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Docklands does a Bradbury

It was wall-to-wall Olympians in Docklands on March 30 as the Icehouse's second rink was bestowed with Steven Bradbury's name.

Bradbury's name entered our common language after he won Australia's first ever winter Olympic gold medal in Salt Lake City in 2002 when the speed skaters in front of him crashed just before the finish line.

He was joined by Australia's most recent winter Olympics gold medallist Lydia Lassila during a star-studded evening to launch the nation's Olympic Winter Institute in Docklands.

Council scuttles its marina bid

After nine months, the City of Melbourne has abandoned its attempt to find commercial tenants for Waterfront City Marina.

Last June, the council upset Docklands' charter boat operators by calling for expressions of interest for two berths at Waterfront City and flagged that it intended to open up the rest of Docklands to commercial competition.

The council won't discuss the matter, claiming it is confidential. But it is understood that only two operators responded and it has taken until now for the council to decide it doesn't want either.

The council refuses to reveal how much manpower has been wasted in the process or how much it paid in legal fees to run the expression of interest, but one of the unsuccessful bidders estimates the cost in the hundreds of thousands of dollars.

"I doubt whether they would get any change out of a couple of hundred grand," Rivers Group charter operator Lou Jovanovski said.

Mr Jovanovski has removed the second of his four boats from Docklands. Early this year Saphire left for the Gold Coast and last week Explorer followed.

"How can you invest in a business without security of tenure?" he said. He criticised the council for offering only a two-year lease with a further one-year option.

He branded the EoI "stupid" and said it was "just not worth staying in Docklands". Mr Jovanovski said Rivers Voyager would "probably" also soon leave.

He had offered the council a deal on a 10-year lease at Waterfront City but this was

considered non-conforming. The other unsuccessful bidder offered less money than the council wanted.

Tramboat operator Anthony Purcell said he offered slightly less than the going Docklands rate because the berthing did not come with car parking, refuelling access and other amenities enjoyed by other Victoria Harbour operators.

The vice-president of the Charter Vessel Owners Association of Victoria, Keith Rankin, said he was pleased that the council had abandoned the Waterfront City Marina expression of interest.

"We didn't believe it was going to work as the same approach has failed upstream with disastrous result for operators, tourists and other river users," Mr Rankin said.

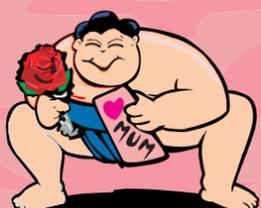
He said since the EoI was issued, the charter boat operators and the council had a much better relationship and the parties were now working toward a more commercially realistic approach.

"We are glad that this approach is not going to be forced on us here," he said. "A lot more work needs to be done in striking an appropriate berthing fee in Docklands."

Mr Rankin said it was a shame that Rivers Group was relocated its fleet from Docklands, but it indicated how hard it was to survive in the Melbourne market.

ING Real Estate is believed to be working with the council to secure commercial tenants for the marina.

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Shane Scanlan



A frustrated whinge

There is so much going on in Docklands at the moment ... but for ordinary Joes like you and I, so little opportunity to find out about it, much less participate in it.

You can understand the developers putting up the shutters and not wanting to talk about their proposed projects, as their sole function is to maximise profits for shareholders.

But why is state and local government so hell bent on keeping the public in the dark about what's going on in Docklands? Where did this attitude that the public don't deserve to know come from?

Let's start with the State Government. In researching our story about North Wharf on Page 5, we were told that unless we spent \$5000, the Department of Treasury and Finance wouldn't tell us what development restrictions it had put on the precinct. And, it said, even if we forked over the money, we needed to sign a confidentiality agreement promising not to tell anyone! In the end, we got a summary from a real estate agent.

It talks about "community" a lot but, in reality, community is an inconvenience to government. And what about democratic governance? What does that mean these days?

Look at the life of the Docklands Co-ordination Committee. It was born out of the emasculation of the more significant Docklands and Major Projects Committee in 2007 and started out meeting six times a year. It wasn't long before this was cut to four times a year.

And the agendas have continued to shrink too. The last meeting of this committee took about 10 minutes. VicUrban's two contributions to this meeting are listed in the minutes as "withdrawn".

A request to VicUrban seeking an explanation of this took two weeks to come back with an answer that an administrative error was responsible for one report not being presented and that it was still discussing the other matter.

The City of Melbourne and VicUrban are both secretive organisations which strive to prevent public scrutiny of their activities. They deny access to their staff and respond using meaningless weasel words.

To be fair, they are not the only ones. Somehow it has become acceptable to deny information to the public. Twenty five years ago in a former life, I was town hall reporter for the Sun News-Pictorial. In those times, the media was welcome at the town hall, had its own press office and had a desk within the council chamber. If you wanted to know something, you just asked the town clerk.

Back then it was accepted that public scrutiny was a healthy part of a democratic society.

Water woes plague Docklands

Some Docklands residents have been charged nearly six times the normal price for water due to a billing error.

Residents of Victoria Point were recently charged the wrong amount for the October, November and December 2009 quarter.

Building manager Stewart Silver King and Burns says the error occurred when an operator incorrectly added a service charge to the water volume charge.

In one case, this resulted in water being charged at \$6.63 per kilolitre, rather than the City West Water rate of \$1.26.

Stewart Silver King and Burns says the amounts overcharged will be credited on the next quarterly bill.

The error was discovered after residents complained about the price of the water.

Stewart Silver King and Burns is yet to respond to evidence that it's previously quarterly billing was also inaccurate.

Victoria Point buys water in bulk from City West Water and uses computerised meters to determine each apartment's share.

Stewart Silver King and Burns says this software is regularly audited by an independent third party and there is no reason to doubt its accuracy.

In other areas of Docklands, the issue of how to equitably divide and allocate the water bills is causing headaches.

NewQuay apartments were built with non-City-West-Water-compliant meters and this is currently causing headaches

for owners corporations as the firm which originally installed them is defunct.

Most towers are being forced to charge for water via lot liability, which effectively means that only owners and not renters pay for water. It is illegal to bill for unmetered water.

Their other choice is to retro-fit expensive complying meters. This is further complicated by occupational health and safety issues, as some meters are located in areas that water authority meter-readers refuse to service.

The Arkley tower is currently persevering with its originally-installed meters but sources say this may change to the lot-liability method to avoid unnecessary cost and inconvenience.

Further complicating matters is owners corporations and building managers' inability to charge any more for "hot water" even though this appears as a separate line item on bills.

The gas used to centrally heat this water is sometimes compared with water usage and assigned to owners on this proportion. In other instances, the gas used to heat the water is simply divided and billed by lot liability.

Owners corporations also generally absorb the "service charge" of the City West Water bill.

Lend Lease's Dock5 development in Victoria Harbour has avoided these headaches and each apartment has its own City West Water account and meter.



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Soccer fans adopt Docklands

Sydney FC soccer fans liked drinking at Docklands' Watermark Bar before the A-League grand final on March 20 so much that they say they'll be back.

Under a heavy police presence, hundreds of excited fans descended on Victoria Harbour for several hours before the game.

A contingent of para-military police confronted a large group of Sydney fans on the corner of Bourke St and Harbour Esplanade several hours before the game started. The police then shadowed the chanting group to Watermark Bar where festivities continued until about 6pm when they were escorted to Etihad Stadium for the game.

Police say their response was appropriate and that they assess every event on gathered intelligence, which includes social media internet sites. Melbourne and Sydney fans have clashed on previous occasions.

The person who claims to have "discovered" Watermark Bar on behalf of the Sydney fans, Shane Porter, said the large police presence was to protect his group from vicious Melbourne supporters.

Mr Porter said on previous match days, Sydney fans had gathered at hotels in the CBD but they were too small. He said Watermark Bar was ideal as it offered space for 1000 fans and was very close to the ground.

He said its location made it less likely that Sydney fans would be "ambushed" on the way to the stadium. "There's no opportunity for them to hide in ambush," he said.



Police make their presence felt as the Sydney FC fans made their way to Victoria Harbour.

Mr Porter said Victoria Police were more adept at preventing violence between Melbourne and Sydney fans than NSW police. He said rogue Melbourne fans had recently bashed members of his group in Sydney.

Mr Porter said his group of 800 loved the sunny afternoon on the waterfront and was made to feel most welcome.

He said Docklands was too far from the new soccer stadium in Swan St, Richmond, where Melbourne Victory and a new team Melbourne Heart would be soon located.

But he said Sydney fans hoped to return to Watermark Bar for future "blockbuster" games scheduled for Etihad Stadium.

Docklands Community Association president Roger Gardner acknowledged that there was no trouble on grand final day, but said he was concerned about the risk of violence in the future.

"They should drink within the stadium. Alternatively they should split up and go to a



Sydney fans up the tempo before the game at Watermark Bar.

few different bars or change bars each time, Mr Gardner said.

Watermark Bar owner John Ahern said his staff worked closely with police and the Football Federation to ensure there was no trouble.

Watermark manager Simon Caruso said it was unlikely circumstances would again

produce a Melbourne/Sydney clash of such scale in Docklands.

"It's not something that you'll see at Watermark every Saturday," he said. "It really was a one-off. We're looking to become any sort of clubhouse."

Mr Caruso estimated the crowd at between 400 and 450.



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Doyle launches new real estate office

Lord Mayor Robert Doyle opened Barry Plant Real Estate's new Docklands office on March 29.

Cr Doyle said he was always delighted to promote businesses in Docklands. He remarked that the new office was directly opposite his favourite Melbourne building, The Gauge.

He said the City of Melbourne was seeking more involvement in the second decade of Docklands development and beyond. In particular, he said the council had lots to offer "at the street level at a human scale". He said it was important to let Docklands develop its own unique community identity.

To do this, he said planners needed to have a vision of where the community should be in 15 years and then work back from that.

Barry Plant Real Estate director Daniel Cole told of his journey which started seven years ago with a letter drop at the newly-built Arkley tower in NewQuay which yielded 30 calls from vendors desperate to be serviced.

Mr Cole operated from Port Melbourne but clearly saw Docklands as the natural centre for his business.

Five years ago he opened a small office under the Watergate building and 18 months ago started planning the current move.

He reminded guests that Docklands was Melbourne's premier residential address and that it was a "life choice, not a financial choice" to live here.



Melbourne Water moving to Docklands

Melbourne Water has committed to locate its new 12,100m² head office facility at 990 LaTrobe St, in the south east corner of Digital Harbour above the link road access to Etihad Stadium.

