know until the night that the forum was happening.

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While forum dates are listed on the council's website, *Docklands News* received a group email notification from the forum's leader, CoM community engagement partner Melanie Del Monaco, two days prior to the event with the forum's agenda. The event wasn't advertised in the June edition of *Docklands News*.

The 2017 review of the forum which led to its restructuring resolved to "transition the Docklands Community Forum to a community-led model by 2019".

But Mr Limmy said there were still problems with the forum's independence and capability.

"The City of Melbourne are supportive, they're there every meeting and give us tips," he said.

"But they're like a big brother, they want to guide us in a certain way instead of hearing ideas or initiatives from the group itself," he said.

He said part of this stemmed from problems with members, and that the group still needed to make a lot of fundamental decisions.

"Until we can decide on those I don't think they [council] can let go," he said.

As reported in the May 2018 edition of *Docklands News*, Ms Del Monaco had told the March 28 DCF that feedback received as part of council's reform process had shown that Docklanders wanted more opportunities



Jacqui Banks from the Fishermans Bend Taskforce addresses an audience of some 35 people at the June 26 forum.

to meet and network with each other.

With the demise of the former Docklands Community Association (DCA), a reformed DCF offered a chance to build a structure that allowed it to set own agendas and bring locals together to socialise and advocate for issues of concern. However, the current model doesn't appear to be offering the vehicle the community is looking for.

Mr Limmy said initially members were very united but he's seeing "the opposite side of things at the moment".

"I think the intention of the forum is very good, but people need to be involved. I'd really like to see it continue, but we need the right members."

Fellow DRG member Janette Corcoran told *Docklands News* that the group's future depended on strengthening its local connections.

"I appreciate the concerns raised by my fellow DRG members regarding the evolution of the group and especially its

connection to Docklands more widely. My feeling remains that Docklands really needs a community group – like the DRG – to help us move from a generic precinct into a neighbourhood with its own character."

"I think the future of the DRG lies with strengthening our connections within Docklands, growing our networks and then actually working with these groups on issues that matter to Docklands – like the sustainability of our harbour."

A City of Melbourne spokesperson said "As some members have either relocated from Docklands or can no longer attend due to increased work commitments, the DRG is planning to recruit new members later this year when the 18-month term of existing members expires".

The DRG will next meet on July 3 and its understood that its future direction and structure will be on the agenda.

Read a summary of the June 26 forum on page 3.



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Doubts cast on tram bridge

By Sean Car

While a bridge through Yarra's Edge has long been understood as the state government's preferred tram route to Fishermans Bend, a stretched state budget means that all options are currently on the table.

Despite the government's 2018 Fishermans Bend Framework forecasting medium-term delivery of a tram to Fishermans Bend by 2025, it only included \$4.5 million over the next two years in its recent budget.

The two-year funding commitment for a business case (\$2m) and pre-construction works (\$2.5m) means that construction on the project won't commence until at least 2022 - the same year the government proposes to open a new Fishermans Bend Secondary School.

With the setback of Federal Labor losing the recent election and the state budget forecasting net debt to balloon by more than \$50 billion by 2022-23, the expensive tram bridge proposal over the Yarra River is no longer a sure thing.

Docklands News understands that the service provider Yarra Trams is open to discussion about alternative routes, with an extension of route 58 along Queensbridge and Whiteman streets in Southbank considered to have greater cause for expansion than Collins St.

While Yarra Trams refused to provide comment to *Docklands News* on tram services to Fishermans Bend, a spokesperson for the Department of Transport said the government was exploring all options.

"Fishermans Bend is Australia's largest urban renewal project and it's vital that we properly plan the transport needs of



The Fishermans Bend Framework proposed tram routes (in purple) and Metro 2 alignments (orange).

this growing residential and employment hub," the spokesperson said.

"That's why we're doing the early works needed for a future tram link to Fishermans Bend. This will help us explore the most appropriate solution and provide advice to government."

Other alternative routes flagged by the Yarra Residents Action Group include an immersed tube under the harbour via Latrobe St through Docklands Drive, as well as a new route via Harbour Esplanade and North Wharf Bridge into Lorimer St.

Yarra Residents Action Group chairman Keith Sutherland said that while the Department of Transport was currently looking at two of its proposals, he called on Premier Daniel Andrews and his ministry to provide certainty to the community.

"Surely it is time for the Premier to make a statement about the future of the tram bridge to get rid of the uncertainty for business, residents and boat owners at Marina Yarra's Edge," he said. "But most of all, realise that tram routes 11 and 48 are incapable of carrying increased patronage to the Docklands precinct of up to 20,000 extra people plus up to 80,000 ultimately to Fishermans Bend."

With the Fishermans Bend Framework forecasting 80,000 jobs by 2050, the state government's 2016 purchase of the 37-hectare GM Holden site in the future employment precinct, as well as the delivery of public transport, are central to making good on its projection.

With the University of Melbourne purchasing 7.1 hectares of the site for its new engineering and design campus, and RMIT University in negotiations to follow suit, the government has formally branded Fishermans Bend as a "priority precinct". With a focus on advanced manufacturing, the area is earmarked to become a national employment and innovation cluster (NEIC).

However, with the precinct's capital city zoning resulting in landowners forking out growing holding costs for sites, the absence of a significant funding boost for a tram is causing growing concern within the existing business community.

As the public waits for the government to release its funding plan for the precinct, Fishermans Bend Business Forum (FBBF) executive officer David Weston said a full funding commitment to a tram service was essential.

"Until there is a commitment to funding, businesses will be considering their options, which in some cases means relocation."

With the Federal Morrison government offering \$4 billion towards the East West Link following its election win in May, Mr Weston urged the state government to enter into negotiations for that funding to be put towards Metro 2.

The University of Melbourne plans to open its new Fishermans Bend campus in the "early 2020s" and the government is also in the process of finalising a site for a new community hospital, which is projected to open in the Wirraway Precinct in 2025.

Forum recap

The Docklands Community Forum (DCF) was held on June 26 at the Library at the Dock.

Chairperson and DRG member Jason Ting introduced guest speakers from developer Salta Properties, the Victorian School Building Authority (VSBA) and the Fishermans Bend Taskforce, who each provided updates on their major projects.

Salta development manager David O'Connell touched on the developer's long-awaited redevelopment of the site next to Channel 7 at 699 Latrobe St.

To comprise 200 hotel rooms around 300 build-to-rent (BTR) apartments, he said the building would most likely start construction next year and be completed in 2023.

Mr O'Connell said that the developer had experienced some issues with neighbours and authorities over the project, and that the "apartment crisis" in Victoria was presenting developers and government with plenty of challenges.

A representative from the VSBA provided a very brief update on the new Docklands Primary School, currently under construction on Footscray Rd. The only major update on the project was that an early learning centre would be added to the campus, which had caused a slight delay to completion due to new plans being drawn.

Jacqui Banks from the Fishermans Bend Taskforce also provided an update on the urban renewal project, highlighting the new Fishermans Bend Secondary School (open in 2022) and \$4.5m for early works on a new tram route.

To be held on September 18, plans are underway for the next DCF in collaboration with the Docklands Chamber of Commerce, which is to be held at Marvel Stadium with a focus on the stadium's redevelopment.



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Builders still exempt from cladding bills

By Meg Hill

A second VCAT ruling on the Lacrosse fire has reinforced builder exemption from flammable cladding and fire damage.

The first ruling, in February, approved the owners' claims for damages - \$5.7 million - and found the builder, LU Simon, technically liable. But the judgement apportioned 97 per cent of damages to be paid by the architects, surveyors and engineers.

In April, VCAT ruled in favour of the owners' claims for interest on their loan to fund rectification works and ordered the third parties to pay 100 per cent of it.

They were also ordered to pay LU Simon's legal fees.

Strata lawyer Tom Bacon said it was an "unusual outcome".

"The plaintiff (the Owners' Corporation) is awarded its costs and damages, and the first defendant (LU Simon) is awarded its costs, to be paid by the second, third and fourth defendants," he said.

"The lesson from this case is that if the builder can prove they built the building in accordance with the plans provided to them, then those who design and certify these buildings that end up being defective will bear primary responsibility."

In 2014, the Lacrosse building caught fire due to noncompliant and flammable cladding. Since then the cladding has been found to be prevalent in Australian cities, despite being noncompliant.

The Lacrosse VCAT ruling was closely followed as the first case to apportion liability between different parties involved in planning, approving and constructing those buildings.

Apartment owners had been fighting the notion that they should pay for the rectification themselves since the Lacrosse fire, while builders, engineers, architects and surveyors played a blame game.

In October last year the state government introduced a cladding rectification agreement (CRA) scheme to incentivise owners paying for replacements by offering low-interest loans.

But sister publication *CBD News* revealed this month that not one CRA loan has been granted in Victoria to date.

A 2018 cladding audit identified 354 low/moderate-risk buildings and 275 high/extreme risk buildings in Victoria. The Victorian Building Authority (VBA) continues its audit, having completed over 1000 in the 2018/19 financial year.

It comes amid new modelling released by researchers from RMIT University in June, which estimated the current cost to replace dangerous cladding on buildings in Victoria at more than \$1.6 billion. This figure doesn't include buildings yet to be audited by the VBA.

Premier Daniel Andrews told *774 ABC Melbourne* on June 25 that public money would be used as part of a package of cladding rectification reforms to be announced in July.

It is understood that the government will also establish a new agency Cladding Safety Victoria, which will provide the community with a one-stop-shop for advice and assistance on removing dangerous cladding.

Crime rise

Latest crime statistics released have revealed that crime in Docklands is on the rise.

The figures from the Crime Statistics Agency (CSA), which tracked crime statistics between April 2018 and March 2019, recorded a total of 2,113 offences in postcode 3008; up from 1,875 the previous year.

Property and deception offences (1,223), drug offences (202) and public order and security offences (234) were up from last year. However, crimes against the person (287) saw a decrease.

This follows an increase in crime across the state, with statistics showing that criminal incidents recorded Victoria-wide have risen by two per cent overall. A total of 387,157 criminal incidents were recorded; an increase from 379,396 incidents the previous year.

Assaults are up 3.6 per cent, robbery is up 6.4 per cent and drug use and possession is up 12 per cent.

Alleged offender incidents recorded by Victoria Police continued to increase in the last 12 months up by 6.9 per cent to 178,731. This is a 45.2 per cent increase in the last 10 years and is the highest number on record for the CSA data, which goes back to 2004.

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L-R: General Manager Mirvac Residential Victoria Elysa Anderson, GM Precincts, Development Victoria Simon Wilson, Minister for Planning Richard Wynne, Mirvac Head of Residential Stuart Penklis, and Mirvac Head of Stakeholder Relations Bay Warburton on May 31 and (right) a render of the new Voyager tower at Yarra's Edge.



Sod turned on Voyager

As one of the last remaining pieces of the puzzle in the development of the Yarra's Edge precinct, developer Mirvac's launch of its new Voyager residential tower marks a significant milestone for Docklands.

Minister for Planning Richard Wynne joined Mirvac head of residential Stuart Penklis and general manager of urban precinct renewal at Development Victoria (DV) Simon Wilson on May 31 to turn the sod on the \$300 million project.

Located at 103 South Wharf Drive, construction is well underway on the 43-storey luxury tower, which at 130 metres tall, will measure as the tallest in the precinct once completed in 2021. With architecture and interior's by Mirvac's own in-house design team Mirvac Design, the building will comprise 315 one, two- and three-bedroom apartments.

Speaking at the sod-turning ceremony, Mr Wynne welcomed Mirvac's "significant investment" as a welcome boost both to Victoria's residential apartment market and to Docklands.

"Can I say on behalf of the government; this is a huge vote of confidence, Mr Wynne said. "People have talked about the challenges of the apartment market and so forth, but I think when you look forward at what the market actually looks like, I think we should have a lot of optimism."

"We are in an incredibly robust position and I would like to thank Mirvac for acknowledging through the huge investment you've made over 20 years in this precinct, but particularly at this point in the cycle."

"Mirvac is actually a bookend towards all of the development that is going to occur on this peninsula in particular and there will be 5000 residents just in this precinct alone."

The project is anticipated to create around 2000 jobs throughout construction and Mr Wynne said its location on the doorstep of Australia's largest urban renewal project in Fishermans Bend was also significant for the broader community.

"There is no site [Fishermans Bend] anywhere in Australia that is located so close to the centre of the city that is available for residential development," he said. "This is quite an extraordinary opportunity and our Fishermans Bend Taskforce has done a huge amount of strategic work to ensure that we lay out what the future of Fishermans Bend will be, so that we have learnt from the lessons of Docklands."

"Determining where the childcare centres, shopping, open space, public transport links will be is key to a fully articulated-planned precinct directly opposite from this magnificent Mirvac development."