Digital Harbour Director, David Napier, said: "The proposed \$85 million single tenant, purpose built building will provide a 6 Star Green Star outcome for Melbourne Water placing them at the forefront of sustainable office accommodation in the Australian commercial office market."

Large 2,000m² floor plates, with a series of open, interconnecting, atrium spaces linking the six upper levels of the building will provide the opportunity for enhanced collaboration between the various

departments of the Melbourne Water organisation. The orientation of the atrium spaces will also provide magnificent uninterrupted views of the Melbourne city skyline.

Mr Napier said: "The convenient location of the building fronting both LaTrobe Street and Wurndjeri Way will provide quick and convenient access for Melbourne Water engineers to all of their suburban treatment plant facilities via Melbourne's extensive freeway network."

The proposed Melbourne Water development will be the fourth building to be constructed at Digital Harbour alongside the Innovation Building, 1010 LaTrobe Street (Customs House) and the Life.lab strata office/home office building at 198 Harbour Esplanade.

Construction of the Melbourne Water building is scheduled to commence in the third quarter 2010 with completion mid 2012.



Daniel Cole (left) assists Lord Mayor Robert Doyle officially open the new Barry Plant office in Victoria Harbour.



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Yarra's Edge residents may lose their views

By Alison Kinkade

Yarra's Edge residents could lose their upstream city views with the State Government refusing to rule out high-rise developments as part of its plans to redevelop North Wharf.

The Department of Treasury and Finance quietly last month called for registrations of interest (RoI) on the 1.24-hectare site that sits opposite South Wharf and in between the Mission to Seafarers on Wurundjeri Way and Siddeley St.

Since calling for RoI, the Government has remained coy about the possible uses for the land.

The City of Melbourne, in conjunction with VicUrban, the Department of Planning and Parks Victoria, has released suggestions for the area which include community, arts and cultural facilities.

It is understood that the City of Melbourne favours an "indoor park" use for the historic Shed 5. This would involve removing the asbestos roof of the building and greening the interior.

It is understood that the Government commissioned the council to suggest and define appropriate development for the site which has not been subject to normal planning scheme requirements.

However, it is suggested in the Government's RoI documents that the area could be rezoned from a "public park and recreation zone" to "capital city zone".

Public affairs manager for the Department of Treasury and Finance, Helen Ward, said nothing was being ruled out, including high-rise developments.

"This is just the first stage. It's really just a brain-storming session," Ms Ward said.

Ms Ward said all submissions from developers would be assessed on the basis of impact and economic grounds.

The land, which contains a heritage-listed crane that is attached to a historic warehouse, contains 230 metres of prime Yarra River frontage.

Estate agency, Knight Frank, on behalf of the Government, will be accepting registrations of interest on the parcel of crown land until April 14.

Following its assessment of the proposals, the Government will then call for formal expressions of interest, though only parties who have originally submitted a registration of interest will be invited to participate.

The call for registrations of interest has brought an element of relief to the Mission to Seafarers organisation which has been under a threat of government "redevelopment".

The mission is relieved that its heritage-listed premises was not also included in the RoI process.

The mission is understood to be working with the nearby World Trade Centre on a commercial model which would demonstrate to the Treasury and Finance Department that the mission can adequately look after the building.

Ultimately, the mission is seeking freehold possession of its site.

Docklands an international model

UK publication *Crains Manchester Business* has published an article suggesting the regeneration of an area around the City of Manchester Stadium in Beswick could possibly be modelled on our Docklands.

The article which appeared on its website on March 15, said: "The regeneration of the Melbourne Docklands in Australia,

another stadium-led project, has been studied as a possible model for the East Manchester scheme."

"Melbourne is targeting 20 million visitors a year by 2020 but is surrounded by mixed use developments of residential and office and retail buildings and heritage sites, rather than visitor attractions."



Friends and neighbours before the food came out at the local feast.

Well, howdy neighbour

Urban Reforestation's Docklands Neighbourhood Day dinner on March 28 lived up to its name.

All the neighbours helped out - including those who were just minding their own business doing their weekly supermarket shop in Merchant St, Victoria Harbour.

Urban Reforestation has established Docklands' community garden on the water adjacent to Dock 5 and was keen to demonstrate the sustainability benefits of sourcing local produce at the dinner it held in its shop in Merchant St.

Founder Emily Ballantyne-Brodie explained that her accountant Chris had suggested he knew a farmer not too far from Docklands who could supply a lamb.

So far so good. And then Kate Watson sourced the spit, which later caused a stir as it was still happily revolving when council local laws officers busted a crime wide open because the device was still running beyond the permit hours - nice work heroes!

But before the lamb could be cooked, it had to be refrigerated. Emily had bought a fridge that day, however the beast was too big.

Vinnie, the Vietnamese baker and neighbour, came to the rescue. Not only did Vinnie make room in his cool room, but he also made an out-of-hours special effort to come back and liberate the lamb to the cooks.

That's where the real problems began. Bryce the pianist got the coals fired up, but vegetarian Emily and co had no idea how to put the spit together.

So Joe, the Greek guy who was just doing his shopping at Safeway, saved the day.

Out the back, Joe showed the girls how to impale a carcass on a massive steel skewer and provided the required muscle power.

But with a vital piece of the spit-puzzle still in their hands, the Urban Reforestation girls knew disaster was brewing.

Enter "the bearded guy", another passing shopper, who turned out to be a butcher who set it all straight and even returned an hour later to carry out an audit.

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Access Melbourne has negotiated a cheaper parking rate for \$10 a day for carpoolers at Etihad Stadium with guaranteed spaces and quick access onto Wurundjeri Way. In addition, Access Melbourne is also offering prize draws for people registering during April and May.

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Away with the fairies ... Sparkle turns it on for her young fans.

Harbour Children's Centre turns one

The Harbour Family and Children's Centre, located in Victoria Harbour, celebrated its first birthday on February 25 with a "twilight party".

Manager Lyn Cramp said the celebrations kicked off with formal proceedings including speeches, reflections on the past year and a tree planting ceremony, before the night moved on to become less formal.

Children and their families, along with the project partners, early childhood colleagues, government members and staff then gathered at the centre and feasted on a sausage sizzle and ice-cream cake to celebrate.

Ms Cramp said the children, as well as adults, were entertained and enthralled by Sparkle the Fairy who sang songs and performed magic.

The centre, which is run under a partnership between Gowrie Victoria, the City of Melbourne, VicUrban and Lend Lease, opened its doors a year ago to 41 children and now caters to 210 children.

"We are proud to be celebrating the first birthday with our 210 children and their families and the people who worked together on the project," CEO Gilda Howard said.

The facility, which has received over 1000 visitors in the last 12 months, is the only centre in Docklands to house both a maternal child and health service and an early childhood education centre.

"It is a great opportunity to acknowledge what has been achieved for the children and families in Docklands," Ms Howard said.

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Platform 28 gets licence for 560

By Alison Kinkade

Having received a planning permit controversially last October, the Platform 28 tavern in the Goods Shed North in Bourke St has now been granted a liquor licence.

After originally applying for a licence for 750 patrons, the venue was late last month granted an on-premises licence for 560.

A spokesperson for its developer Equiset said it had not yet read the liquor licence conditions and, therefore, could not determine when the venue would open.

The president of the Docklands Community Association, Roger Gardner, said he was pleased with noise limitations put on external areas but said patron numbers for the entire venue were still too high.

"It's good that the number of patrons has been cut back, but it's still a hell of a lot of people," he said.

On the other end of the spectrum, the NewQuay premises that were to be occupied by the proposed Uber Bar and Lounge has been put up for lease.

Sallypen Pty Ltd lodged an application for a general liquor licence in late November for a bar to be located at 29 St Mangos Lane.

Chris Ellis applied for the bar to open from 10am-1am, Monday-Saturday and 10am-11pm on Sunday.

Residents, police and City of Melbourne had objected to the application. It is understood that Mr Ellis no longer wishes to pursue the licence. Mr Ellis was contacted, but failed to return the calls.

The Platform 28 ruling means that the venue will be able to host 90 patrons on its ground floor external area and 190 on its first floor external area. It will not be allowed live or amplified music in its external areas at anytime, however it will be allowed background music until 10pm daily.

Trading on Friday and Saturday nights will cease at midnight in the external areas, but will be allowed to continue within the remainder of the premises until 1am.

Stricter opening hours have been granted for Monday to Thursday and Sunday, with trading in external areas to cease at 11pm and all trading to cease at midnight.

It has also been granted permission to operate on Good Friday and Anzac Day from 12noon till 11pm in its external areas and till midnight in the remainder of the premises.



Iain Hewitson gets down to work at Docklands.

"Huey" at home in Docklands

Celebrity chef Iain "Huey" Hewitson is to call Docklands home for the next two years.

"Huey" will be filming his television show *Huey's Cooking Adventures* from a specially-fitted out "studio" at Waterfront City.

Restaurateur Lou Jovanovski said he heard that Mr Hewitson was looking for new premises and invited him to Docklands.

"I thought it would be really hard, but as soon as he saw Docklands he said yes," Mr Jovanovski said. "He just loved it."

A deal involving promotion of Waterfront City in exchange for premises was

hammered out between the Mr Hewitson, the Rivers Group and ING Real Estate.

"Everyone has worked really hard on this and Greg Boyd, Nattalie Hallert, Louise Martin and all the guys at Rivers deserve all the credit," Mr Jovanovski said.

Mr Jovanovski said *Huey's Cooking Adventures* would air nearly 300 times a year on Channel 10. He said the promotional value for Docklands was invaluable. "It will lift the profile of the precinct in a really big way," he said.

In between filming, the public visiting Waterfront City will be welcome to see inside the studio which fronts the Waterfront City Piazza. And episodes of the show will be shown on the big screen.

The Cat Got Your Tongue?

If you've ever tried to give your cat a pill you'll know that it's usually a recipe for a scratch and cats are not the only pets who don't like taking medicine. With people now keeping new and interesting pets, it's amazing the sorts of injuries angry pets can cause. Little wonder pets object to dosage forms that were designed for humans, but what can pet owners do?

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The builder, Brookfield Multiplex will begin site establishment works on 1st May, 2010

In order for construction to commence on the HarbourOne Tower, we advise that the carpark on the Corner of Harbour Esplanade and Docklands Drive will be closing on Friday 30th April 2010.

Carparking is available to residents, visitors, restaurant staff and their patrons at the Aquavista carpark and the Northern carpark. These carparks can accommodate a total of 485 cars.

Further updates will be provided to residents and retailers in NewQuay prior to the closure of the carpark.

**Should you have any queries, please contact
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Located in the Mosaic building, here is a spacious two bedroom, two bathroom apartment that can only be described as immaculate. The apartment that is cleverly designed ensures there is a place for everything, whilst its generous windows provide uninterrupted views. The expansive open plan living area has both a formal dining area and a modern kitchen with stone bench tops and stainless steel appliances. Featuring large main bedroom with built in robes and en-suite and a large second bedroom with adjoining bathroom including deep relaxing bath and separate laundry. The apartment also includes reverse cycle air conditioning and an undercover car space.

Docklands 53 / 801 Bourke Street

VIEWES OVER THE WATER

2 Bed 2 Bath 1 Car

Private sale \$590,000

Inspect By appointment

Contact Glenn Donnelly



Located on the 1st level, this apartment includes Modern kitchen fittings, generous stainless steel appliances including cook-top, oven, range-hood and dishwasher. This near new apartment has two generous size bedrooms with BIR in master bedroom and second bedroom. Additional features include blinds to all windows, laundry facilities located in the bathroom, video intercom and resort style facilities. The building is situated within walking distance to Melbourne CBD, Southbank Promenade and its famous Restaurants, The Arts Centre, Melbourne Exhibition Centre as well as the well known Crown Casino & Entertainment Complex.

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Situated in the Victoria harbour precinct of Docklands and located directly in front of beautiful parklands and the CBD as the backdrop. The apartment that is cleverly designed ensures there is a place for everything, whilst its generous windows provide uninterrupted views. The expansive open plan living area has both a formal dining area and a modern kitchen with stone bench tops and stainless steel appliances. Featuring large main bedroom with built in robes and en-suite and a large second bedroom with adjoining bathroom including deep relaxing bath and European style laundry. The apartment also includes reverse cycle air conditioning and an undercover car space.

Docklands 38 / 801 Bourke Street

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3 Bed 2 Bath 1 Study 1 Car

Private Sale \$1.11m

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Luxuriously appointed in Mirvac's Tower 4, this enviable residence is a must see for those who expect the best. The gourmet kitchen is complemented with a large island stone bench top, Miele stainless steel appliances and generous storage space. The double size main bedroom includes a luxurious en-suite with twin vanities. Other features include air-conditioning throughout, separate laundry, 2 secure car spaces and storage cage. Also included is a membership to the exclusive health club featuring heated indoor lap pool, spa, sauna, steam room, fully equipped gymnasium and roof top decking.

Docklands 1204 / 80 Lorimer Street

VIEWES OVER THE WATER

3 Bed 2 Bath 2 Car 1 Storage

Private Sale \$1.11m

Inspect By appointment

Contact Glenn Donnelly



This is a unique one bedroom apartment situated on the Ground level of the famous land mark known as the Grand Central. Known for its heritage attraction the building is desired by many and is ideally situated close to southern cross station, trams and all the city attractions. The apartment comprises large bedroom with two way ensuite, lounge open to kitchen area and a huge storage area in the ceiling, add a unique private courtyard and an undercover car park and you have the perfect apartment.

Docklands 121 / 67 Spencer Street

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1 Bed 1 Bath 1 Car

Private sale Expression of interest

Inspect By appointment

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This luxurious & spacious brand new fully furnished one bedroom apartment located on the 32nd floor in the newly completed Atlantis building presents the latest in inner city living. The unit features modern kitchen with stainless steel appliances and ample cupboard space open to a dining/living area which leads to a balcony. Spectacular bay and City sky line views can be seen from every room. Additional features include intercom, air-conditioning / heating and secure parking for 1 car space. The building offers the services of an indoor pool, Gym and sauna.

Docklands 3209 / 288 Spencer Street

BRAND NEW WITH SPECTACULAR VIEWS

1 Bed 1 Bath 1 Car

Private sale \$510,000

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Luxuriously appointed in the Conder, this enviable residence is a must see for those who expect the best. The gourmet kitchen is complemented with a large island stone bench top, Miele stainless steel appliances and generous storage space. The double size main bedroom includes a luxurious en-suite with twin vanities. The apartment captures over 280 degree vistas of the Yarra River and Docklands precinct. Other features include air-conditioning throughout, 3 bathrooms, separate laundry, 2 secure car spaces and a storage cage. Also included is a membership to the exclusive health club featuring heated indoor lap pool, spa, sauna and fully equipped gymnasium.

Docklands 1901 / 2 NewQuay Prom

VIEWES OVER THE WATER & BEYOND

3 Bed 3 Bath 2 Car

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Consisting of 2 bedrooms, a modern and stylish kitchen with stainless steel appliances, glass splash back, granite bench tops and plenty of storage. The two bedrooms have built in robes, perfect for entertaining family and friends before heading into the City for a night of fun. You have the option to use the impressive facilities which include a fully equipped gymnasium, steam and sauna rooms, spa and swimming pools. Close to public transport, Crown Casino, Docklands Precinct and all that exciting Melbourne has to offer. The property also comes with one secure car park.

Docklands 1503 / 60 Siddeley Street

FANTASTIC WATER VIEWS

2 Bed 1 Bath 1 Car

Private Sale \$630,000

Inspect By appointment

Contact Glenn Donnelly



Perfectly located on the North bank of the Yarra is this impressive 17th floor apartment. Consisting of 2 bedrooms, a modern and stylish kitchen with stainless steel appliances, glass splash back, granite bench tops and plenty of storage. The two bedrooms have built in robes, perfect for entertaining family and friends before heading into the City for a night of fun. You have the option to use the impressive facilities which include a fully equipped gymnasium, steam and sauna rooms, spa and swimming pools. Close to public transport, Crown Casino, Docklands Precinct and all that exciting Melbourne has to offer. The property also comes with one secure car park.

Docklands 1705 / 60 Siddeley Street

VIEWES AS FAR AS THE EYE CAN SEE

2 Bed 1 Bath 1 Car

Private Sale \$650,000

Inspect By appointment

Contact Glenn Donnelly



This spacious brand new fully furnished one bedroom apartment located on the 20th floor in the newly completed Atlantis building presents the latest in inner city living. The unit features modern kitchen with stainless steel appliances and ample cupboard space open to a dining/living area which leads to a balcony with water views across the bolte bridge and Southern cross station. Additional features include intercom, air-conditioning / heating and secure parking for 1 car space. The building offers the services of an indoor pool, sauna and gym.

Docklands 2001 / 288 Spencer Street

DOCKLANDS WATER VIEWS

1 Bed 1 Bath 1 Car

Private sale \$490,000

Inspect By appointment

Contact Glenn Donnelly



This is a studio apartment that has been fully furnished and is situated on the 5th floor of the building. The apartment is securely leased with the Grand hotel for eight years and has views over the Docklands precinct. The building is of heritage nature and offers the services of a pool, spa, sauna, gymnasium and two barbeque areas. Located on the west side of the building is a well manicured common court yard which the apartment looks into.

Docklands 521 / 67 Spencer Street

INVESTORS DELIGHT

1 Bed 1 Bath

Private Sale \$240,000

Inspect By appointment

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Reprieve for tourist shuttle

The Melbourne Tourist Shuttle has escaped the City of Melbourne's razor for now while council officers investigate alternative funding sources for the service.

Councillors on March 9 voted to extend the contract to run the four-bus service until June 30 next year. And it wants a report back by August 31 on how much money can be raised via advertising on bus stops as well as inside and outside the buses.

Lord Mayor Robert Doyle believes businesses which benefit from the bus should contribute to its \$1.4 million annual operating costs. Other councillors believe the bus should be viewed more generally as improving the visitor experience to Melbourne as a whole.

Cr Kevin Louey says businesses pay 70 per cent of the city's rate revenue and it would be reasonable to fund the tourist shuttle service in return.

Docklands Chamber of Commerce President Keith Rankin addressed the Future Melbourne Committee meeting on March 9. He was backed by at least 45 written submissions from Docklands businesses (out of a total of 59 items of correspondence).

Mr Rankin said he acknowledged that the service ought to show actual benefit for the money invested and he urged Docklands businesses to help find alternative funding options.

But he also said it was unreasonable to expect individual businesses to pay for services which returned benefit to the general community.

"It's like putting up Christmas decorations," he said. "If there is a need for it, then it is reasonable for everyone to pay for it via rates and taxes."

"If they want to close down things that are available to people for no charge, then they should close down the parks. It's the same principle," he said.

The *Docklands News* March online survey unanimously supported the retention of the tourist shuttle.

Among comments received were:

- Removal would be devastating to the precinct and Docklands;
- This is a valuable service which brings much needed patronage and exposure to the area. For Docklands in particular, the area needs all the support it can get as it is still struggling as a sustainable commercial district;
- I believe it's a great service. I meet many tourists coming to shop. They seem very happy to spend because they have saved money on transport; and
- Definitely should continue. Visitors love the service as it's an informative and comfortable experience. The tourist shuttle is more highly-regarded by tourists than the City Circle Tram (which is over-run with locals taking a free ride).



Three's a crowd

It may seem like a small number, but three is the most super yachts that have ever been berthed at Docklands' "super yacht marina" at the same time.

(From left to right) Jack Mackeddie's Platinum calls Docklands home when it's not travelling around the rest of Australia. Elisa only dropped in for a short visit and is believed to be owned by US interests. Texas is becoming a Docklands local and is owned by Australian businessman, Solomon Lew.



Hey, isn't that ...?

Former Lord Mayor John So was back in Docklands last month to help present awards at the Victorian Dragon Boat titles on March 21.

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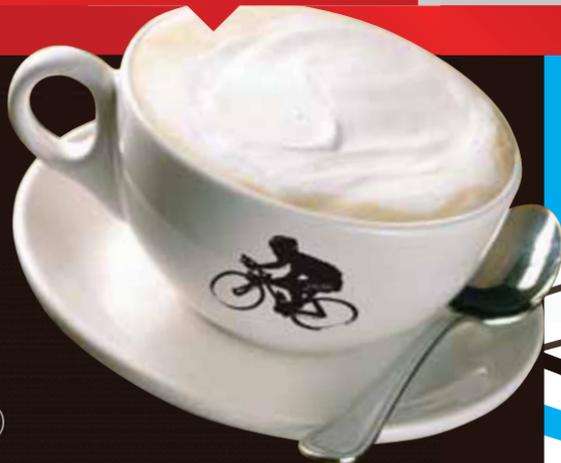
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Docklands doesn't weather the storm

By Alison Kinkade

Though most residents escaped the deluge of the March 6 storm, not all property in Docklands was left unscathed with Southern Cross Station, Spencer St Shops, Etihad Stadium, some penthouses and Aqua Vista all reporting damage.