Voyager joins Mirvac's \$1.4 billion Victorian apartments pipeline in what has been a strong 2019 for the developer. The "fluid form" of the building's façade was designed in response to both air flow and the Yarra River, with the bronzed curve "reflecting the changing light as the sun moves on its daily journey".

Mr Penklis said that the building marked the next chapter in one of Melbourne's most vibrant communities in Yarra's Edge.

"The surrounding amenity, combined with unparalleled north-facing waterfront access, has been very well received by purchasers looking to the long term, demanding quality apartments, supported by strong real estate fundamentals," he said.

"Voyager is our response to the demand for quality housing and amenities in well-connected inner-city locations and is a reflection of Mirvac's ongoing commitment to the precinct."

"As the area continues to evolve, the Yarra's Edge community will benefit from the added infrastructure and amenity coming to Fishermans Bend, as well as local facilities under development."

What affects air quality in Docklands?

Can you see the air quality on high rise buildings? Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Victoria senior scientist Paul Torre can.

"On a clear day you can see the vertical dispersion on a building – a greyed area, on top of it is blue. It's sometimes above the building or sometimes below," he said.

Mr Torre said an area's air quality standard depended largely on meteorology and how close it was to general pollution sources.

But the CBD area has a better standard than most would think. The EPA monitors particle pollution. The particles can be up to 30 times smaller than the width of a human hair.

A "low" standard is up to 8.9 micrograms per cubic metre. The CBD last year averaged 8.1, in comparison to inner city suburbs like Footscray that averaged 7.9.

The level of "vertical dispersion" Mr Torre referred to largely depends on weather and pollution activity together.

"Generally, what you find is during the morning you get a build-up in the peak hour – when it's cold you get poor dispersion and dilution," he said. "When it warms up you get more mixing and it goes up higher, rather than getting trapped, and at night it comes down again."

For that reason, air quality is generally slightly worse in winter.

Mr Torre said it was only about seven days last year that the air quality in the CBD exceeded the standard. In Alphington, for example, there were eight days – probably because of more wood fired heating in the suburbs.

But the biggest negative influence on air quality in the inner city are bush fires and planned burns from out of Melbourne.

"They can go for weeks; you can have a really big impact from that."

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The romance of shipwrighting

By Rhonda Dredge

If he had to choose a tool out of the shipwright's toolkit, Christian Jones enjoys wielding the wedge.

It's a simple but indispensable tool for shoring up sections and pushing up planks.

"It's so versatile. I use it everyday," the shipwright said with an enthusiastic smile.

He has just used a wedge to fit the garboard between the keel and ribs on the *Alma Doepel* and the job was a tricky one, requiring several decisive steps that distinguish the craft of boat-building from other carpentry jobs.

As one of three shipwrights working on the reconstruction of the legendary three-masted schooner for Darley Traditional Shipwrights, he has to be strong as well as skilled.

The garboard is a long straight plank that is both heavy and difficult to manoeuvre. Christian was forced to hold it up above his head while fitting it in but he did this with grace.

It then took three shipwrights to lift the garboard out again so the edges could be bevelled to make space for the caulking which waterproofs the structure.

"The hardest thing is the heavy lifting," Christian said. "Everything weighs a ton but it's the only way in awkward spaces."

Things didn't go according to plan. The garboard was fitted but the plane broke while they were working it. The timber is one-year-cut spotted gum and is still green.

Australian timbers are the hardest in the world. Many of the new ribs are made from ironbark as were the originals, some following the shape of the original roots.

Shipwrights wax lyrical about the various properties of timbers with the Aussies claiming several advantages over other nations.

"It's quite tricky, the timber's so hard," Christian said. "I'm from England. Ironbark's like the end grain of oak. It blunts your tools."

Christian grew up in Falmouth on the Cornish coast, where a wooden boat-building tradition prosters. He did an apprenticeship as a furniture maker then moved onto boats.

"It's pretty much the same here but better weather. We're outside every day. We never have to have a day off. In England you put tarps over everything."

He said the work was more varied in Falmouth with jobs lasting a week or two and he jumped at the chance of a large project.



Christian Jones with daughter Ilka.

Photo: Shane Scanlan

"This is a once in a lifetime opportunity because of the scale," he said.

The *Alma Doepel* is 45 metres long and weighs 250 tonnes. 40 tonnes of timber have been shifted and 53 ribs steamed, cut, bent,

glued and fitted over the past four years.

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Stuck in a tram trance

By David Schout

Almost a year after Etihad Stadium was renamed Marvel Stadium, Melbourne's trams, tram stops and overhead announcements still refer to its former name.

In May last year it was announced that the naming rights for the sports and entertainment arena would change in an eight-year deal with The Walt Disney Company.

And on September 1, the change became official.

But it appears the memo is yet to reach Yarra Trams and Public Transport Victoria (PTV), who still refer to the ground as "Etihad Stadium" on almost all its print and online materials across the network.

The 75 tram that runs along Harbour Esplanade, for example, still digitally beams "Etihad Stadium" across its front and sides.

Further, the Yarra Trams website lists the Route 75 tram as "Vermont South to Etihad Stadium Docklands" in all its digital communications.

Even the Yarra Trams Twitter account is yet to get on board with the name change, still



Trams in Docklands are still listing "Etihad Stadium" months after the stadium was renamed.

alerting commuters to network changes by the stadium's former airline sponsor.

Twitter users have alerted the account since last year, and in each instance were told Yarra Trams were "aware of the situation" and were "working closely with the passenger information team on it".

Yarra Trams told *Docklands News* it was in fact PTV who were responsible for the name change, and in response spokesperson John Lindsay could not say when the change would occur.

"We are working with Yarra Trams on updating the naming of stops on Latrobe St and Bourke St to more accurately reflect their location," Mr Lindsay said.

It is understood name changes are carried out as part of wider network change processes to reduce costs.

PTV did not answer questions about when that might occur, nor the usual timeframes when other Melbourne landmarks or venues change names.



ACS relocates to Docklands

Australian Computer Society (ACS) Victoria will relocate to Docklands following the construction of its new offices at 839 Collins St.

The offices are a part of a new 39,000sqm office tower being constructed by Lendlease adjacent to ANZ headquarters. The workspace will have a large event space fit for 150 people, and more office space for their workers.

The move comes after the information and communications technology representative body relocated other offices in Tasmania, New South Wales and the Northern Territory as part of a larger organisational strategy.

ACS Victoria's Maria Markman said last month that fit-out was nearing completion in anticipation for a July opening.



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Shane Scanlan says farewell to Docklands at Berth on June 19.

Photo: John Tadigiri.

Thank you, Shane

By Sean Car

Retiring owner and editor of Docklands News Shane Scanlan was given a fitting farewell by our community in his beloved Docklands on June 19, marking the end of a magnificent career serving our suburb and our city.

Held at local restaurant Berth with a typically stunning Docklands night time backdrop, more than 100 people, each who have contributed to the success of our local newspapers, turned out to say thanks to Melbourne's "mini-media mogul".

Having first met Shane as a 21-year-old intern in 2012, there is no way I could have ever anticipated the impact he would have on my career and my life. Seven years later, I was humbled to be in a position to present him to the community he loves one final time, as he said thanks and so long in typical "Shane fashion."

An honest, heartfelt and humorous final address was topped off when I was called back on stage for a surprise gift, which he presented to me in a box. Opening it in front of curious onlookers, out came his trademark Akubra, which I placed on my head feeling an overwhelming level of gratitude towards its predecessor.



Shane Scanlan and Sean Car. Photo: John Tadigiri.

While I still feel as though I am "growing" into it and, alas, am unlikely to be donning it around town too often, I will forever cherish the gesture and appreciate the responsibility that comes with wearing this particular hat.

As the new owner of Hyperlocal News, which is responsible for publishing *Docklands News*, *Southbank Local News* and *CBD News*, I look forward to leading these wonderful community assets into a new generation.

Having learned from the very best for the past five years as editor of *Southbank Local News*, I have come to appreciate everything that makes these newspapers so special. From our advertisers and readers to our staff and contributors, thank you for making it all possible.

And of course, for everything, thank you, Shane.

Docklands voters turn Green

By David Schout

Figures from the recent federal election show that for the first time ever, The Greens received the highest number of votes in Docklands.

As MP Adam Bandt held onto the seat of Melbourne for a fourth term, final numbers confirmed that 38 per cent of Docklands voters gave The Greens their first preference vote.

This was higher than both the Liberal Party (34.6 per cent) and Labor Party (18.5 per cent).

Perhaps most significantly, however, the numbers indicated a shift away from conservative votes in the area.

In previous elections, Docklands has voted strongly in favour of the Liberal Party, belying the wider Green swing throughout Melbourne since 2010.

Bandt won the seat nine years ago, putting an end to 106 years as a Labor stronghold, but up until now Docklands votes have remained predominantly blue.

As recently as the last federal election in 2016, 39.8 per cent of Docklands voters opted for the Liberals over the Greens (31.9 per cent).

In 2013, the Liberals received a staggering 41 per cent of the votes in Docklands despite just 22.8 per cent of the vote throughout the seat of Melbourne.

While there were likely several explanations for Docklands' shift to Green on May 18's federal election, a key reason was likely the

fact both major parties fielded relatively weak candidates.

Labor candidate Luke Creasey was forced to resign before the election due to social media indiscretions (his name, however, remained on the ballot paper) while the Liberals fielded unknown candidate Lauren Sherson.

Combined, they received just over 40 per cent of primary votes.

For the first time, in-person federal election voting in Docklands was moved to Library at the Dock, away from the The Hub on Harbour Esplanade where it had been for the 2010, 2013 and 2016 elections.

The number of votes cast in Docklands also rose from the last election, from 1428 to 1667.

These numbers don't include postal or pre-poll votes, which the Australian Electoral Commission confirmed were higher this election.

In total, the 1667 votes lodged in Docklands read:

The Greens (Adam Bandt): 38.02 per cent
Liberal (Lauren Sherson): 34.57 per cent

Australian Labor Party (Luke Creasey): 18.48 per cent

Reason Australia (Judy Ryan): 4.62 per cent
Animal Justice Party (Lawrence Pope): 2.09 per cent

Independent (Dave Blake): 1.23 per cent

All other candidates recorded less than 1 per cent of first-preference votes.

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A fiery trumpet lights up the night.



Crowds lap up a laser light show along Harbour Esplanade.

Docklands takes flame

From page 1. Photos by John Tadigiri.

Lord Mayor Sally Capp and Firelight Festival creative director Gill Minervini opened the festival on June 27 with the help of musician and flame artist Blunderbuss Jones.

"More than 800kg of pyrotechnics will be fired from three sites across Docklands each night for the spectacular family fireworks show," the Lord Mayor said.

"It's about Docklands and showcasing Docklands. Sometimes we forget that we actually have a city that has a harbour."

"The festival shows that fire and water do go together."

Two giant fire sculptures – of a deer and a phoenix – were set on fire on New Quay Promenade and Victoria Esplanade, while giant bonfires lined the streets.

More than 40 performers, including death-defying fire breathers, fire twirlers and fire-eaters, roved through the festival.

Food trucks and the best of Docklands' restaurants were also highlighted in what was a great weekend for local businesses.

"We know foot traffic during the winter months drops by 15 per cent in the city, which is why we're creating events which will draw people out of their homes," the Lord Mayor said.

Docklands Chamber of Commerce president Johanna Maxwell said the festival brought Docklands to life.

"Docklands businesses had the opportunity to shine and showcase their food and hospitality – and showcase they did," she said. "Numbers of visitors increased and along with the locals everyone had a great time."

"Numbers on Saturday were still strong, rugged up, taking advantage of the fire pits and enjoying the atmosphere. Congratulations to the team at City of Melbourne who did the creative and end-to-end organisation. This was the third year for this event and it just continues to get better and better."

"Docklands knows how to stage a party. Looking forward to seeing how we grow the Firelight Festival next year."



A aunt and her niece were well dressed for the occasion.



Crowds gather around a giant fire pit.

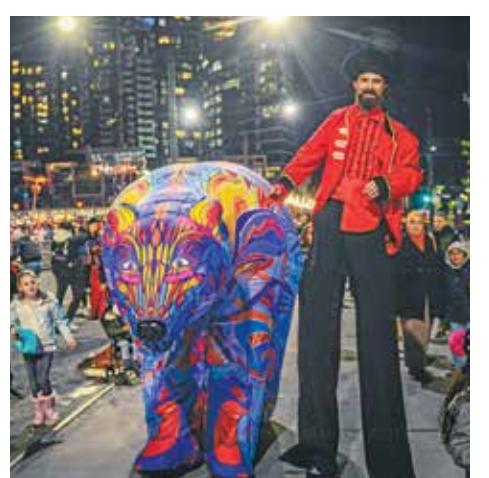


Performers Matt, Chris and Ben are all colour and sound.