Suffering severe damage to all its skylights, the bill to repair Southern Cross Station's ceiling is likely to cost between \$2 - \$5 million.

The station's chief executive, Phillip Walker, said the skylights, which gave way due to the rain and hail, were his main concern.

"We have damage to the skylights and we'll have to order in new ones from Europe and then it could take three months for them to be fully fitted," Mr Walker said.

Other damage to the station included flooding to the escalators and lifts. However, Mr Walker said this damage was only minor.

Spencer St Shops also suffered water damage throughout the complex and staff and employees were evacuated during the storm.

"The safety of customers and centre employees is our priority at any time. There was interruption to lighting and services, and the floors were very wet," centre manager Lynden Courtney said.

Ms Courtney said the water damage meant that some plaster ceilings had to be replaced and some repairs were needed on the roof and gutters.

"Retailers and contractors worked very hard under extraordinary circumstances in the clean up process and to re-open the centre as quickly as possible. It was an outstanding effort," she said.

Etihad Stadium didn't escape the damage either with the Livewire area being the most brutally hit.

Stadium communications manager Bill Lane said the build up of hail on the Livewire roof caused significant damage.

"The weight of the hail caused some of the roofing to give way and it subsequently led to significant damage in some other parts of the stadium," Mr Lane said.

Mr Lane said the damage had not impacted upon the number of patrons attending events. But he apologised for the inconvenience that patrons may have experienced in the provision of food and beverages.

According to Mr Lane, it will take some months to rebuild the Livewire area.

"It is difficult to put a completion date on the refurbishment. We don't want to promise something and then fall short," he said.

It is unknown at this stage how much the damage bill for Etihad Stadium is likely to climb to, but it is expected to be in the millions of dollars.

"It is difficult to put a cost on the damage but our CEO recently told a 3AW audience, it would be to the tune of millions of dollars," Mr Lane said.

The Aqua Vista building in NewQuay also suffered significant damage with its building manager Michael Neugent reporting that some floors of the building had been flooded.

"Carpet has been damaged in the Aqua Vista building and it still hasn't been replaced, but the leaks have been fixed," Mr Neugent said.

Mr Neugent, who also manages the Condor, said the Condor had experienced moderate damage to its commercial lots.

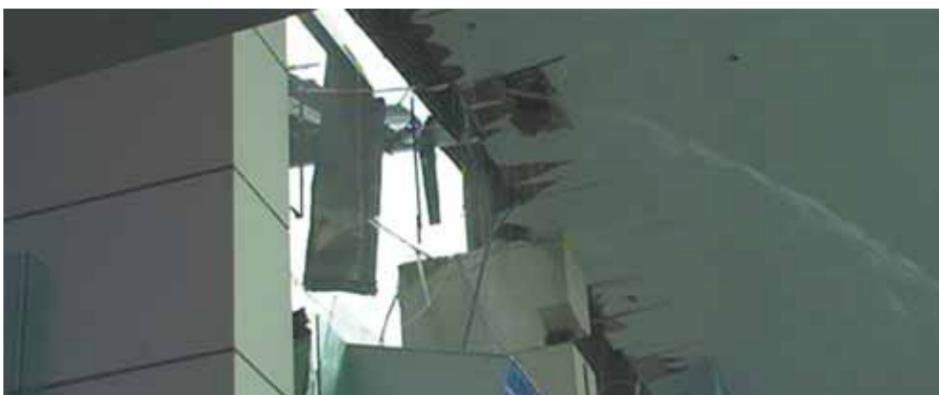
All Docklands building managers were contacted for this story.



Image courtesy Channel 7.



NewQuay weather protection was shredded in the storm.



Etihad Stadium. Images courtesy Channel 7.



Harbour Esplanade. Image courtesy the Docklands Trike Man.

Myer makes its move to Docklands

About 100 Myer employees pioneered the giant retailer's head office move to Docklands last month.

A vanguard of mainly property and IT section employees moved into the Collins St building on March 22.

A company spokesperson said this group would test functionality and internal systems in advance of a larger group of 800 to 900 staff which is expected to move on April 12.

The spokesperson said staff were excited about the move to the 10-storey, 5 Star Green Star rated building.

Myer CEO Bernie Brooks said: "The move to Docklands is the start of another exciting chapter in Myer's history."

"The area offers a unique mix of parkland, walking and bike tracks, waterside views and an increasing number of amenities and other

retail options to complement our new, state of the art building."

"There's not too many business districts in Australia that offer all this so close to the centre of town."

The new office comprises 10 levels of large, flexible floorplates of nearly 3000 square metres. The project will also feature approximately 850 square metres of ground floor retail shops and three car park levels.

Myer will occupy the entire 28,000 square metre office component of the A-grade building, which will also house large outdoor terraces, a sundeck and a childcare facility.



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The Myer sundeck soaks up a little Docklands rain.



The interior of the new Myer building.

Mission to Seafarers joins fight against depression

Docklands' Mission To Seafarers has joined forces with four other maritime-related organisations to help combat depression in seafarers.

The mission has united with the Melbourne Port Welfare Association, BeyondBlue, the Rotary Club of Melbourne South and the Stella Maris Seafarers' Centre to provide crucial information.

About 60,000 seafarers visit Melbourne each year and the organisations hope this information will help them to identify depressed seafarers so they can provide them with the necessary assistance.

Professional ship visitors from both seafarer centres will distribute leaflets and booklets in English, Chinese and Russian, which are the three most common languages spoken by visiting seafarers.

The information contained in the printed material will include a checklist to help determine if someone appears depressed,

guidance on how help a person with depression, information on understanding depression, emergency hotline numbers and telephone numbers for information.

The program, which is titled *The Mental Health of Seafarers*, is a reaction to an investigation conducted in 2008 by the Rotary Club of Melbourne South.

The investigation found that seafarers were more likely to suffer from mental illness than their land-based counterparts.

The Rotary Club of Melbourne South and Rotary District 9800 (71 clubs in and around

Melbourne) and others have allocated \$15,000 to cover printing costs for the first year of the project.

For more information contact seafarers@melbsouthrotary.com.au. To download the booklet on depression in English click on www.melbsouthrotary.com.au then click on *Mental Health of Seafarers* on the menu and follow the prompts.



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A happy bunch of golfers at the Mad Duck Cafe's inaugural golf day on the Mornington Peninsula.

Mad ducks and golfers brave the midday sun

The Mad Duck Cafe's Golf day was held on Sunday, March 21 at St Andrew's beach course on the Mornington Peninsula.

Some 37 Docklands residents were supplied with golf balls and tees from The House of Golf on Flinders St along with a packed

lunch and one of the Mad Duck's famous egg and bacon rolls before boarding the coach for a day of golf.

Judy Tonini, of golfingholidays.com.au, who organised the day said: "It was a marvelous day for golf. The weather was a little windy. But it was near perfect."

"On the coach ride down we all had a laugh and it really set the scene for a fun day ahead," she said.

Participants teed off around 11am in the Ambrose competition and after several long drives and lost balls, Kyle King and Debbie Pincombe took out the nearest to the pin competitions.

Maureen Schuyt and Trent Denham took out the longest drives. The winners of the overall competition were Michael Button, Daniel Richards, Trent Denham and Darrin Button. Sam and Vee Rowe from the Mad Duck Cafe

would like to thank all who participated in the event.

"We couldn't be happier with the way the day has cemented the Docklands community spirit, everybody involved had lots of fun and we already have people booked in the day next year," Sam Rowe said.

The Mad Duck has several community events and activities throughout the year. Stay in touch via www.madduckcafe.com.

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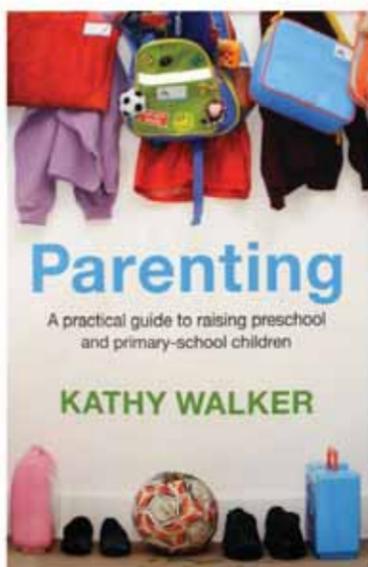
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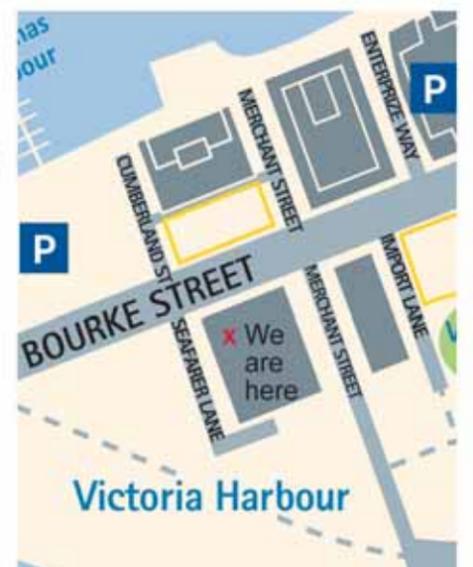
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Not just another evening ...

Master photographer David Simmonds is offering limited edition prints of this new Victoria Harbour image to our readers.

Mr Simmonds has been creating images of Docklands since its beginning. The area still draws him for its light, drama and its ever-changing skyline.

“Almost every day I look at the sky from my studio in Port Melbourne. Some days just call me to the water, and to Docklands. Many times, it’s just another evening. But sometimes, like this one, the light, the stillness and clouds combine in a way that is inspiring and allows me to create something of beauty and grandeur,” Mr Simmonds said.

This latest image of Victoria Harbour and the Melbourne skyline is available as a limited edition (of 100) archival giclee print.

You can view this image online at www.simmonds.com.au/Gallery_Docklands, where other Docklands images are also available. You can email your order from the

email link there or call 0418 328 710 or email studio@simmonds.com.au.

The price for each 14” x 40” (approx 35cm x 100cm) size print (unframed) on archival art paper is \$495 (includes GST). The image is also available for commercial reproduction.



David Simmonds' beautiful image of Victoria Harbour is available as a limited edition print.