Winter fireworks.

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A stilted performer takes his colourful bear for a walk.

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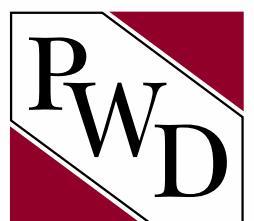
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Reforms are a “backwards step”

Councillor for the City of Melbourne (CoM) Rohan Leppert has slammed the state government's proposed changes to multi-member wards as part of its plans for a new Local Government Act.

It comes after Minister for Local Government Adem Somyurek announced on June 17 that the government was seeking the community's feedback on six new reforms, which propose changes to areas including election donations and multi-member wards.

While the CoM isn't impacted by all of the proposed changes due to having its own Act, Cr Leppert denounced many of the reforms as “controlling” and a “backwards step” for women and diversity in local government.

The six new proposed reforms (and their impacts on the City of Melbourne) include:

- Simplifying and clarifying enrolments for voters in council elections. It is proposed to remove the requirement for the CoM to directly enrol property owners and corporation representatives whose primary residence is outside Australia. Those people will retain the right to apply for enrolment.
 - Introducing mandatory training for council election candidates and councillors. All new candidates at council elections will be required to undertake training in order to nominate. All elected councillors will be required to undertake induction training within six months of being elected.
 - Capping electoral campaign donations and gifts. Foreign electoral campaign donations will be banned at all councils. Campaign donations from a single donor to candidates and candidate groups will be capped at \$4000. The threshold by which campaign donations and other gifts must be disclosed remains at \$500 for the CoM.
 - Allowing for the dismissal of a councillor after a community-initiated commission of inquiry. If a Councillor Conduct Panel makes a finding of serious misconduct against a councillor twice in eight years, that councillor will be disqualified for four years. If a petition is received by more than 25 per cent of enrolled voters at a council calling for a Commission of Inquiry into a council, and the Commission subsequently makes a finding that a councillor has significantly caused/contributed to governance failures at the council, the councillor is disqualified for four years.
 - Defining standards of conduct. All councils must have Councillor Codes of Conduct which include standards of conduct prescribed in regulations. A legislated arbitration process will also be put in place to deal with allegations of councillor misconduct rather than councils developing their own processes.
 - Introducing a preference for single member wards. CoM is an un-subdivided municipality as specified in the *City of Melbourne Act 2001* and it is not proposed to change this.
- While CoM won't be affected by the change to ward structures, other councils with multiple member wards would now be broken up into single member wards as a default, with a councillor dedicated to a single postcode, for example.
- Mr Somyurek argued that the new laws would help councils be more accountable, democratic and responsive.
- “These changes boost consultation and engagement between councils, residents, ratepayers and businesses, as well as providing for ongoing accountability,” he said.
- The 2019 Bill builds on from the *Local Government Bill 2018*, which was the result of a three-year consultation with councils, communities and sector bodies and was informed by an expert panel.
- The draft of the Act allowed for councils (other than the CoM) to be constituted in one of three ways: an un-subdivided district, multi-member wards of equal number of councillors or single-member wards.
- “This extraordinarily controlling change to the local government electoral structures is the opposite of the government's stated aim of returning control of councils to communities,” Cr Leppert said. “The consequence for community representation will be a massive backwards step.”
- According to current data from the Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC), 41.4 per cent of councillors in multi-member ward councils are women, compared to only 33.9 per cent in single-member wards.
- Cr Leppert said a move to abandon multi-member wards would lead to an increase in disproportionate voting and less diversity.
- “Proportional systems of voting produce more representative elected representation – it's as simple as that,” Cr Leppert said.
- “Why is this Labor government trying to eradicate proportional representative models and make it harder for women to be elected? Such sweeping change to local government needs to be subject to proper scrutiny, not just dropped on the sector as the new minister's pet reform to game local elections.”
- “Minister Somyurek's track record on how he works with women is well known; he's already lost the Premier's confidence once before. Now he is pursuing measures that will worsen systemic discrimination against women in local government elections.”

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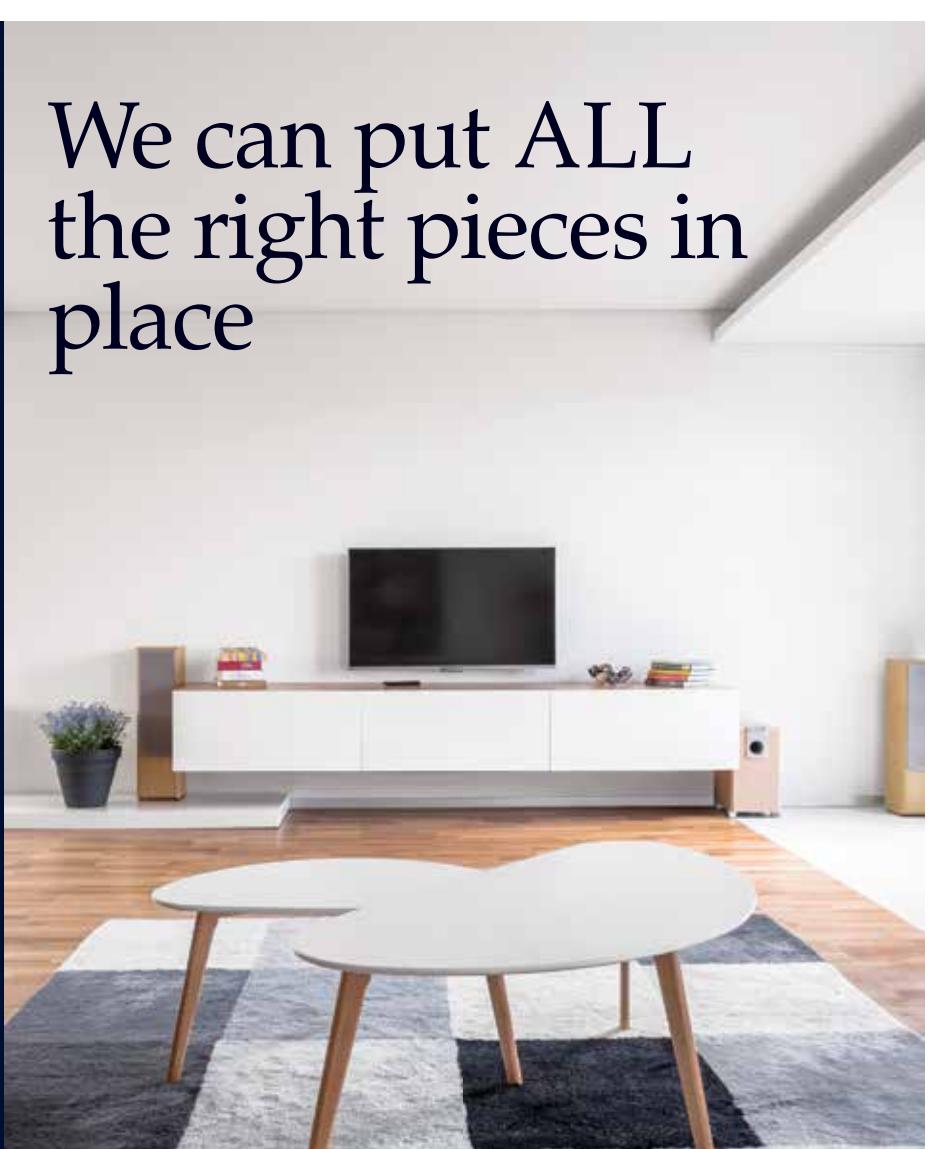
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Jehovah's Witnesses are coming en masse

Tens of thousands of Jehovah's Witnesses are again descending on Docklands this year when a three-day international convention is scheduled for Marvel Stadium in November.

The "Love Never Fails" event is being conducted from Friday, November 22 to Sunday, November 24.

The last time the event was held here, in October 2014, attendance records were smashed at the stadium.

The previous single event record of 70,000 people, set in 2000 at the Catholic Jubilee Mass, was broken on the third day of the convention, when 70,059 people attended.

The event also substantially broke the record for attendance across a three-day event, with a 201,039 attendance figure over the convention, breaking the previous record of 181,495 people, set by AC/DC for its three concerts in 2010.

This year again, crowds of up to 70,000 are expected each day, with attendees for more than 60 countries flying in. So, it's



The Jehovah's Witnesses 2014 International Conference was held at Etihad Stadium (now Marvel Stadium).

probably not surprising that finding enough accommodation has been challenging.

The event's website (2019mic.org) reports that organisers struggled to find the 5000 rooms needed for participants.

The site said: "Did properties jump at the chance of accommodating some of the expected 50,000 delegates? Surprisingly, no."

"After approximately six months of persistent efforts, only 700 rooms had been contracted. With a goal of 4,000 – 5,000 rooms and only weeks until the release of the Recommended Lodging List (RLL), the task looked

impossible from a human viewpoint."

"However, with continued effort and much prayer the goal of 4000 contracted rooms was reached by March 18, with a total of 5000 rooms being achieved a week later."

The website said: "We eagerly anticipate worshipping shoulder to shoulder with you, showing you hospitality, and strengthening our bonds of brotherly love."

The AFL has pushed back its annual draft event from its usual second-last-week-in-November timeslot as a result.



L-R: Jade Smith, Lee Chan, Ivana Molnar from The District Docklands cut a novelty book cake on June 26.

Room to read

Located in the District Docklands, the reading room is a must for local book lovers.

The reading room provides a tranquil space for local residents to be able to sit and read a book. The space allows visitors to borrow a book of their choice and encourages the books to either be returned or for another book to be left in its place.

Donations are welcomed to assist the reading room's continuation. Book donations can be dropped off at The District Docklands customer service centre, open every day from 11am to 5pm. Customer service is located on Docklands Drive, at the Wharf Street entrance to the centre.

The Reading Room is open daily from 10am – 6pm. Find out more about the Reading Room in The District Docklands' new regular column on page 22.

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UPDATE ON THE WEST GATE TUNNEL PROJECT

Work is continuing at pace as we get closer to the start of tunnelling. Another milestone has been reached with our second Tunnel Boring Machine (TBM), Vida, arriving and currently being assembled. Bella, the first TBM, will start tunnelling mid-year, digging a 4 kilometre tunnel from Yarraville to the West Gate Freeway. Vida will commence digging the second tunnel later in 2019.

Once complete, the West Gate Tunnel will give Melbourne a second freeway link between the west and the city.

To prepare for tunnelling, we have also finished building a massive shed that will reduce the amount of dust and noise for nearby houses and businesses as soil is removed from the tunnels and sorted before being trucked away.

We are close to completing moving a 600 metre section of the North Yarra Main Sewer. This diversion will protect it from tunnelling and prevent disruptions to sewerage services across Melbourne's north and west once tunnelling commences and beyond.

Closer to the West Gate Freeway, power relocation works in Yarraville have resulted in some taller, slimmer, power poles ready for building additional lanes on the freeway. Freeway widening works continue from Williamstown Rd to beyond Grieve Parade.

A key part of the project is the building of a bridge over the Maribyrnong River that will connect the tunnels with an elevated road above Footscray Road, as part of completing the second freeway link between the west and the city. Temporary jetties on the river banks or river barges will provide space for workers to build bridge supports and lift beams into place with minimal impact on the river.

There is a lot happening around the project with periodic road closures and traffic disruptions, so stay in touch with what is happening in your area.



Artist impression of new open space in Footscray

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New parks and open spaces

The West Gate Tunnel Project is building more than a tunnel. We will create nearly nine hectares of new parks, wetlands and community open space across Altona North, Yarraville, Footscray and West Melbourne. These parks will include some of the 17,000 trees and tens of thousands of native and indigenous shrubs and grasses, that will be planted across the project area.

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Artwork here to stay

By Sarah Bartlett

Did you know that the artwork *Sand Dunes* by photographer Richard Woldendorp featured on the billboard on the side of Tower 1 in Yarra's Edge is a permanent fixture?

The billboard has been featuring photographic art by Australian artists since 2002 and was originally changed over annually under an agreement between Development Victoria (DV) and Yarra's Edge precinct developer Mirvac.

This was with the exception of 2004, which saw the artwork *Detachment* by Mina Young featured for two years before being changed over to *Sleep Late* by Sandy Edwards in 2006.

The initiative is part of the Yarra's Edge urban art program between DV and the developer, which also includes the *Harmony Garden* at Point Park, *Fluid Lines* on the Forge residential building, and the *Light Buoys Installation* on the Yarra River.

The urban art program aimed to embolden Australian artists to look at relevant themes such as water, urban interface as well as indigenous and industrial history of the tower's Docklands location.

The last changeover to occur was in 2011,



which saw the *Escape Artisti* by Julie Rapp make way for the current featured work *Sand Dunes*.

Group head precincts at DV Geoff Ward told *Docklands News* that the agreement for the annual art billboard changeover between it and Mirvac had been met.

"The agreement between Development Victoria and Mirvac for Tower 1 has been fulfilled. The artwork rotated on nine occasions between 2002 and 2011 with *Sand Dunes* by Richard Woldendorp the final piece delivered," Mr Ward said.

A Mirvac spokesperson told *Docklands News*: "The Tower 1 Art Billboard at Yarra's Edge was erected by Mirvac in 2002 to enrich the community through public displays of artwork."

"As agreed between Development Victoria and Mirvac for Tower 1, Mirvac engaged a number of Australian artists, with artwork rotating annually until 2011, a commitment that has now been fulfilled."

What do you think of *Sand Dunes*? news@docklandsnews.com.au



Lord Mayor Sally Capp (left) and Cr Susan Riley (right) present a commendation to Eileen Fielderling (centre).

Market founder commended

Eileen Fielderling, Docklands Sunday Market founder, was acknowledged for her contribution to the community and awarded a Lord Mayor Commendation on June 27.

Eileen was chosen with reference to her work in Docklands since 2009, when she first envisioned a collectors' market for the suburb.

The market has grown since then into a

broad-ranged variety market on NewQuay Promenade. It includes arts and crafts, fair trade, beauty products and delicious food.

She was recognised in a cohort of 40 other small businesses from the City of Melbourne.

"I often say our small businesses are the lifeblood of our Melbourne's economy, so I'm delighted to honour them and highlight their vital place in our city," Lord Mayor Sally Capp said.

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New ARUP office leads the way

An innovative Docklands office building running on 100 per cent green power has won the Australian Interior Design Award for sustainability advancement.

The office holds no chemical cleaners, rather stations that ionise water to use as a cleaning agent.

The ARUP Australia office at Melbourne Quarter opened last year. Designers HASSELL ensured the building focused on user experience from the very beginning – the entrance is through Melbourne's first "sky park".

"Every other space in Melbourne Quarter is entered through lifts, but to get into ARUP you enter through the sky park," HASSELL design lead Rebecca Trenorden said.

A visitor is then welcomed at an unconventional front desk and signed in on an iPad. The space is immediately recognisable as open and fluid.

"It started with knowing ARUP as a client, knowing what they wanted to show from a cultural perspective but also a ways-of-working perspective," Ms Trenorden said.

"So, it was really important from the initial



arrival that it was disarming, it was about people interaction, and it was about a meandering. It wasn't about a formal, intimidating front-of-house."

The office follows ARUP's signature "three-level" style, but manages to incorporate all three into one space – not three separate levels.

"From a client point of view, in our previous office the three floors we were on were very distinct and there wasn't much connection between them," ARUP workplace leader Cameron McIntosh said.

"So, for us it was about trying to make sure that we break down the barriers and maximise the collaboration across different parts of the business."

"The main thing for me is having the choice to work the way I want to work. I'm someone who is quite open to chatting with everyone, really get my energy from interactions with other people, so I spend a lot of time working at the café."

"But at the same time there are places I can hide away and get my head down if I really need to do that."

The office café is a social enterprise called STREAT who train and employ disadvantaged youth.

The office has an expansive communal kitchen, stocked with salads and vegetables, and with ovens and stove tops. There are fitness rooms, big change rooms and showers and a maker's lab.

All of this is a combined effort to maximise staff health and communications – so staff have to leave their own space and get around the office, can ride or run to work, work out and practice hobbies at work.

And the office was still within the "low to moderate" range of price tags for office fit outs.

"We focused our money and effort where it had most impact," Mr McIntosh said.

"There's a lot of focus on the places that impact on staff every day, where they have interactions is where we put the effort rather than super high-end finishes."

"People ask me what my favourite bit is and my favourite piece is a cupboard."

"That's about the experience. If someone is coming in, a client or visitor, and they walk in with a bag our front staff can now say 'can I take your bag and store it for you?'

"It's a cupboard, it didn't cost much. It's just thinking about the journey through the space and what's going to have an impact."

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Berth's Biggest Morning Tea event on May 23.

Berth serves up a Big Tea

By Alex Dalziel

On May 23, local restaurant Berth participated in Australian Cancer Council's Biggest Morning Tea.

The New Quay venue hosted a morning tea and auction, which was attended by more than 100 people and raised over \$20,000, exceeding all expectations and fundraising efforts from previous years.

During the event, two special guests from the Royal Children's Hospital, Lea and Nick, shared their story of survival with attendees.

Additionally, comedian Gabriel Rossi from the Comic's Lounge did a performance to start off the day.

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea has been running every year since 1994. Last year alone the event raised over \$3 million in Victoria and \$11.3 million nationally.

Cancer Council Victoria CEO Todd Harper said Australia's biggest morning tea hosts had an incredible impact on cancer outcomes over 26 years.

If you missed a morning tea and still want to contribute, you can donate directly at biggestmorningtea.com.au



Artist Natasha Bjornsson-Merrick sheltering by Captains Walk.



Carlton footballer Ed Curnow and celebrity chef Darren Purchese went head-to-head in an Australia's Biggest Morning Tea cook-off at Collins Square.

Longing for the Pacific

By Rhonda Dredge

It's lunchtime down in the financial sector and young bankers are taking advantage of the rare sunny sky to promenade by the water.

The tap, tap, tap of their soles reverberates on the wooden planks by Victoria Harbour.

The sounds of the city are far away.

Caps are in, as are happy socks, purple and ultramarine, cerulean and gold for the more confident.

Natasha Bjornsson-Merrick is sheltering behind one of the ubiquitous metal structures that make up this corporate world.

She doesn't really belong. "I would rather be in a forest but there's not much happening in Byron Bay," she said.

The compensation for moving down south is that she works on digital products for local tech company Spiff Create as a graphic designer and has also found space for her own little artistic creations.

"I like being by the water, birds and grass," Natasha said of her new location. "I go anywhere there is any nature. It's better than sitting in a building all day."

On Natasha's screen is a sea creature that she has conjured up from her home town using Procreate for a private job in a hip bar in the CBD.

There is not much you can say about a rainbow octopus, except that it's a fitting symbol for Bar Ampere which claims to honour "those who dream unshackled by the binds of their time" on its website.

"The art scene in Melbourne is fantastic," Natasha said. "The bar wanted local artists for a mural and I applied. I went and had a drink and I thought of a hippy octopus. I should have it done by this weekend."

Even though she is forced to squeeze the 2-D work into her lunch break, the gestalt is similar in the 3-D modelling and augmented reality that dominates her working time.

Strange creatures feature heavily in the character-mad market that thrives on augmented reality products such as *Pokemon Go*.

"Today we're doing an illustration of a teddy bear with a real person's face," she said.

An artist works through her characters and there's no denying that a colourful octopus prefers the warmer waters of the Pacific.

"I'm waiting for the sun to come out from behind clouds. It was two degrees this morning when I got up."

New charitable partnership

By Sarah Bartlett

Walker Corporation and Cancer Council Victoria have formed a new charitable partnership to raise awareness and funds for cancer research.

The new partnership will deliver an opulent experience and opportunity for the corporate community of Walker Corporation's Collins Square here in Docklands, while it aids assistance and support for a notable cause.

Walker Corporation's general manager of commercial assets Emily Carroll said that the response from the Collins Square community towards all of the charitable enterprises produced at the precinct had been generous.

"It's really great to see the generosity of the Collins Square community throwing its support behind worthy Cancer Council campaigns," Ms Carroll said.

The Walker Corporation and Cancer Council Victoria previously teamed up to provide an extensive campaign for *Australia's Biggest Morning Tea* to raise awareness with a cook off event and a social media competition for local residents. Collins Square retailers also provided catering package options.

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Role model for cycle power

Rhonda Dredge

All around Docklands share cars are waiting - in high-rise car parks and on side streets - to be picked up by their next user.

The cars offer a great opportunity to Good Cycles, a Docklands social enterprise that is gradually gaining more contracts in the gig-economy.

Users of share cars download an app that directs them towards an available vehicle and it needs to be ready to go.

In Village Street, a grey sedan is due for a clean so Good Cycles employee Max Hollow is called out on his phone and is soon on the job.

"If it hasn't been cleaned in three days it gets a high alert," says Max, who joined the Good Cycle pedal employment program two years ago and is regular on the Docklands circuit.

Max turned up on his e-bike with a range of cleaning products in his panniers, including a vacuum cleaner, ready to remedy the problem.

"I love Good Cycles," the enthusiastic worker said. "They turned up at my court case. They gave me a new lease on life."



After experience on the job, Max is now an advocate for environmental issues in Docklands and has a full-time job dealing with them.

"I don't mind doing the dirty work," he said. "It's a step in the right direction for the community."

If the solar bins down near Southern Cross station overflow Max will be there as well to

deal with organic waste.

Good Cycles has a contract with Citywide that takes the enterprising cyclist down to the recycling depot in Flinders Lane and into the city picking up waste from cafes on his bike.

He also does bike repairs in the Good Cycle shop on Collins St and is a role model to 20-30 workers on the program.



Still bent

Docklands' Marina Tower is a polarising piece of architecture, which evokes strong opinions. But, as much as this photo suggests otherwise, work is not underway to "straighten it out".

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Councillor calls for more maritime

Docklands marine heritage advocate Cr Jackie Watts wants local TAFE college Kangan to beef up its maritime focus.

Kangan already delivers training in marine technology and allied marine retail services, but Cr Watts says there is an opportunity to create a maritime specialist skills centre to cater for unmet demand.

"There is an opportunity to consolidate what marine training occurs in Melbourne and readily expand the scope of training offered without any significant investment," Cr Watts said in a recent private research paper.

"Currently an unmet need exists for training in the recreational boating industry, for example: marine engineering, small boat building, sail making, electronics repair skills, heritage boat restoration etc."

"Boating industry sources indicate that the sector could absorb graduates with an expanded set of maritime technical and other related skills. Growth in the cruise ship industry and coastal tourism in the region may offer employment dependent on new skills."

Cr Watts said: "The delivery of marine technology, marine services and related training courses will enhance Melbourne's credibility as an international port city, will activate Docklands and will support the recreational boating industry, which is a major economic driver in this state."

"Training in the Docklands area will encourage watercraft-based employment of all types (e.g. tourism, ferry transport, recreation boating, shipping). Increased numbers of students and staff will generate economic up-lift for Docklands."

Cr Watts noted that, while the campus delivered marine technology, it did not have access to the water. She envisages Kangan collaborating with a yet-to-be-built Melbourne Marine Operations Service Depot in the Bolte West Precinct in Lorimer St.

She said the City of Melbourne was committed to establishing this facility, which would include a slipway.

"If Docklands is to optimise economic up-lift



from its waterfront location, infrastructure to sustain and grow local maritime recreation activity is essential," Cr Watts said. "Operational services at such a facility would include refuelling, litter collection, shore-to-ship/ship-to-shore access and a staging area for events."

She said it made sense for Kangan to take a lead role because it already had already had a global presence and relationships with many maritime nations.

"A marine operations service depot will enable all types of maritime activities to occur at Docklands, generating employment and income," she said. Cr Watts said example activities included scheduled refits, repairs, electrical, plumbing, rigging, sail making, joinery, engineering.

"There is an unmet demand for such marine services located in close proximity to Victoria Harbour in order to support the existing level of recreation marine activities," she said.

The Case for a Maritime Specialist Skills Centre Kangan TAFE

Given the size and growth of the boating industry, the paucity of maritime education and training in Melbourne is inexplicable. There is an opportunity to consolidate what marine training occurs in Melbourne and readily expand the scope of training offered without any significant investment. Kangan

TAFE is located in Docklands and has opportunity for expansion into adjacent Foxland if necessary.

Currently an unmet need exists for training in the recreational boating industry eg. marine engineering, small boat building, sail making, electronics repair skills, heritage boat restoration etc. (Note: Victoria University no longer delivers maritime training and GoTAFE is in Werribee.)

Boating industry sources indicate that the sector could absorb graduates with an expanded set of maritime technical and other related skills. Growth in the cruise ship industry and coastal tourism in the region may offer employment dependent on new skills.

Note: "Coastal shipping decline part of broader maritime capability crisis" (AFR 29/1/2019 media report.)

PwC Skills is the national skills service organisation with responsibility to determine strategic direction of maritime skills training. The PwC industry sector forecast is currently being prepared by PwC Skills (February 2019). The Victorian Skills Commission is responsible for determining industry skills requirements for Victoria.

The delivery of marine technology, marine services and related training courses will enhance Melbourne's credibility as an international port city, will activate

Docklands and will support the recreational boating industry, which is a major economic driver in this State. Training in the Docklands area will encourage watercraft based employment of all types (e.g. tourism, ferry transport, recreation boating, shipping). Increased numbers of students and staff will generate economic up-lift for Docklands.