Alma Doepel inspires Docklands' greatest love story

By Alison Kinkade

Have you ever seen the big blue/silvery looking boat docked at the end of Central Pier? Well don't bother looking out your window now because unfortunately it last month left for Tasmania.

But even if you have seen Platinum, you're probably not aware that it holds possibly one of Docklands' greatest love stories.

When researching this story I had planned for it to be an inspirational story about Matt McDonald who, at the young age of 29, had already secured the dream job of captaining a super yacht. But after only 10 minutes onboard Platinum all that changed after learning that Captain Matt had met his wife, Alena Schoner, in Docklands 15 years ago.

At just 14 years of age, both Matt and Alena, began journeying down to the deserted Docklands after becoming involved in a youth sailing program run on the Alma Doepel.

“I met my wife, Alena, working on the boat. We both use to leave school and catch the

train to Spencer St and then jump through a few holes in the fences and go along NewQuay to get to the shed. At that stage I think Victoria Harbour was still a car container shipment. That was 14-15 years ago now,” Matt said.

The Alma Doepel, which is currently being restored in Docklands, provided the perfect nest, with its youth sailing training program, for these two love birds to fall in love.

“The Alma used to run a youth sailing training program for 15-18 year olds and we were lucky to be accepted at 14.”

Matt said the program used to take trainees out on a nine-day voyage and then those trainees would come back as “leading hands” and help out on the next voyage with a new round of kids.



Matt McDonald ... at 29 years old he's living the dream.

“I did about eight or 10 journeys. It's a shame that kids don't have that opportunity anymore. I've never seen it done the way Alma or similar ships did it. It was a pretty amazing experience,” Matt said.

Matt and Alena, who have dated on-and-off since they were about 16, continued to work alongside each other until the ship stopped sailing.

“I was about 17 or 18 when it stopped sailing and that was back in 1999. Then there was the 'save our ship campaign' and I was the spokesperson for that, but it didn't raise much money,” Matt said

The campaign finished just as Matt finished school, so he decided to take a year off and complete a diving course before venturing to university to study marine biology and

teaching. Matt then became a high school teacher in biology and outdoor education, while Alena became a nurse and mid-wife.

Having already given up teaching, Matt was driving charter boats in Docklands when he was approached to captain the Platinum.

“If I didn't go on the Alma I wouldn't be sailing now. It's because I started so young, that's why I'm so young to be captaining now,” he said.

Matt and Alena, who have been married for three years, now work alongside each other on Platinum with Matt as the captain and Alena as its chief stewardess.

Platinum is currently up for sale and there has been interest from overseas buyers, so there is a good chance that this Docklands love story may soon find itself crossing the Pacific.



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Some 50 people attended the lunch on March 26.



Network Lunch buzzes

Docklands businesses took advantage of the third Docklands News Networking Lunch on March 25.

Some 50 people attended the event, which was held at Watermark Bar in Victoria Harbour. The buzz in the room was at full volume as new contacts were made and existing ones renewed.

Thanks to FoneIT of Digital Harbour for providing a mobile phone as a door prize, which was duly won by Baden Lucas, of Lucas Real Estate.

Thanks also to Fruit for You and Flowers Too, of Victoria Harbour, for providing a generous fruit hamper for our guest speaker, Matt Mulkearns, who gave a brief outline and took questions on the second decade of Docklands.

Mark down June 18 in your diaries for the next lunch at a venue yet to be determined.



From left to right: Linh, Keith and Elena.



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Costco goes kosher

On Tuesday, March 2, Costco launched a Kosher for Passover Road Show, becoming the first ever store in the world to open a specific Passover store and roadshow.

The Passover store, which will offer kosher products up to 50 per cent cheaper than standard prices, was launched by Costco's Australian managing director, Patrick Noone, along with Israeli Ambassador, Yuval Rotem and Victorian Cabinet Secretary, Minister Tony Lupton.

Mr Rotem commended Costco for extending its hand of friendship to the Jewish community and said he was proud that many of the products were sourced from Israel.

Mr Lupton described the store as a great asset to Melbourne, which has the largest Jewish population in Australia.

As of December 2009, Costco operated 563 stores worldwide with the Docklands store being the only Costco in Australia.



102 races in two Docklands days

The Victoria Harbour Schools Sailing Championship at Docklands last month packed 102 races into two school days to select Victoria's best secondary school sailing team.



And the winner in the final race of the series, by just one point, and determined by the last two boats in the last race was St Bedes over last year's winners Haileybury. St Bedes will go on to represent Victoria at the nationals in July in Adelaide.

Victoria Harbour again provided a great venue for the regatta. It was a great sight - as students, their coaches, club officials, parents and the public aboard the Lady Cutler cheered their teams at close quarters. And it was a great location for the promotion of sailing as the three fleets of six boats with their team-based coloured sail kept the action going - right in front of the office windows of the Melbourne business district, and the pedestrians of the Docklands precinct.

The St Bedes team was captained by James Sly, a member of the Victorian Junior Sports Team of the Year, an award he won from all

sports in Victoria, as part of a successful 29er campaign over the last few years.

The high speed action for the two days was co-ordinated by Andy Hunting, a past successful schools teams sailor. It was Andy's great organising skill, together with a fleet of 18 YV Pacers from the Boat Shed that enabled quick changeovers and continuous racing in a round robin format from 10am to 4pm each day. The breezes helped too, a light northerly for the first day and an even lighter southerly for the Friday.

The regatta was organised by Yachting Victoria and hosted by the quickly-developing Docklands Yacht Club which is working towards a greater future role in hosting teams racing regattas.

The Victoria Harbour Schools Sailing Championship is in its third year and is sponsored by Lend Lease and the City of Melbourne.

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Docklanders dig deep daily

By Alison Kinkade

Through a City of Melbourne initiative to increase recycling and reduce landfill, Docklands residents have now donated more than 30,000 kg of goods to St Vincent de Paul.

The project, which has seen charity bins being placed in 13 Docklands apartment blocks, started as a trial with five apartments in November, 2008.

The City of Melbourne's Future Melbourne (Eco-City) Committee Chair, Cr Cathy Oke, said the amount of goods donated had been a significant result for St Vincent de Paul and for the environment.

"It is amazing that in just over a year, Docklands residents have collected a total of 31,200 kgs of clothing and household goods that would otherwise end up in landfill," Cr Oke said.

"Congratulations to the residents, building managers and St Vincent de Paul for such a significant reduction in waste to landfill," she said.

Yarra's Edge Tower 5 building manager John Beany said he was particularly happy that, due to the bins, clothing no longer went down the garbage chute.

Mr Beany said residents in his building had responded excellently to the initiative. "Tower 5 puts out one full charity bin almost every week for collection," he said.

St Vincent de Paul state manager Tony Thornton said that the charity was really

pleased with the quality of goods that were being donated, which were then sold or used in welfare work.

"We're delighted to be in this unique partnership with the City of Melbourne that helps them achieve their recycling aims and us to continue to provide welfare to disadvantaged Victorians," Mr Thornton said.

The remaining Docklands apartment buildings without the charity containers should receive the bins in the next few months as part of the roll-out of the project.

Docklanders are the first residents in Melbourne to receive the charity bins, however St Vincent de Paul hopes to extend the program to other city locations.

No outcome on Serrata

The State Government is still considering Lend Lease's Serrata application to build a 16-storey mixed use development in Bourke St, Victoria Harbour.

Mosaic and Montage residents are angry and say when they bought they were told that the neighbouring development would be far more modest.

Lord Mayor Robert Doyle has bought into the issue saying he would prefer the site remained open space and suggested Lend Lease and the City of Melbourne could swap some land to allow this to happen.

Lend Lease won't comment on the issue.



Docklands marketers (from left) Amy Thurgood, Ellen Stowers and Fiona Hoppe shake things up a little at Waterfront Venues.

Girls welcome Amy

On March 18, about 15 girls from various Docklands organisations gathered at Waterfront Venues' BMC Bar and Balcony to welcome Amy Thurgood to her new role at ING.

Feasting on delectable finger food, the girls enjoyed a mixture of BMC's pampering and cocktail master class lessons.

Waterfront Venues events and marketing manager Photini Drivas said they decided about a month ago to organise the event to welcome Amy.

"It is just a great way to get us under the one roof," Ms Drivas said.

The girls bonded over the cocktail master class where they learned to mix and shake new cocktail recipes before enjoying the fruits of their labour.

There was also a massage therapist on hand to provide the girls with 15 minutes of heaven as she massaged their necks and shoulders.

But if that wasn't enough, they were also able to enjoy a manicure and a chat with beauty therapist, Anna.

Harbour Town's new marketing manager Ellen Stowers summed it up: "The best part was the massage and being able to get our nails done. The things we don't have to do ourselves."

Ms Thurgood has taken over from Louise Connelly at ING in the role of marketing and events co-ordinator.

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Each one of us comes into this life wanting and craving certain lessons. The partners and friends we attract are (by no coincidence) in our lives to meet that need or want so that we can learn the lessons we are here to learn. Some will teach us the hard way and some the soft way. If their north node touches on any of your planets it generally means easy lessons. The south node by contrast is usually lessons learned the hard way or in spite of.

Ross:

In order to feel complete and fulfilled Ross will need to remember to STAY FOCUSED AND COMMIT WHOLEHEARTEDLY TO THE CHOICES HE MAKES. He will need to stop being fearful and confused, create a plan for success and work on eliminating self-sabotaging doubts and anxieties.

Ross, you are learning to stay in the here and now, build structures and routines which allow you to build something of value. Regularity and grounding are immensely beneficial and satisfying for you. Clarity of choices and judgment will keep you from making mistakes that you will need to back-track from.

THE SPECIAL GIFT THAT THIS RELATIONSHIP BRINGS ROSS IS:

Ross sees Linda through rose-coloured glasses. Ross your Venus in Pisces means that you resonate strongly to Linda's Sun in Pisces. Linda has a way of drawing you in and seemingly giving you what you want but almost as soon as you open your heart and become fully vulnerable, she will tend to push you away. Your south node connecting strongly to Linda's planets suggest that you may have known each other in a past life and now you have a contract with each other to resolve your past life romance. Linda teaches you about boundaries. She will teach you about overlooking others' flaws and risking your sense of self-worth.

Linda:

In order to feel complete and fulfilled Linda will need to LEARN ABOUT POWER AND BONDING IN RELATIONSHIPS. In creating the kind of relationship she desires, Linda will have to discover what her own needs are instead of putting all her energy and power into others. Linda needs to walk away from unnecessary crisis situations to make way for a very comfortable, warm, safe and secure lifestyle with the other.