Note: AMSA reports in order to work in the Australian maritime industry accredited qualifications (or 'tickets') from a registered training organisation are required. Fields include maritime safety, pollution response or handling dangerous cargo, specialist training. Specialist training is necessary for responding to or handling dangerous cargo. Kangan.

Context

There are obvious advantages in establishing a Marine Skills Specialist Education Centre within an existing TAFE:

Already has global presence in China, Korea, India and South America. Training in marine technology and allied marine retail services is now being delivered. The scope of training is limited and could be expanded to include delivery of non-accredited units related to licensing and safety.

Already delivers marine technology yet has no water access.

Already an international presence and relationships with India, Indonesia, Sri Lanka and Malaysia - all maritime nations requiring maritime training.

Could deliver training related to Watercraft Licensing.

Could deliver AMSA approved credentials in Water Safety and Response consistent with and compliant with the National Training Plan.

Could apply to Australian Maritime College for permission to deliver a suite of programs (as has recently occurred in Sydney).

Could collaborate with and access the planned Melbourne Marine Operation Service Depot for training purposes.

Could deliver marine related hobby courses (eg. navigation, boat repair, sail making).

Could expand training in maritime skills - related to cruise shipping, events, hospitality, retail.



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The Case for a Melbourne Marine Operations Service Depot

The recreation boating industry is a significant economic driver in this State. Provision of adequate marine services in Melbourne is critical to any expansion of recreational boating as well as maintaining and expanding the Heritage Fleet and supporting the boating industry.

If Docklands is to optimise economic up-lift from its waterfront location, infrastructure to sustain and grow local maritime recreation activity is essential eg. maintenance facilities, provisioning for ALL types of watercraft and voyages. Operational services at such a facility would include refueling, litter collection, shore-to-ship/ship-to-shore access, staging area for events.

The City of Melbourne is committed to establishing this facility on the Yarra bank south at Bolte West Precinct. Plans are progressing.

See Annual Plan Initiatives

City of Melbourne Annual Plan 2018-19: 2019-20

"Progress planning and design for Waterways Operations Precinct in the Bolte Precinct West, to support effective growth of marine activities in Docklands."

The City of Melbourne Waterways Operations Concept Plan Bolte Precinct West April 2017.

City of Melbourne Parks, Property and Waterways Branch 'Docklands Waterways Strategic Plan 2009-2018.



Kangan Automotive Centre of Excellence (ACE) Campus in Docklands.

Considerations

The Melbourne Marine Operations Service Depot will need a slip way on the designated space in the Bolte West Precinct, which is already allocated for community use by Development Victoria.

Access to water will be of value for marine technology students at the Kangan TAFE.

A Marine Operations Service Depot will enable ALL types of maritime activities to occur at Docklands generating employment and income eg. scheduled refits, repairs, electrical, plumbing, rigging, sail making, joinery, engineering, etc.

There is an unmet demand for such marine services located in close proximity to Victoria Harbour in order to support the existing level of recreation marine activities.

Increased water transport will generate greater demand for a Marine Operations Services Depot.

There is a need to consider power to the site, vessel waste disposal, and vehicle access for provisioning, spare parts and fuel.



Local businesses "speed network" on June 26 at Quest NewQuay.

Speed networking

The Docklands Chamber of Commerce (DCC) brought local businesses together on June 26 for a "speed networking" event at Quest NewQuay.

events where guests often miss out on meeting every person in the room, the model ensured everyone was given the opportunity to make plenty of valuable connections and build a solid stack of business cards in the process!

The speed-networking was also preceded by a relaxed opening on the mezzanine floor of the new Quest NewQuay, with food and drinks provided by local restaurant Berth.

DCC president Joh Maxwell said that based on the success of the event, the chamber would host more like it in the future. For more information or to become a member of the chamber visit Docklandscc.com.au

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The “gold rush jeweller”

By Meg Hill

“Because of the publishing house pressures to meet a certain number of pages and edit out much of the history, we end up getting history books that give credit to Prime Ministers and Kings and Queens,” Dr Douglas Wilkie told the Docklands History Group last month.

“They make it out that those ‘big people’ made everything happen, when actually it was ordinary people who made things happen.”

Dr Wilkie was presenting on Charles Brentani, who he described as one of those ordinary people pushing history along, submerged below the historical record.

One of the few monuments to his name in Melbourne today is Docklands’ Brentani Way.

Charles, born Carlo, is usually described as a gold rush jeweller. Born in Northern Italy in 1817, he was sent to Van Diemen’s Land as a convict in 1835 after a stint in England to study silversmithing.

He stole silver instead of smithing it.

He was granted a certificate of freedom in 1841 – “like today’s parole” – and ended up in Melbourne.

“Melbourne was a brand-new settlement and offered far better prospects than Tasmania,” Dr Wilkie said.

He can tell you basically anything about Brentani thanks, largely, to the digitalisation of history.

Dr Wilkie was researching his own family history in relation to the Victorian gold rush when he stumbled across a few characters – Charles Brentani, Joseph Forrester and Alexandre Duchene.

They seemed more central to the period of history than their rare mention suggested.

They went to a part of central Victoria – now between Ballarat and Maryborough – to look for gold. Hundreds of people rushed there after them and were chased away by the police.

A few years later Victoria became its own state, and about a week later the gold rush began.

“The reason Charles LaTrobe, the Governor, hushed it at the time is that when Victoria was part of New South Wales, any revenue



A painting depicting an exchange between a gold rush jeweller and his customers. Picture: The State Library of Victoria.

made here was sent to Sydney,” Dr Wilkie said. “So, they sat upon the story of the gold until Victoria was separate.”

So, Brentani, who became known as a jeweller, silversmith and gold purchaser operating on Collins St during the gold rush, is much more a part of the history than given credit for.

But, Dr Wilkie’s ordinary people exist below Brentani too.

He was not actually a jeweller, or a silversmith, or any kind of tradesperson – he was a retailer.

“The retailer got all the credit,” Dr Wilkie said. “Brentani went down in history as being the silversmith responsible for making the original Melbourne Cup, for example, and it was actually his employed silversmith Joseph Forrester.”

Brentani died in Melbourne in 1853 a wealthy man. But, despite his time as a convict, he was actually already from a well-to-do background.

Dr Wilkie said that although the

digitalisation of historical records could mean you had to sift through a lot of irrelevant references when searching names, you found the real gems.

Like Frankenstein author Mary Shelley’s account of staying in the Brentani Hotel at Lake Como in 1940 in her book *Rambles in Germany and Italy*.

Charles Brentani was already in Australia, but his mother and brothers were still running the family hotel. Shelley wrote that she hoped to see them again one day.

Brentani passed away from the effects of delirium tremens – the most severe form of alcohol withdrawal characterised by delirium and tremors.

Mr Wilkie wrote: “We might assume that Brentani suffered from both the delirium and the tremors for some time before dying. Perhaps he had thoughts similar to those of Mary Shelley’s Victor Frankenstein as he lay on what he believed was his death bed.”

The Docklands History Group event was held on June 25 at The Library at The Dock.



Corporate comedy deals with big issues

By Rhonda Dredge

Everyone wants to be a comedian but not everyone gets a chance, particularly when your day job is in loss prevention or merchandise management.

Nadia, a manager from Myer, has had her big break to come out as a fake news reporter.

Complete with shiny hair and a winning smile, she is reporting outside head office in Docklands.

A team from the loss prevention department is filming her for a podcast that will be loaded up on the Myer’s internal server.

“We’ve created a character *Shrinkage Sally*. She’s now a celebrity. The last podcast had 6000 hits out of a staff of 10,000,” said Omar Nuhoglu, national loss prevention manager at Myer.

Mr Nuhoglu told *Docklands News* that the podcast was part of a push to use comedy as a way of dealing with serious fraud issues.

“In the last video we taught people about what they have to do to stop theft in stores. This one is about staff theft,” he said.

Shrinkage Sally reports on a case that hit the media two weeks ago when a student was charged with the theft of \$32,000 worth of clothing and homewares while working at Chadstone.

“We’re using an actual story to show that if you do this you’ll get caught.”

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- it would be conducive to or encourage the misuse or abuse of alcohol.

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School holidays in Docklands

This school holidays there are plenty of things to see and do around Docklands, from ice skating to reading, Docklands News finds out what's on to entertain local families.

O'Brien Icehouse

O'Brien Icehouse is hosting a winter activities program from Saturday, June 29 to Sunday, July 14.

- Unlimited public skating: Featuring two Olympic sized ice rinks, the winter activities will have all day unlimited public skating from 9am, including free lessons for beginners at O'Brien Icehouse during the school holidays.
- Under 8's ice fun - Between 9am to 11am every day, the Ice Ambassadors will take children under 8 years old through a series of games setting up a snow play area for younger kids.



- Experience live performances from state champions skating to iconic soundtracks from family favorite movies. The performances will happen three times a

day, between 11am and 2pm followed by a meet and greet with the skaters on the ice.

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The District Docklands

Slide into winter - literally! Experience the chill without leaving Melbourne, The District Ice Slide is back - cooler and faster!

Whether you slap on your speed goggles or prefer to slide in style, make sure you don a big cheesy grin on the way down the Ice Slide. Thanks to its major sponsor UNIQLO, now open at The District, you will be able to capture the ultimate Instagram post with fancy new photo technology to snap you as you slide down.

Open daily from 11am to 5pm (line will close at 4pm sharp), June 29 to July 14.

thedistrictdocklands.com.au



Library at the Dock

All ages Lego Fun: The Library at the Dock will be running a number of Lego and building themed activities in addition to its regular family programs these school holidays from July 1 to July 10.

- Lego movie screening - The Library at the Dock will be screening the Lego Movie for ages three and up on July 1, 10.30am - 12pm.
- Bricks4Kidz: Lego activities for kids eight years and up on July 5, 10.30am - 12pm
- Baby builders: For younger kids on July 10, 10.30am - 11.15am
- Build stuff: An event for ages six and up on July 10, 4.30pm - 5.30pm

Melbourne Star

Melbourne Star observation wheel will host a number of free school holiday activities starting from June 29, including free trips on the Melbourne Star for children.

- Teddy bear picnic day: Hosted by the Melbourne Star's mascot *Melbie Bear*, the teddy bear picnic day will host free kids' activities and a cupcake for every child that joins in. The event will run from 10.30am - 2.30pm on July 10.
- Spy in the sky: Running every day from June 29 to July 14, the Melbourne Star is offering free flights for children. The *Spy in the sky* challenge will equip kids with binoculars, who will need to find Melbourne's most iconic landmarks from the floating cabins of the Melbourne Star.

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The District Docklands

A reading room for our community

Put your smart devices down and reduce your screen time by swapping it for a good book.

When was the last time you picked up a book? With winter well and truly hitting Melbourne, settling in with a good book is the perfect way to spend your evening, your tram ride home from work or your business flight interstate.

The Reading Room is now open at The District, a quiet space, where you can relax and read a book. You can sit on one of the comfy lounge chairs, or on the floor rug in among the cushions.

Put your smart devices down and get lost in the story. The books in The Reading Room can be borrowed, or swapped with another. Be it a children's book you read to the little ones, or a cook book that inspires you to get in the kitchen, or maybe a novel that keeps you turning the pages in the comfort of your home. And if you're visiting from afar, swap your book for another for a new story to read on your trip home.

The Reading Room was inspired by Education Week, celebrating "excellence in education". The District Docklands continues to provide local schools with a platform to showcase their talent. Witness the incredible career pathways young students want to take when they grow up, with artwork displayed in The Reading Room.

Did you know that reading has a number



of benefits? Many experts claim that mental stimulation from reading can slow the progress of neurological disease by keeping your brain active and engaged.

We encourage local workers to read a book during their break, away from their computer screens and smart phones; losing yourself in a good story can assist in reducing stress! Improve your memory, expand your everyday vocabulary, learn new things and develop your concentration – just

a few benefits of settling in with a good book every chance you get.

Thanks to our very own childcare centre, Giraffe Early Learning, The Reading Room also features a children's reading nook; a space for parents and bubs to relax with a story or two. The Reading Room is open every day, 10am to 6pm. Book donations are welcome. Simply drop off your pre-loved books to The District Docklands, level 1, 122 Studio Lane, Docklands and we will find

them a new home in The Reading Room.

So, what are you waiting for? Set yourself a challenge, reduce screen time and read more books!



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Owners' Corporation Law

Take more care with your insurance

Either confess your sins to the insurer, or risk your policy being rendered as "junk insurance".

Of all the issues being raised in the public eye following the evacuation of Mascot Towers in Sydney due to structural engineering concerns, one issue in particular is troubling me greatly.