Linda, there is no need to manipulate or focus too heavily on pleasing the other for your own security.

THE SPECIAL GIFT THAT THIS RELATIONSHIP BRINGS LINDA IS:

Ross teaches Linda how to mitigate her excessive giving in a way that is more balanced with her own needs. He will teach her that giving with an agenda and a hidden price tag will not give her what she needs in this lifetime. Ross will teach Linda how to be responsible for money. Linda, you are here to learn about self-worth, dignity and standing strong and secure. Ross will teach you this lesson but maybe the hard way, as his south node touches your most vulnerable spots.

It may be that both of you resist this love affair because unconsciously you know there are serious lessons to be learned and co-dependency and self-worth are what you are both struggling to accept or deny.

Linda

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North Node in Taurus

South Node in Scorpio

Ross

30/01/1961

North Node in Virgo

South Node in Pisces

Featured terminology

North Node - The path one must follow in order to get the most joy, satisfaction and fulfillment in life, but it is the area we most struggle with therefore it takes concentration, persistence and understanding to make these changes.

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What *With* Women *Abby* Want *Crawford*

I went to a clairvoyant the other day. Funny thing really, spur of the moment decision.

I just thought I needed a little bit of divine guidance ... a little bit of a crystal ball consultation ... a bit of a clue as to what the universe had lined up for me, a sneak peek. Yep, I was desperate.

And what was even funnier, was that I thought I'd test her out and see how good she really was. Not tell her a thing about myself, and see if the answers she gave would somehow "fit" with my secret questions.

Then it would be like proof that spirits were indeed telling her things she couldn't possibly know, that tarot cards were being invisibly shuffled to fall in certain line to tell me a very special story - my story- my future.

So with a clear strategy to reveal nothing, I walked into a very 80s red brick apartment in a small alley in inner suburbia, and with not so much as a "where's your crystal ball, head scarf and cat gone" I sat down in the faux leather Jason recliner, pulled the handle to

fling my foot rest up, and promptly told her my entire story. Excellent start.

She smiled very reassuringly, nodded in all the right places, handed over tissues and water as required and was really, well ... quiet. Finally, there was a gap in my verbal self analysis and my own Q&A time where I would not only ask the questions of why certain things were happening in my life, but would answer them too - when she offered to start the reading.

I was ready, I had complete faith in this woman, she'd already proven to be very insightful in the Q&A component. I could tell by the way she nodded. Bring on the tarot cards!

And so an hour was spent, studying picture cards and applying their symbolic meaning to life's questions, and you know what? I learnt something. I'm actually being serious about this. I really did. I didn't learn anything about what the future holds, and I'm not talking about learning that getting the death card doesn't actually mean you're about to die - although, that is a handy thing to know for next time.

I learnt that you can see whatever you want to in the cards as they are placed down. You can create your own story with how they

link, with how they apply to or affect your path. You can choose to take heart from the upside, or choose to see the gloom if it doesn't go the way you hoped. And that is exactly like life.

In life things happen, just like a deck of cards, you don't always know which one you'll get. But if you really want to, you can make it be the card you were meant to have.

Embrace a change of direction, hold onto the things that are incredibly important to you, and don't be afraid to change path on something that's just not working. The only voice you have to listen to is yours.

Don't give your power away by waiting for someone else to see how wonderful you are. Know how wonderful you are, continue on with what is important to you ... and maybe around the corner, there will be that special someone who truly does see you for you.

What a woman wants, is to be loved. What a woman needs, is to love herself first.

Love and kisses,

Abby

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In the afternoon, participants will spend their time relaxing at the dock, taking a stroll into the city, a tour of Etihad Stadium or the Fox Motor Museum, Melbourne Aquarium or National Gallery of Victoria, shopping at Harbour Town or going ice skating. Friday evening will see a happy hour on the dock followed by dinner at NewQuay.

Saturday gets underway with a breakfast at Waterfront City with guest speakers followed by boat judging at the marina. In the afternoon there is a walking tour of Docklands finishing off with a visit to the Wooden Boat Centre and the Alma Doepel restoration project. Saturday night is the Festival Dinner at NewQuay.

Full details and registration information will soon be available from the Docklands Yacht Club website. For more information, email dycsail@tpg.com.au or ring Commodore Sonya Staley on 0400 932 477.

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INDEPENDENT REVIEWS FROM DOCKLANDS' PHANTOM DINER

Medici

It breaks my heart to say it but there is no doubt about it. Docklands crumbles under pressure.

It's an unfortunate irony that a place filled with such large-scale places and built for large events, is still hosting so few of them that it struggles to respond adequately when one actually comes along. That just when it needs to shine the most - when thousands of potential first-time visitors are flooding in - it freezes up like an unsophisticated teenager who's got all the right clothes, but can't quite work out how to carry them off.

Take the recent George Michael concert for example. A beautiful and balmy late summer's evening and Docklands should have been sparkling. Unfortunately, the sweat and tears from a hundred frazzled restaurateurs somewhat dampened the shine.

I'd done the right thing and tried to book a table at The Woolshed, only to be told they weren't taking bookings but we'd have no problem ordering at the bar.

On arrival we found the place is complete disarray with queues stretching for miles and word circulating that once you hit the front, you'd be told it was the drinks queue and be sent elsewhere to line up for food. A polite question to the manager as to which queue to join was met with a terse response - they were no longer taking orders, with more than 350 meals backed up. As though it was my fault.

Granted, he was sweeping up a broken glass at the time and clearly flustered by the crowd but come on Woolshed - isn't this why you fought so long and hard to open?

Next we tried Va Bene - also full, but coping slightly better, with a waiter stationed at the door informing people there were no tables and no take-away orders being taken for at least 30 minutes. At least we knew where we stood.

Moving over to NewQuay we tried Achelya, thinking cheap Turkish located a step back from the water may have been overlooked by the crowds. There were empty tables but clearly more full than normal, with a harried manager shouting out from the kitchen, "No more! No more!"

Next, The Lounge. We went straight to the front desk where we were met with an apologetic smile and shake of the head.

Hungry, but worse - sober - we moved on. How could one be in such a predicament in the heart of Docklands?

And then we saw him (is he ever not there?), moving faster than we'd ever seen, seating customers, bringing out meals, still smiling, still charming. I'm talking of course, of Lee Moussi of Café Medici. It looked full to overflowing but still, we were ushered to a table which he cleared himself and instead of "No more! No more" he cried "No trouble! No trouble!"

This week's column is dedicated to Medici - an old Docklands staple many of us have no doubt grown to love due to its reliability, longevity and lovely Italian owner whom, on quieter days, can be found out front drinking coffee with acquaintances, evoking a calming air of old Italy.

Marketing itself as "family friendly and affordable", it's not the sleekest joint on the block and others may serve finer food but, on this occasion, Medici proved it was a cut above - offering something the majority

weren't and I'm not just talking about a table - I'm talking about grace under pressure.

Our food appeared out of order but the drinks arrived quickly which was clearly the priority. A trio of dips - basic but substantial, a gourmet pizza, slightly oily but good, chunky toppings of salami, fetta, fresh tomato and capsicum. And an entree of chilli scallops in a pernod, leek and cream sauce boasting a surprising number of scallops and while sounding almost exotic, was actually very comforting with lots of sauce left over to be mopped up with the bread.

Yes, it's family friendly, affordable and may lack the pizzazz of others nearby. But it's learnt how to deal with crowds and could teach the others, particularly the newcomers, a vital thing or two. For if we can't perform when we're on show - who's going to bother coming back?

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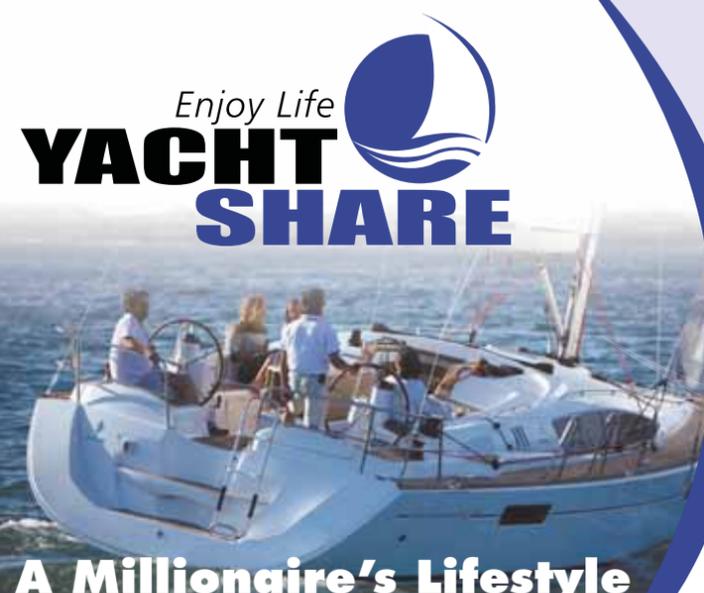


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"It's picked up from repeat business. Once old customers come back to the venue and trust it again it will pick up even more," Ms Moussi said.

Managing the Lounge Hotel and Medici, Ms Moussi said she loved how the two venues complimented each other.

Ms Moussi said she thought they worked particularly well together as the locals knew they could grab a takeaway pizza from Medici and bring it back to the Lounge Hotel well after its kitchen had closed.

"You have to look after your locals and then they'll bring in friends from elsewhere," Ms Moussi said.

With live music on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights, it's no accident that this venue is popular with the locals and the general public alike.

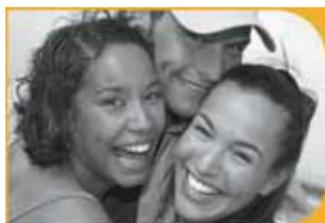
"Live music is definitely the biggest draw card and we are yet to even advertise it," Ms Moussi said.

Performing all the latest hits on Saturday night, the former lead singer of Taxi Ride, Jason Singh, has been performing at The Lounge Hotel for the past 18 months.

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DOCKLANDS FASHION

Fashion wrap up from L'Oreal Fashion Week

By Alison Kinkade

Fashion week has now officially wrapped up, but Alison Kinkade was lucky enough to attend two events in Docklands during the week to bring you all the latest fashion trends.

L'Oreal Paris Runway presented by Vogue

Starting my fashion week on Tuesday night at the L'Oreal Paris Runway 2 presented by Vogue, my appetite for fashion was whetted before I had even walked into the show.