The owners corporation (OC) held a policy of insurance for alternative accommodation to be paid out should there be such an event that triggered the claim.

However, the insurer denied the claim on the basis that the OC hadn't disclosed the full extent of the structural engineering concerns to the insurer when the policy was renewed.

Given that there are 122 apartments in the block (at a cost of \$200 per night for alternative accommodation) the insurer is saving itself nearly \$25,000 per day (and over \$400,000 at the time of publishing this article).

Because of the insurer's stance, the NSW State Government has made the

extraordinary step of offering an interest-free loan to the residents to cover their alternative accommodation, but there is no guarantee this will be provided to any other building should this happen in the future.

What will rankle with each and every owner and resident in the building is that they have paid a high sum of money for their insurance premium, but because of the insurer's stance they have been left high and dry and without insurance coverage at this very important time.

And here in Melbourne, another residential high-rise building overlooking Southern Cross Station was evacuated last month due to an issue that short-circuited the building's power and heating. There is no word yet as to whether the insurer is going to accept that particular claim for the residents' alternative accommodation costs, as this particular claim is still being researched by the insurer.

Elsewhere, in Cannonvale, Queensland, an OC suffered extensive damage as a result of tropical cyclone Debbie in March 2017. The insurer had, only a few days before the cyclone, issued a residential strata insurance policy, as it had been up for renewal.

After the cyclone damage and after the claim had been notified, it became apparent

when the insurer searched records that there may have been pre-existing defects in the building to the common property eaves and soffits, as well as to the trusses and tie downs of the building.

The insurer claimed that the non-disclosure of these defects by the OC at the time of renewal meant that the insurer could reduce its liability to "\$nil" based on non-disclosure and misrepresentation.

This matter is now being determined in the Federal Court, to test whether insurers can reduce their liability to nil if an OC has not disclosed material facts and circumstances about their building, pursuant to Section 28 of the *Insurance Contracts Act 1984*. Or, whether an insurer is obliged to nevertheless process the remainder of the claim, and reduce the total by a certain percentage or formula.

There is an emerging pattern of evidence that is suggesting that insurers are seeking to decline major insurance claims on the grounds of non-disclosure of matters that might heighten the building's risk.

In my view, committees need to ensure that when the OC manager is renewing insurance, it should insist on a meeting with the broker, OC manager and committee (and take notes at that meeting) so that each and

every relevant matter can be disclosed to the broker. If there is not clear evidence of this process, there is every chance that in the event of a major claim, the building might not get its claim approved.

The practice of many OCs is for the broker and the OC to simply "arrange" for insurance between themselves. Often, the entire arrangement is simply done by exchange of email or over telephone. In my view, this practice needs to cease. At the moment, insurers get to have it both ways, by acting "casual" when it comes to arranging insurance renewals, but then act formally and forensically when it comes to processing the claims that arise.

OC managers are indemnified by the OC if they don't manage this process properly, so the only guarantee that an OC has that it can be confident of insurance coverage is for the committee to have direct input and oversight.



Tom Bacon

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Business

Tony's back in business

Docklands pioneer Tony Smarrelli is back in the business of giving locals tax advice.

The experienced tax accountant is involved in a new business – Spartan Financial – but is offering the same sound advice as he has since 1971 when he was recruited by H&R Block as the regional manager for Melbourne.

His task was to train tax preparers and set up and manage six H&R Block offices located in the Melbourne area. In 1974, Tony decided to go out on his own and established Tax Aid, The Income Tax Specialists.

Over the years the business grew to 6000 clients and multiple offices were established across the Melbourne suburbs. Tax Aid head office moved from Abbotsford in 1974 to Docklands in November 2005.

The business was sold to Bentley Partners Pty Ltd, in 2011 and changed names



Tony Smarrelli of Spartan Financial.

multiple times. Upon the sale of the business Tony stayed on to continue his relationships with his many clients that he had looked after over the years.

Tony has a loyal following and continues to provide advice and prepare tax returns for third-generation family clients. His specialty is personal and business income tax returns and his passion is interacting with and looking after the needs of his clients.

Tony is a qualified tax accountant who has operated his own firm and has been practicing for more than 45 years. This strong



accounting background has enabled Tony to successfully assist clients, who appreciate his honesty and ability to negotiate on their behalf.

Contrary to what you may have heard, Tony is not retiring. An easy life is a good life. Tony knows how to do some things and taxation is his speciality and an industry he is passionate about. Tony enjoys handling taxation affairs, and it gives him great joy. He would be a fool to give it up.

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We Live Here

A Royal Commission into industry scandals

Enough is enough. Every day we read of more apartment catastrophes created by builders with the tacit acquiescence of governments:

- Cladding made of flammable material on thousands of apartment blocks
- Cracking buildings sparking fears of collapse
- Contracts for management mates locked in for decades

Apartment owners continue to be ripped off by an industry destitute of morality in Victoria and, indeed, all over Australia. That's a lot of people caught up in these scandals. For example, one in three Victorians live in a strata title residence, mostly apartments. That's a lot of voters.

Decades of unscrupulous behaviour in the building industry, alloyed with a lack of effective government regulation are starting to take an enormous human toll – so far with little or no consequences for the perpetrators.

The affected apartment owners are the pawns here, suddenly transformed into mortgage prisoners, either homeless or unable to sell, consequently plunged into penury. Home values and life savings have been wiped out.

It gets worse of course, if you follow the money. The fall-out from two decades of "self-regulated" builders have insurers, globally, shunning the entire industry.

Owners have been hit hard with insurance premiums escalating to excruciating levels. And builders, architects, fire engineers,

surveyors, all and sundry connected with the building industry have also been impacted.

Professional indemnity (PI) insurance premiums have skyrocketed up to 500 per cent and some major industry players will not be able to reinsure at all.

Huge Victorian companies employing hundreds of professionals might hit the wall in the next few weeks because insurers are set to decline PI cover all the way back to Lloyds.

Professionals involved in the recent string of headline-grabbing fires and other disasters are obviously being targeted. Some industry players are being stunned with up to seven-figure excess sums imposed, which virtually equates to no cover. And no PI cover means no practice.

You can expect a massive and painful building industry shake-up in the coming months, with enormous knock-on effect for the entire Australian economy.

An open secret - built to demolish

Let's face it – the building industry surely must implode – if it hasn't already.

It's been an open secret, well known at all levels of government and industry, that dangerous and lax building practices were leaving a disintegrating legacy of substandard apartment blocks while bringing short-term profits to builders and windfall gains to the state's revenue coffers.

The widespread knowledge of the industry malaise has been documented and publicly avowed for some years. In 2015, Emeritus Professor Michael Buxton from RMIT university told a We Live Here community forum that an appalling proportion of buildings in Melbourne would have to be demolished within 10 years because they had been built so poorly.

Against the landscape of crumbling buildings there are other dramas playing out. For example, tens of thousands of Victorians also need relief from blatantly immoral building manager contracts. Many unconscionable management contracts have opaque costs, embedded commissions and irrevocable terms of up to 25 years. This inequity needs to be eliminated. While this has been recognised in the exposure draft of the *Owners Corporation (OC) and Other Acts Amendment Bill*, no date has yet been set for when the Bill will be introduced into Parliament.

For apartment dwellers, the building industry has been and remains a national disgrace. We need a Royal Commission to clean it up. A Royal Commission would also give governments the political capital needed to make decisions that look after owners and residents.

Is the party over for short-stays?

Right now, short-stay party damage and violence is continuing unabated. But will it be over soon for long-suffering Victorian apartment residents? We hope so but we won't hold our breath.

Short-term rental watchdog BNBGuard has reported a crazy month of global short-term rental fiascos, including:

- a shooting
- a birthday "riot" with 200 students
- a "graduation party" with 300 students
- a meth lab

We Live Here has also reported on the case here in Melbourne concerning the massive repair bill escaped by a short-term business courtesy of Victorian legislation (the so-called Airbnb Bill), which sheets most of the cost of party damages back to hapless owners.

This case involved a large party held in a luxury penthouse containing a sauna, which set off the fire sprinklers. The resultant flooding extensively damaged the apartment directly below and, months later, the innocent owner-occupier is still counting the cost.

But is there a chance that the short-stay onslaught could be stemmed? Maybe.

VCAT, long the nemesis of OCs, has finally delivered a verdict that supports rather than opposes the right of OCs to control access to a building.

In this case, while confirming that OCs in Melbourne do not have the authority to implement a total ban on short-stay leasing, VCAT did validate other methods of control that could be used, including:

- The legal right for OCs to prevent entry into the building without three days' notice being given; and
- a requirement for a short-stay tenant to take part in a building induction before entry is permitted. The decision also validated the right of the OC to charge a fee for the induction.

While this is a significant step forward for beleaguered OCs trying to curb the excesses of short-term leasing in their residential buildings, it does require a special resolution to be passed for these new rules to be implemented. This can be quite difficult to achieve, particularly for large buildings.

However, it is progress, of a sort, and for that we can be thankful.



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Docklander

Dan's a community man

By Sean Car

A passion for connecting with people is what motivates all aspects of Daniel Limmy's life.

Since moving to Melbourne from London 10 years ago, the 38-year-old has become widely known around our city as a hard-working and caring figure who continues to give to others.

Whether it be through his work with Rotary, Melbourne's Asian community, charitable organisations or right here in Docklands, his passion and energy continue to inspire positive change in our community.

"People are my passion. When I talk to people I want to connect people," Dan said.

Originally from Malaysia and half-Taiwanese, Dan has forged his professional career in engineering and currently works as a senior development manager for USG Boral; a role which requires him to travel constantly.

Between that and travelling home to visit family each year, as well as having also lived in the United Kingdom (UK) for more than a decade, the Flinders Wharf resident can say with confidence that nowhere compares to Docklands.

"I've lived in Docklands for six years and I like the vibe here," he said. "Prior to that I was in the UK for over a decade and, comparatively, Docklands is a much better place than the UK because of the people, the culture, the weather and the food so Docklands is my home."

"The community here [Flinders Wharf]



Daniel Limmy was presented with his second Paul Harris Fellow by the Rotary Club of Central Melbourne last month.

is very strong. The people are very good. We run an event every month at Flinders Wharf whether it be a community BBQ or something else so it's pretty good."

"Most importantly it's quiet and it's safe to me because after dinner I'll go for a walk along the river. I go down to Yarra's Edge all the way and come back even for a jog. I like the water so, therefore, I want to be close to the CBD but not too noisy and near the water."

Having held a long association with Rotary which stems back to his time living in the UK and Malaysia, he officially became a member of the Rotary Club of Central

Melbourne four years ago, and has recently played a central role to helping revive a Docklands Rotary Club. Just last month, he was awarded his second Paul Harris Fellow, which recognises outstanding service to Rotary.

His work with Melbourne's Asian community is also something he is passionate about. As the director, co-founder and Victorian chair of AzNConnect, a network for young Asian professionals with more than 4000 active members, he plays a central role in organising regular events and initiatives aimed at bringing Asian communities together.

"I have expanded into AzNConnect because I like to gather people together and I can see the benefit of being united together so unity and freedom is good," he said. "My goal is to expand this association to more young professionals and entrepreneurs so we want to be a stronger community and help people to improve."

"A lot of communities are closed communities. For example, the Japanese community will only hang out within its community, Chinese are the same. So, a lot of feedback we received was that people come and were so surprised to see so many multicultural people hanging out together. They like the vibe and our members constantly want to come back for more."

His service to the community also extends to a range of other initiatives. As a self-described "food lover", he currently sits on the committee of not-for-profit organisation Cooking for Charity, which has raised more than \$4 million for various charities over the past 10 years.

More recently, he has also joined the Docklands Representative Group (DRG), which continues to work away at trying to build the community's voice here in Docklands via the quarterly Docklands Community Forums (DCF).

He said that while Docklands was a wonderful place to live, he said that it needed more initiatives like the DCF and Docklands Rotary Club to get locals socialising and engaging more.

"I think Docklands could have more engagement with people. More social events would be great. There are a few small groups so I think if we could combine them then the community would be much stronger."

Precinct Perspective

My view of Docklands; from NewQuay

Docklands does not have an active residents' group, but that doesn't mean as residents we don't have opinions or stories to share.

I am sharing my perspective of NewQuay with the aim of providing a platform for neighbours and dwellers to contribute to building community, exchange ideas, and open discussions on what works and where steps need to be taken for improvements.

As we all know, stepping out for winter dusk walks in NewQuay is always special. Saying hello to neighbours and dog owners, people watching the visitors viewing the menus at the restaurants, and residents returning home after a long day of work.

There are still some die-hard fishermen on the docks, and I don't think they are trying to identify the breed of jellyfish, nor estimate the water's temperature. I think they have wishful thinking of an entrapped school that will go for the bait. The night time canoeist flashing lights can be seen, and so can teams

training on dragon boats.