Parading around Central Pier many fashionistas from the general public could have easily been mistaken for the models inside.

Dressed in all the latest trends and styles, these label-worshippers had done their homework with some picking out the key trends which would be shown later in the night.

As we were herded into Central Pier's Peninsula, I was amazed at the transformation of the venue. With the runway backed up against one side and chairs staggered in height the show was already off to a great start and could definitely, in my opinion, be compare with the best in the world.

Romance was born kicked off the show with a mixed collection featuring highly patterned clothing, a rainbow of colours, edgy voluminous shoulders and knits. The highlight of the "Nightmare on Wall Street" collection – a salute to the 80s in the form of a deep purple mini-dress with multilayer puffy sleeves.

Elery presented a fierce collection with models wearing thigh-high leather boots and suspenders, power jackets and flowing skirts, dresses and tops. The "A tribute to Dr. Strange" collection also payed tribute to the 80s.

In a collection that looked almost designed around Melbourne, Friedrich Gray's collection prominently featured black. As well as following the trend of thigh high boots, the collection featured a range of material including leather and wool.

There is no argument that both *Men at Work's Down Under* or the children's tune *Kookaburra Sits in the Old Gum Tree* could have been played in the background of ANTI!PODIUM collection. As the models appeared with knitted lizards slung around their necks and shoulders the audience knew they were in for something different. The collection focused heavily on earthy colours with a few shades of pink thrown in for good measure.

Gary Bigeni's collection was possible my least favourite featuring outfits which could only be worn by young skinny teens or models. The collection showed long, flowing dresses and shirts in clingy lycra material which did nothing to flatter the beautiful girls who wore them. Perhaps I was slightly more disappointed as, up until this collection, all other designs had been outfits which look fantastic and could easily be worn.

Arnsdorf was next in line and restored my faith in fashion completely. Featuring high waisted shorts and pants and gorgeously cut jackets, the collection looked as though it had been pulled out of the 1940s and placed elegantly in front of the audience. Muted tones including apricot were used prominently in the designs, though the collection also featured navy and maroon. This collection featuring classic effortless glam was definitely my favourite of the night.



After feeling quite content and on a high from the Arnsdorf collection, I wasn't sure if any other collection could begin to compete, but Dion Lee produced the futuristic highlight of the night. Providing the most unique collection of the evening, Dion Lee thought outside the box in presenting a line with great structure, pleating and panelling. Following the night's trend of black, white and grey, the collection wowed the audience.

Finally Therese Rawsthorn presented the closing collection for the night mirroring the collections which had gone before with a range that feature both strong cut dresses and jackets, as well as flowing items.

All in all, it was a great night showing a mix and match of eras with the major key trend being muted colours for autumn and winter this year.



Designers House Ice Wonderland Fashion Show

As the working week drew to a close I ventured out to Designers House Ice Wonderland Fashion Show at Harbour Town.

The free fashion event had packed out the clothing store with the general public rubbing shoulders with VIPs as they sipped on a glass of Devaux's Cuvee and treated themselves to some Raffaello chocolates.

Unlike the L'Oreal runway, there seemed to be no defining colour trend. Key trends for the night however, seemed to be leggings, sequins and a touch of fur.

Tim O'Connor's collection was the first to impress with a mix of very wearable work and after-five wear in a range of colours.

Sissi G presented a delightful collection allowing kids to be kids in beautiful, flowing angelic dresses.

In a ballet dancer meets biker move, Modern Lovers presented beautiful outfits that put funk back into glam with tulle skirt paired with leather jackets. The collection also featured a gorgeous Red Riding Hood eat-your-heart-out cape, black/cream tiger print bolero and a multicolour sequin jacket.

Annah Stretton's and Rosemin's collections provided the highlight of the night, with both oozing a Parisian feel. Lace and velvet were used to perfection to emphasise the soft elegance of the collections.

After the show MC, Claire Hooper, invited the audience to shop for 45 minutes to which, of course, they obliged.



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Kaitlyn Gordin and Daisy

Like mother, like daughter

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Well judging by the hair colour of Kaitlyn Gordin and the fur of her 11-week-old puppy Daisy, then the answer is yes.

Not surprisingly, a few people have already commented on the similarity between the two.

"Mum's even said 'you know you look a lot like Daisy'. And that was just after I brought her home," Kaitlyn said.

Kaitlyn and her partner Ben purchased the adorable Maltese/Shihtzu cross in late January from Queen Victoria Market Pet Shop.

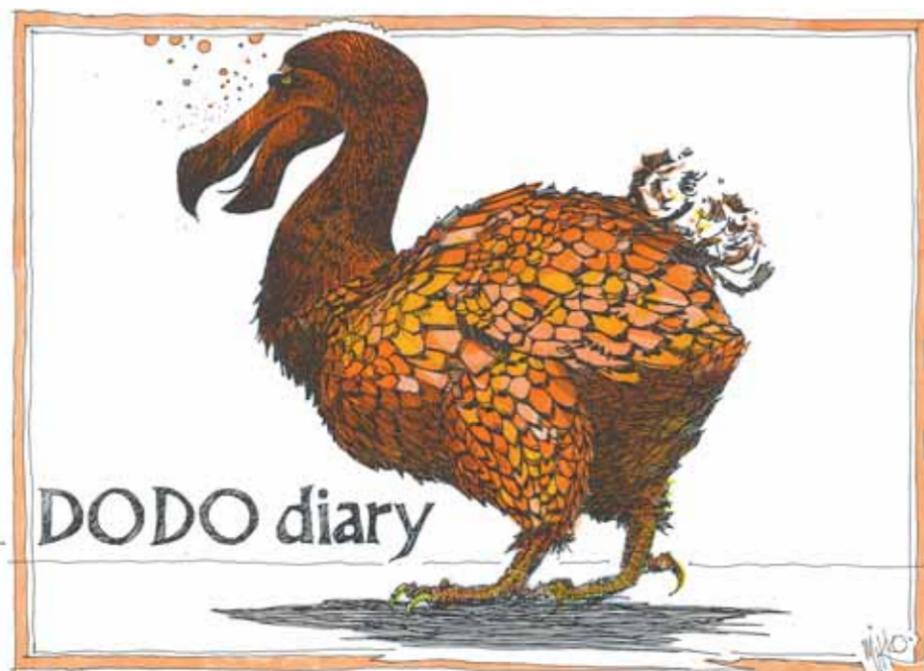
The pair, which have both grown up with dogs, had been looking for a dog for a little while, but didn't plan on getting one that day.

"We were off to Perth that weekend so we weren't expecting to buy one, but she was so cute and she was the last girl left," Kaitlyn said.

Since then, the three have been inseparable with Daisy joining Kaitlyn and Ben at work everyday at Harbour Town's Bike Force, a business run by Kaitlyn's family.

Adding new meaning to the term "family business", Ben, who describes the puppy as "cute, cheeky and playful", said she was the second family dog to join the team at Bikeforce.

"Kaitlyn's brother has a dog which is usually over at the shop and Daisy usually stays in the office," Ben said.



Despite further questioning, the State Government is maintaining its policy of not ruling in or out a low rail bridge in front of the Bolte Bridge connecting its Webb and Dynon port facilities.

Docklands-based Channel 7 questioned the State Government last month on its intentions to build the bridge, which is planned to be only eight metres above the water.

Port of Melbourne CEO Stephen Bradford told reporter Norm Beaman that nothing would happen regarding the rail link within the next 10 years.

And Roads Minister Tim Pallas's chief of staff has told Defend our Docklands ... or (DODO) convenor Michael Lindell that should the Government decide to develop an initial stage of Webb Dock, a rail link would not be necessary.

In a letter to Mr Lindell, Cressida Wall said:

"If an initial development at Webb Dock were to be approved, there is considered to be sufficient capacity in the road network to accommodate a new terminal of this scale."

The initial development aims to handle

up to one million twenty-foot equivalent units (TEUs).

The Government's current port policy document *Future Ports*, says the one million TEUs would handle expected growth until 2020.

Mr Lindell said the Government was still silent on what would happen beyond 2020. He said port documents had stated potential demand of 8 million containers by 2035.

Ms Wall concluded her letter to Mr Lindell with: "*Port Futures* notes that the existing planning reservation for the Webb Dock Rail Link will be maintained. Future consideration of the rail link will depend on determination of the role of Webb Dock in meeting the state's longer term container capacity requirements."



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DOCKLANDS' BEST COFFEE

We're on a mission to find Docklands' best coffee.

Last month we announced that we were discontinuing our Coffee and Muffin Review and we were going to concentrate on coffee only.

And we're inviting you, our readers, to help rank the various coffee establishments via an online survey at www.docklandsnews.com.au/coffee.

We plan to publicise monthly the best five coffee places.

To kick things off, here's our view of the best five of the list below:

1. **Harbour Kitchen (Victoria Harbour)**
2. **Medici (NewQuay)**
3. **Gooday Mate (Waterfront City)**
4. **The Coffee Club (Harbour Town)**
5. **Mad Duck Café (Yarra's Edge)**

Our list so far:

- Achelya (NewQuay)
- Banc Café (NAB)
- Broadcast Café (Channel 7)
- Coffee Mio
- Degani Bakery Cafe (Victoria Harbour)
- Embankment Café (Victoria Harbour)
- Espresso Alto (Stadium Concourse)
- Garrards (Harbour Town)
- Gloria Jeans (Harbour Town)
- Gloria Jeans (Watergate)
- Gooday Mate (Waterfront City)
- Harbour Kitchen (Victoria Harbour)
- In a Rush (ANZ Centre)
- Le Cirque (Harbour Town)
- Liquid Bar Café Lounge (NewQuay)
- Mad Duck Cafe (Yarra's Edge)
- Madonna's (Victoria Harbour)
- Medici (NewQuay)
- Team Degani (ANZ Centre)
- Ten Ten Cafe (Digital Harbour)
- The Coffee Club (Harbour Town)

April Survey

Where can you get Docklands' best coffee?

Have your say online at www.docklandsnews.com.au/coffee

What a difference a year makes

Last year Peter Bethune was in Docklands showing off Earthrace, the "coolest boat in the world" (pictured below).

This year Mr Bethune is under arrest in Japan and his boat is at the bottom of the Southern Ocean.

Mr Bethune was detained after he boarded the Japanese whaler Shonan Maru 2 in January to present its captain with a \$3million compensation bill for sinking his boat.