There is something about living close to the water, the openness of the Yarra River mouth and a view of the Bolte Bridge lighting up the night sky. I think it may be the openness and the closeness to water that makes taking a walk in NewQuay Promenade special and safe. The water may be still, wavy, murky or clear, and seagulls are busy hustling after the coot's catch. It's always cooler in Docklands and windier, fresh maybe or just freezing. I forget how close I am to the bustle and greyness of the city. As the evening approaches the apartment lights go on. Dwellers settle in. We all remember how pretty Docklands is at night.

I remember that in the morning, I will check with my building manager about repairs to one of the building's many sophisticated operational systems. For Docklands dwellers, simplified living is what it's about. The shift from a house to an apartment living requires downsizing, shedding, simplifying, and if keen, implementing the "KonMari" method. It's not only about living with less things, it is also about functionality and making your space to work for you. Functionality

and organisation take priority. Apartment dwellers know this. We know the ABC of shedding, with donation bins and hard rubbish points pivotally placed in NewQuay apartment blocks, and several systems in place to make high-rise dwelling liveable. We appreciate functional and operational apartment blocks. Apartments are small, so functionality is prioritised.

So, why highlight New Quay, you may ask?

Is it just functional living and walking close to the water? Living in Docklands saves you time. For city workers, it is so close that they feel near home once they leave the office. For public transport users, it's so close to the major stations. So, we lucky few in New Quay have more time for other things, because we saved time on a commute.

The time saving means that we line up an exercise regime, brisk walk or jog along the promenade, enjoy a late ice-cream indulgence at The District or hop onto a free tram or Uber pool to venture into other parts of Melbourne.

The magic and warmth of the Firelight Festival last month, where thousands

of Melburnians enjoyed meals, music, synchronised water fountains, flame jets, and fireworks highlighted how much Docklands has to offer.

Solstice has passed and as winter progresses we are looking forward to a new season, and upcoming changes to NewQuay. Spring approaches, and so does a new fresh produce market, supermarket, primary school and a few more apartment blocks. More residents, and more opportunities for our community. What are your suggestions for changes and improvements?

Precinct Perspective is a new column featuring monthly in Docklands News. It will rotate between residents from the three major precincts - NewQuay, Victoria Harbour and Yarra's Edge - to provide a platform for residents to exchange views, ideas and issues across Docklands.



Farah Hassim

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Health and Wellbeing

Modern approach to musculoskeletal pain

Are you one of the 3.24 million Australians experiencing chronic pain? Approximately 20 per cent of GP visits are related to chronic pain, so, what is the health system doing for you?

In fact, the health system is undergoing a bit of a revolution. We have discovered that using medication such as pain killers as our primary mode of care is not an effective long-term solution to pain.

Consequently, the government has just released its national strategic action plan for pain management. One of the primary missions of this plan is educating GPs about their options to refer to specialist health professionals such as physiotherapists, chiropractors, psychologists and nutritionists as this gives the best outcomes for people with pain conditions.

This multidisciplinary treatment model is called the biopsychosocial model. This approach aims to treat the individual as a whole. Pain affects all aspects of life and the whole-body effects can stretch much further than the site of pain. Pain management is much more complex than simply treating the pain, we must treat the whole person. We must treat pain; we must rehabilitate, and we must work to prevent new issues.

Docklands Health is a multidisciplinary health practice specialising in holistic care. All too often people see multiple health practitioners but unfortunately don't get better. Docklands Health is a place where people can access high quality health care



with health professionals that work with a holistic team-based approach. Collaboration and common patient-centred goals are pivotal in our treatment of pain conditions.

Once pain is under control, it is essential that strength and stability is established to prevent recurrent problems. The best way to achieve this is through physician-prescribed exercises. One of the best and increasingly utilised methods is pilates. Using a low impact, yet highly effective and personalised

approach, pilates is a great method to achieve strength and stability to achieve your goals.

It's important that the healthcare system adapts to this ever-increasing health issue as it has significant consequences for Australia; not least financially, with the cost of chronic pain estimated at \$139.3 billion per year and projected to rise to \$205.6 billion by 2050.

So, if you're suffering, maybe take a fresh look and think about how the management

of your musculoskeletal condition could be improved by a team-based and multi-modal approach.

About me...

I am a local chiropractor who has been practicing in Docklands for the past seven years. I have extensive experience in caring for the Docklands community and a special interest in neurology with advanced training in the treatment of conditions such as migraine, dizziness and vertigo among other neurological conditions.

I am also a university lecturer teaching advanced clinical neurology and diagnosis. When not in the clinic, I enjoy spending time with my two daughters and wife. As your new health and wellbeing columnist in *Docklands News*, please feel free to share your thoughts or send questions to me at mike@docklandshealth.com.au



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What Women Want

This is your year

When the new year comes bounding around it's such an exciting time; a hot summery week of feasting and indulging, of seeing family and friends to celebrate and plan and promise to catch up more frequently.

It's an overtly optimistic, usually alcohol fuelled, evening where you wake convinced of just how wonderful the new year is going to be. "THIS, is going to be MY year" you say. And you believe it. In January.

And before long, it's just a blur of meetings, an inundation of unexpected bills, a "Groundhog Day" of trying to locate matching socks or remember to pick up that shirt from the dry-cleaner. The exercise and yoga plans have gone the same way as the healthy eating and hydration mapping - they have been not only abandoned, but scoffed at with great mirth for their complete lack of achievability. The shelf of vitamins that were taken daily in January now barely have their lids flipped unless a particularly nasty hangover has you reaching for them in desperate search of solace. And you resign yourself to this being yet another one of "those years" rather than "your year". Again.

But now it's the end of financial year (EOFY). While this used to strike fear into my heart, being a marketer and therefore someone who traditionally clashes with the financial team in the office (we do too need to have imported flowers for that launch ... accounts department "groans"), it no longer

does. I used to see this time as being asked to find receipts I'd lost long ago, to be expected to explain the spend on events I'd long moved on from and various other painful interrogations. But now, with my own business, I see this as actually a line in the sand, a time to review and most importantly a time to plan.

What I have learned in all my years of new year celebrations and end of financial year explanations, is that it is all too easy for time to go faster than you. I've learnt that while we may have a plan on New Year's Eve to be a better version of ourselves this year, that often by EOFY, we have realised we just haven't quite achieved what we thought we would. And what I've learnt in focusing my business plans at the start of each financial year to have a successful business year, is this: neither plan is going to work on its own. Your personal plans and your business plans must be made hand-in-hand.

I have succeeded in growing a busy business. In fact, I have been frantic, stressed and usually only doing the things that are urgent. But in one way, growing the number of clients I have is a form of success.

However, it has come at the cost of my personal plans. And here's another thing - I have recently had a personal experience that has made me re-evaluate everything that is important to me. When your health, or the health of someone you love, is threatened and compromised, well let's just say that's a complete leveller. That has you reeling in the absurdity of what you used to think was important, and gives you the most intense clarity of what you now know is the most important thing. And that thing is time.

So, here's my suggestion: take this EOFY to take stock, not just on your business and your budgets, but on your heart and your soul. Work through a holistic plan to ensure that your goals align, that you can achieve both your personal/family goals as well as your business goals. I have learnt that one of the greatest business goals I can have is to give myself flexibility, to be able to drop everything and run to family or friends as needed. And I have learned that one of my greatest personal goals is to be fit and healthy so that I am in the best possible position to support people who need me, and to have the strength to work as clearly as possible during the time I am working. In

other words, to be able to make every minute count.

Be aware of how you spend your time and make sure you are actively choosing how to live your life. Because here's the thing - you are spending your time on one of three things - your personal goals, your business goals or someone else's goals.

And one day you may wake up, and just wish you could have that time back to do it all differently.

I hope you find balance, I hope you achieve your goals, I hope that you enjoy your time in every capacity.

Until next month,
Abby x

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DOCKLANDS FASHION



Fashion *on the streets* of Docklands

Zoran, 34, Stock broker

LOCATION: Docklands Park

DESCRIBE WHAT YOU ARE

WEARING: Corporate, smart, warm

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE PIECE OF CLOTHING? Trackies

WHAT BRINGS YOU TO DOCKLANDS? Work

WHAT DO YOU THINK MAKES A GOOD OUTFIT? It has got to look good and suit your style, and you have got to be comfortable in it.

Richa, 25, Stock broker

LOCATION: Docklands Park

DESCRIBE WHAT YOU ARE

WEARING: Decjuba

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE PIECE OF CLOTHING? My long grey winter coat

WHAT BRINGS YOU TO DOCKLANDS? Work

HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE YOUR STYLE? That space between formal and casual where it can go any way

WHAT DO YOU THINK MAKES A GOOD OUTFIT? Confidence

Tacy, 30, Textile designer

LOCATION: Docklands Park

DESCRIBE WHAT YOU ARE

WEARING: All black; classic Melbourne

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE PIECE OF CLOTHING? Knitwear

WHAT BRINGS YOU TO DOCKLANDS? Work

HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE YOUR STYLE? Simple and edgy but adding interest through texture and silhouettes

WHAT DO YOU THINK MAKES A GOOD OUTFIT? - Style. If it is just a little quirky or it has got that fifth piece that makes it yours. Confidence.

Letters to the Editor

Tram no Metro

There's been a lot of discussion on the light rail proposal to serve the new employment zone proposed for Fishermans Bend.

It's worth reflecting on similar issues encountered with the development of Canary Wharf in London; a metro line was initially promised but delivery delayed and development stagnated.

The Docklands Light Railway provided an inadequate stop-gap (think trams in Melbourne). Only with the Jubilee Line and now CrossRail (both without bridges over the Thames) has Canary Wharf thrived.

The lesson learnt has been the importance of a high capacity regular metro type service to provide the connectivity that will facilitate development. As was the case in London, light rail is not a viable solution.

It's perhaps worth noting that as an interim measure buses should be able to provide the same capacity as trams but without the upfront infrastructure costs and the detrimental impact to the public amenity of the river.

Paul Rea



Bike danger

I wish to support the essence of Farah Hassim's letter regarding the dangers associated by allowing cyclists to use New Quay Promenade. As a long-term resident on the Promenade I have seen numerous accidents caused by speeding cyclists including a lady in her 60s and a boy 8 years old, both of whom required serious medical attention.

These cyclists use the promenade as a shortcut to their work destinations. So, the idea of riding in a sedate and careful manner has no appeal and pedestrians and tourists alike regardless of their age have to, at risk to themselves, avoid the speeding danger.

Tax payers have already funded a legitimate bike track i.e. Harbour Esplanade and Docklands Drive, and it should be illegal and a serious offence for cyclists to abuse the tax payer-funded pedestrian walkways.

Grant Claughton



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DOCKLANDS FACES OF

Question:

Were you surprised at the federal election result?

Docklands Secret



On the beach

The building at 757 Bourke St, filled with apartments, beauty parlours and restaurants is crowned with an oversized, Vegas style sign that reads "On the beach", but no one seems to know why!

The real estate agent told *Docklands News* he didn't know off the top of his head, and workers in restaurants had no idea. One of them said she wasn't even aware it

was there.

If you know the origin let us know! Send through information to news@docklandsnews.com.au



ANNE PETERSON, ACCOUNTANT

Yes, I thought that Labor had nailed the campaign.



NAOMI BUTLER, SOLAR CUSTOMER SERVICE

Not really, I'm not really into politics and I haven't done much research on it.



RACHELLE NOLAN, MARKETING

Yes, a lot of the polls said that they [Labor] were ahead. After what is happening in world politics, I thought Australia was due for a leftist government and would be more socially progressive.



TRAVIS VANBUREN, IT SPECIALIST

Yes, the polls said they [Labor] were going to win. It caught me off guard.



BOB VOEGT, PROJECT CONSULTANT

Yes, the pollsters said the Labor party would win easily.



GIORGIO ZANINI, PROFESSIONAL

No, the Prime Minister appears to be a nice person and Labor seems to be a mess at the moment.

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Sharing our vertical commons

Common property is a defining feature of vertical villages - but how widely are we expected to share?

At last month's Melbourne Knowledge Week, a panel came together to discuss re-thinking high-density residential design.

This panel was led by Dr Isun Kazerani and Dr Kirsten Day, experts from community planning, who were joined by Dr Marjan Hajjari, Abbie Freestone and Matt Strickland.

The focus was upon improving the physical and mental wellbeing of high-rise residents, with many of the usual-suspect issues raised, such as design deficiencies in natural light, ventilation and temperature.

But one issue which grabbed my attention involved our communal spaces - and the apparent need to expand these. We of the vertical villages are very familiar with the notion of shared spaces by virtue of our strata title form of ownership, which allows for individual ownership of part of a property (a lot) and shared ownership of the remainder (i.e. common property - our foyers, driveways, gardens, etc). Also sharing these spaces are the tenants of owners. This means that we vertical villagers are very well versed in the pragmatic challenges which accompany operating shared amenities - maintenance costs, cleaning issues, behaviour and misuse, insurance, safety and security - issues which did not

receive much attention from the panel.

Indeed, the panel appeared uniformly supportive of the notion of creating more communal spaces with the phrase "density with amenity" widely lauded.

However, while each member was in favour, their reasons for advocating for these types of spaces differed, as did who was to benefit.

I noted three different perspectives taken towards communal spaces in our high-rise buildings - areas within a building, spaces shared between buildings, and amenities open to the "broader community".

As regards the first perspective (within a building), this was raised in relation to addressing social isolation, with the panel highlighting the need for accessible places to nurture resident wellbeing by creating "moments for interaction". Apparently shared laundry facilities fall under this category - but, I for one, am happy to relegate this communal feature to long-past student days. However, other shared facilities, such as a communal dog-wash, seem to have more merit as long as water usage and clean-up protocols can be managed.

The second scenario (between buildings)

is more about better resource utilisation and the economies of scale that come with greater usage. The example given was for a group of neighbouring residential buildings to enter into a reciprocal arrangement, whereby each building's facilities (e.g. gym, theatre, equipment shed) was accessible to participating residents. The idea here is that this would allow a group of buildings to offer a greater range of facilities and also permit the addition of value-add services, such as health programs. The underpinning aim is that wider "sharing" will transform these lonely facilities into more active gathering spaces for neighbours. Of course, these types of arrangements are much easier to implement when designed from the outset.

The third scenario (with the "broader community") was raised by Dr Marjan Hajjari and is a more radical approach to "sharing". Dr Marjan Hajjari proposes that spaces in our residential buildings be used for the delivery of services needed by the broader community. This idea is not entirely new. Some vertical villages are already mixed use, having cafes and other commercial ventures which operate under established commercial arrangements.

But the devil is in the detail.

The suggestion put forward seemed more akin to our vertical villages fulfilling a social responsibility - and possibility, in the future, being obligated to do so. Think of those owners' corporations that need to pay for the maintenance of public art installations, which often comes as a surprise to new owners! Think also of those buildings that were required to provide public access to toilets and the horror stories around their maintenance costs and security issues.

Into the future, we vertical villagers might have to get used to, and possibly enjoy, much greater levels of communal. And for new builds, this can be designed from the outset to ensure a good mix of private and social spaces - and possibly even public areas. However, care needs to be taken in shifting public-private boundaries and note needs to be taken by government decision-makers about transferring service delivery responsibility - and costs - to residents.



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Pet's Corner

Best of friends

By Sarah Bartlett

Docklands resident Adrian Sargent initially did not want to own a dog, but eight years ago he fell in love with Maltese cross miniature poodle puppy Snooki.

Adrian said that he made the decision a year later to get miniature poodle Lucy so that Snooki would have company during the day.

At the time, Adrian and his partner were living in Sydney and had owned Snooki for a year.

Snooki and Lucy got along immediately during their first meeting and have been inseparable ever since. "The first time that Lucy came around to the house, Snooki let Lucy sit on his bed," Mr Sargent said.

While Snooki and Lucy are close, they both have their own individual personality traits.

"Snooki is a little bit crazy, so everything for him is about his ball; chasing his ball. He always has a ball with him. He also likes to go to the park and run around," Mr Sargent said.

Mr Sargent described Lucy's personality as more placid than Snooki's.

"Lucy is a bit of a princess, everything is



on her terms, she's affectionate when she wants a cuddle, or she likes to be left alone to do her own thing," Mr Sargent said. Mr Sargent and his partner have been living in Docklands for four years. They live in an apartment with Snooki and Lucy.

"The apartment has a large balcony that is about 20 square metres. Snooki and Lucy go in and out as they please," Mr Sargent said. Snooki and Lucy also enjoy sun bathing together in the afternoon sun. Mr Sargent said that they were keen walkers.

"They are taken out at least three times a day. They are outside a lot which is good," Mr Sargent said.

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Footy season!

By Lori Fellows

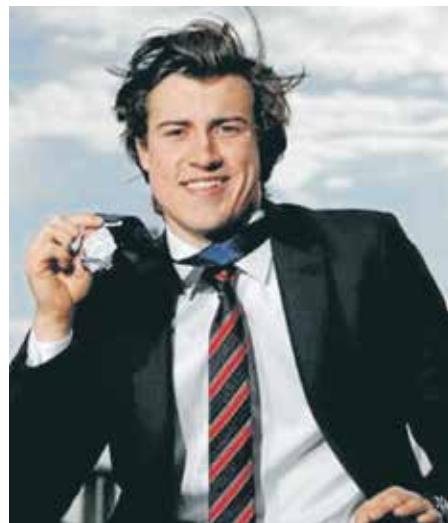
*At last the summer's gone to rest
Cricket teams have played their tests
The footy season's just begun
Beaches deserted from lack of sun.
Show your colours - wear them proud
Get the tram - join the crowd.*

*A covered stadium from where to watch
Includes corporate dining in a box
We've eaten there a time or two
Food's overrated in our view
We'd prefer a pie with sauce
And a bag of chips with salt of course.*

*I remember the country footy games
Room 'round the ground for all who came.
Toot your horn when your team goals!
Only one umpire with full control.
Where kids at half time had a kick
"Don't forget your footy tips!"*

*Some things don't change, others do
Cheers for the champ, for the umpires "boo"!
There are now eight interstate teams
More young men achieving their dreams.
Newspapers print sensational stories
Of drugs, cheats and lots of glory.*

*No more shivering in the rain
No queues for loos - that was a pain.*



Andrew McGrath: the AFL's first Canadian-born player.

*A civilized experience is what we crave
More important as we age.
At the end of the season one team the victor
Despite bets placed with varied predictors.*

*We all now flock to Marvel Stadium,
Essendon's McGrath the first AFL Canadian!
The stadium's been known by several names
Telstra, Colonial, Etihad, it's all the same.
It's all the same, yes the very same place
It's all about advertising space.*

Chamber Update

School holiday fun

There are several fun and engaging activities for the kids these school holidays in Docklands.

The Ice Slide is back at The District Docklands. It was such a hit last year that it has returned. Positioned just outside H&M, even on the busiest days the kids won't have to wait too long for a ride.

The Melbourne Star is also returning its Spy in the Sky challenge. Equipped with special binoculars, kids will need to listen out for clues and act fast to identify landmarks from the floating cabins of the Melbourne Star!

Tickets available June 29 - July 14. PLUS, kids fly free - melbournestar.com

Speed Networking

Everything these days is time-dependent. Whereas 20 years ago we made a phone call, caught up for coffee, followed it up with a meeting a week later, now business is done at the twinkling of a bell ... or so it seems. Our first Speed Networking night was such a success we're going to offer them regularly. 60 businesses meeting over a drink, a two-minute spiel and a sharing of business cards. Look out on our websites - docklandssc.com.au or visitdocklands.com.au for the next event to come your way.

Who and what is the Docklands Chamber of Commerce?

Firstly, we are a not-for-profit entity formed to further the interests of Docklands businesses and the precinct in general. We are the main conduit for state and local government through to commercial and public entities. We advocate on behalf of all of Docklands - residents and businesses alike - and we ferociously promote this growing suburb as the jewel of Melbourne.

In the past year we have been on the ground floor getting Run 4 The Kids to make Docklands their home forever. Similarly, we started a movement three years ago that has finally seen laser and lights come to the Harbour for Firelight. We've broken through 200 business members in Docklands, 175,000 followers on Facebook and, in just the past 6 months, we have created over 150,000 clicks through to our member web pages. And just how much did that all cost? For some of our members it's as little as \$100 per year. Shouldn't you be a part of it?



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Alma Doepel refit well underway

By Sarah Murray

With much love and patience, work on the *Alma Doepel*, Australia's last surviving coastal trader from the early 1900s, continues to move ahead. And, as she undergoes her major refit at Shed No 2 Victoria Dock, everyone is invited to come and have a look, or even join in.

Alma Doepel is owned by not-for-profit organisation Sail and Adventure Limited, and supported by VicUrban, the City of Melbourne and Lend Lease. The work is being undertaken with the help of a small band of volunteers, many of whom sailed on Alma in one of her more recent incarnations as a youth training ship.

Parts of the ship, such as the bulkheads and the deckhouse, made from 2000-year-old Huon pine rescued from fallen trees before the flooding of Tasmania's Gordon River, are relatively new additions. According to Sail and Adventure director, Peter Harris, these were added in 1987 when she was restored and re-purposed from a cargo ship to a training vessel.

"She was never a passenger ship. The original crew was seven, but today a training crew is 50," he said.

Ultimately the aim is to have her refitted to her 1987 condition and to have her commercial survey reinstated. But, despite the fact that they are still reviewing options as to how to tackle work on the hull, Peter says it hasn't impeded their progress.

"We've been working every weekend to prepare the ship. Stripping out the parts below, removing the rigging, the three Douglas fir masts have been taken apart and removed by crane," he said.

"Now, apart from the more detailed, smaller work, we just have to remove the middle deck-house so we can get to the engine and the tanks. In the meantime, we have a structural engineer working on a three dimensional model to calculate the

strength and stability of the ship."

Each part of the ship has been numbered and labelled and is laid out in the Shed No 2 where they are restored as required with the guidance of Marine Safety Victoria.

With a total restoration budget of \$2.7 million needed, along with their own fundraising efforts, Sail and Adventure has recently put in a major funding application for \$2 million under the Kevin Rudd Jobs Fund so work on the hull can move ahead.

"The Jobs Fund provides money for projects that are fully scoped, budgeted and ready to go, in red alert, high priority job areas, which may mean that if we are successful work on the hull will need to be undertaken at the Western Port Slipway. Despite this, Docklands would remain our base and moving the hull would only be temporary," Mr Harris said.

"Of course, work on the rigging would remain in the Shed No 2, and we have also put in a submission to the State Government Department of Planning and Community Development for a community project grant to set up a trainee program. This would involve up-skilling trainees while bringing the local community together."

Ship lift wanted

Ideally, Mr Harris says the solution would be to build a ship lift at Docklands so they could raise the boat out of the water and work on her where everyone could see what was happening.

"If someone wanted to help fund a ship lift we would be delighted, but we'd need around half a million dollars. The third option is to move the hull into the shed. A crane that could do this is coming in from interstate for work on the Southern Star Wheel, but we haven't really had any serious discussions about using it at this stage and anyway, the shed is so crowded now, I'm not sure the hull would fit."

A small visitors centre has been established in Shed No 2 and visitors are enthusiastically welcome to come and see this fascinating work in progress.

Funding is still required and a major sponsor is still being sought but, in the meantime, the *Alma Doepel* is also available for functions. Call either Peter Harris on 0427 829 134 or Chris Coghlan on 0407 860 296 to discuss.

WHAT'S ON

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Local skater joins Disney on Ice

By Alex Dalziel

Local figure skater Georgia Wooderson has been given the chance to tour the globe as part of the travelling ice skating show Disney on Ice.

Having received confirmation from Disney in April, the 21-year-old said that being given the chance to perform in the internationally renowned show had been a life-long dream of hers.

"I got the email as I was going into training and the shock was really quite unbelievable. It took a while to click since I wasn't fully awake at six o'clock in the morning," Georgia said.

She first started skating at the age of 12 shortly after the O'Brien Icehouse first opened in Docklands in 2010. Having taken up skating at a later age than most striving for the Olympics, she said she had always rather set her sights on performance skating.

However, she has won a number of different ice-skating championships, such as the New Zealand Championships in 2015. She also regularly stars in the Christmas shows hosted by the O'Brien Icehouse, having performed in the principle role of the *Wicked Witch of the West* in its 2018 production of *The Wizard of Oz*.

In 2013, Georgia met coaches Brian Duckworth and Melanie Carrington who had previously performed for *Disney on Ice* themselves for a number of years.



(Main image) Local ice-skating star Georgia Wooderson and (top right) with trainers Brian and Melanie Duckworth.



"Mel and Brian are like my second mum and dad," Georgia said. "Their ability to help me through whatever life was throwing at me, and the experiences they guided me through was incredible."

"They pushed me to work and train harder, they never gave up on me and that was the biggest thing."

Georgia said that this opportunity was a dream come true for her and she hoped that she could serve as an inspiration for children interested in ice skating.

"Dreams are reachable if you create a plan and work hard, build the steps to get there and you can get there."

Disney on Ice will be performing in Melbourne from July 4 to July 8 at Rod Laver Arena. Georgia and a group who are currently rehearsing an ice segment to perform in front of the *Disney on Ice* audience will be performing a pre-show demonstration at Rod Laver Arena on the morning of July 5.

Good luck Georgia!



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