The Shonan Maru 2 collided with and cut the bow off Mr Bethune's boat during an anti-whaling protest in January.

Mr Bethune was held onboard the Shonan Maru and taken back to Japan where he was arrested and charged with trespass by the Japanese Coast Guard as the ship docked in Tokyo on March 12.

Earthrace held the record for the fastest circumnavigation of the world by a motorboat, a feat he achieved in 61 days in 2008.

Since leaving Docklands, Mr Bethune joined the Sea Shepherd Conservation Society's anti-whaling campaign.

He changed the name of the boat to Ady Gil, a US-based sponsor, and repainted the craft "stealth" black. The fully-submersible wave piercing trimaran was also fitted with 4-8 layers of Kevlar to protect against ice.



But the boat was no match for a direct hit by the Shonan Maru on January 6 and capsized the following day during an attempt to tow the stricken craft to Antarctica.

During the days before the collision, the Ady Gil harassed Japanese whaling vessels during their hunt. The crew towed ropes in an attempt to foul the propellers of the Japanese ships, pointed laser dazzlers at the crew of the Shonan Maru and used a projectile launcher to fire capsules of foul-smelling butyric acid.

At the time of going to press, Mr Bethune's fate was unknown.



GREETINGS FROM THE DOCKLANDS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Welcome to our new members who have recently joined. Anybody else wishing to join is encouraged to contact Paige Jay on andypaige@optusnet.com.au who will be happy to assist.

Don't forget that the presentation by VicUrban to members detailing the planned redevelopment of Harbour Esplanade will take place at 7.15pm on Thursday, April 8 in the Arkley resident lounge.

We have always held group meetings and functions at The Hub community centre and were surprised to learn that it is booked out at night for the rest of the year, although it is hardly a surprise really seeing it is so small and demand obviously keeps increasing.

We understand it was originally put there by VicUrban as a temporary centre but they have yet to provide a larger one as

a result of which we are left out in the cold. Where are we going to hold our AGM? We don't like the idea of paying a lot of money to use a private facility. We complained to VicUrban in mid-March asking them if they can do something to assist but no response yet.

Whilst on the subject of The Hub, as with other areas of Docklands, there is a severe lack of parking there. There is no off street parking for the people including mothers with children who attend there. We have suggested to council that they convert two no-standing recessed bays off Waterview Walk to parking but we're told it's no standing (for no good reason except, of course, the revenue from \$117 fines) and that's that. Not the least bit helpful. We have requested the matter be reviewed.

Council has advised it is going to put up no motorbike signs on the NewQuay Promenade at last which will please residents.

We had made a request to the Department of Transport on behalf of Yarra's Edge commuters to the city that a shelter be provided at the tram stop at the turn into Flinders St. They replied that this was

You local MP's view of Docklands

As written by the Federal Member for Melbourne Lindsay Tanner, in an "Ode to Melbourne" published in the Sydney Morning Herald on March 17, 2010

"The interesting question mark is Docklands. With plenty of upmarket apartments and iconic corporate offices, it should evolve into a vibrant hub of activity. Progress is happening slowly, and the nervousness about the area's future hasn't quite gone away. I'm still optimistic, but these things sometimes seem to be determined by imperceptible and ethereal factors that no-one can plan for."

For more "imperceptible and ethereal factors that no-one can plan for," see our astrological column, *Made in Heaven*, on Page 18.

Hub Clubs @ Lunch: BYO Lunch

We are six students from William Angliss Institute and are currently studying a diploma of events.

As part of our assessment for our project management subject we are going to launch a series of lunchtime clubs for The Hub @ Docklands. These activities will be run over lunchtime for residents and workers.

We have some great ideas for activities for you to do during lunchtimes but would like your input to find out the activities you are interested in. Please take 2-3 minutes of your time to complete the short survey at the following link. <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/LF8DZXC>



not part of their plan, despite a helpful push from Bronwyn Pike's office.

We have yet to be notified when objections, of which there are a number, will be heard regarding the liquor licence application for a bar in St Mangos Lane.

The DCA website development is underway with a design firm and should be ready within a month.

I had the pleasure of being guest speaker at the March meeting of the Docklands branch of Rotary, at which I explained our activities and avenues for liaison were discussed.

If any member, or reader for that matter, has any suggestions they wish to put forward to the DCA with respect to activities or issues to take up on their behalf you are welcome to do so by contacting us on the email address above.

Good to talk with you again and we will continue to keep in touch.

Sincerely
Roger Gardner
President DCA

Businesses in Docklands

DOCKLANDS-BASED BUSINESSES WISHING TO BE PROFILED IN THIS SECTION SHOULD EMAIL: [PETER@DOCKLANDSNEWS.COM.AU](mailto:peter@docklandsnews.com.au)

NEW ERA IN CYCLING RETAILING

Cycling legend John Trevorror has raised the stakes in cycling retailing with his move to Docklands last month.

The multiple Sun Tour winner and Olympic cyclist has joined forces with the Degani Bakery Café organisation to produce Team Degani, a hybrid café bicycle store.

While cafes in bike shops are not a new concept, Mr Trevorror explains that they have always been a bit of an add on. Degani, on the other hand, is a real café with a full menu and even a liquor licence.

And café element is only part of the story. Mr Trevorror is building a miniature institute of sport along the river-side under the ANZ Centre. Apart from a massive bicycle workshop, there are athlete conditioning and testing facilities and various levels of sports administration.

Mr Trevorror is already fully immersed in cycling event organisation, with Amy's Ride (Amy Gillett Foundation), the Otway Classic and the Jayco Cycling Classic among his legacy.

He closed his cycling store in Geelong to bring Team Degani to Docklands.

Mr Trevorror jokes that his new store is probably the only one in Australia without a road frontage. But with 6500 ANZ employees working above him upstairs and 1000 Myer employees poised to move any day now, he feels well positioned.

"We've got no doubt this is a major challenge because of our location," he said. "But we just have to get the word out there."

He said it had to be recognised that times had changed. "Constructing a building like the ANZ Centre with virtually no car parking



would have been unheard of only a few years ago," he said.

"People have woken up that cars and traffic congestion are a problem and that bicycles are part of the solution."

Team Degani sells Avanti and Specialised and its own-branded bicycles. Team Degani bikes are a budget end of the market offering.

Mr Trevorror said Team Degani bikes would typically be about \$1000 less than a established brand equivalent. For example, a Shimano-equipment, full carbon Team Degani bike retails at about \$1800.

Team Degani is on the south (river) side of the ANZ Centre and can be contacted on **9620 7000**.

A FAMILY AFFAIR

After successfully owning and operating an Oxygen Skin Centre in Port Melbourne since 2004, Natalie Dempsey decided to expand the business and open up a shop in Docklands' Harbour Town.

The Docklands shop is truly a family affair – with Natalie running the show, husband Michael and son Blayne fitting out the new store and daughter Charlie-Elise working in marketing and reception.

Before creating Oxygen Skin Centre, Natalie worked as a business development manager for Dermalogica. She said she started the business after realising there was a big gap in the market.

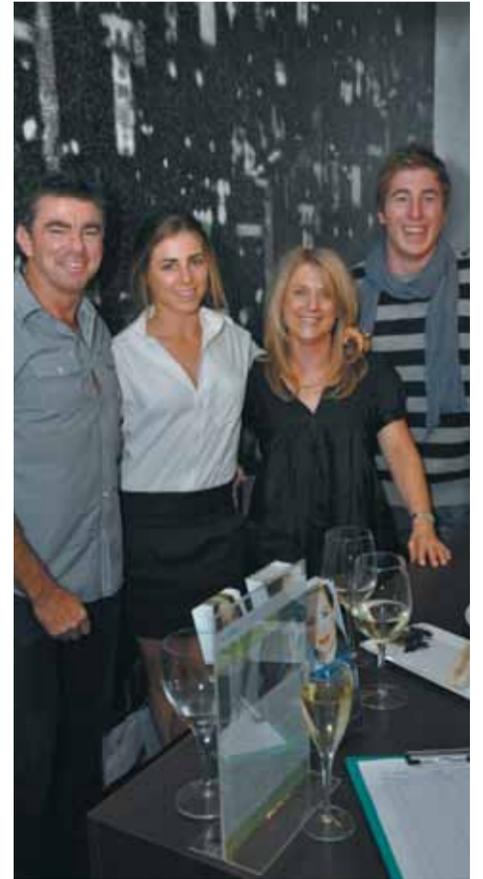
"People wanted a little bit more. They wanted a little bit more comfort and something that was relaxing, but they also wanted professional advice that was suited to their individual needs," Natalie said.

Opening earlier this year, Natalie said she saw that Docklands held great potential for her to build another strong business.

"What I really like about Docklands is that it is a bit of an adventure because of the fact that it is new and is developing around us everyday," she said.

Focused on providing only the very best, Oxygen Skin Centre uses 100 per cent natural Danné Montague-King products and aims to help clients eliminate their skin problems rather the conceal them.

"Our centre is for everyone and our aim is deliver our treatments with expertise and care. We will always have offers and seasonal promotions for our clients



The Dempseys of Docklands – from left – Mick, Charlie, Natalie and Blayne.

including residents and staff of Docklands," she said.

The Docklands store is the second shop for Oxygen Skin Centre and Natalie is excited about its prospects.

"There is an energy about Docklands and, as more and more people move in, it will just keep on getting better," she said.

Oxygen Skin Centre is open Monday to Saturday and by appointment on Sundays. It offers a range of skin care packages, massages, waxing and more.

ATLANTIC EVENT WAS VERY SPECIAL

Docklands' Atlantic Group [v] last month stole the show at the Meeting Events Australia's (MEA) Awards for excellence winning the Special Event of the Year for their Atlantic Onsite launch.

The MEA Awards on March 18 recognise excellent business practice in the meetings and events industry. It encourages industry professionals to excel in the achievement of their business and personal goals, and rewards those who achieve outstanding results.

Partnering with Solution RED, the creative minds of both companies were faced with staging an event at one of Melbourne's most challenging locations.

The win caps off an amazing year for Atlantic Group [v] and Solution RED and will be the fourth award received for the Atlantic Onsite launch.



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DAMIAN NG
Victoria Harbour resident

Damian has lived in Docklands for the past two years and wouldn't want to be anywhere else.

"I think it's a very vibrant and developing area."

He says he loves the village feel of Docklands and its proximity to the city.

"You feel as though you're part of it, but at the same time it's far enough away."



IOLANTHE GABRIE, 27
Business development manager for J.C. Street Real Estate

Iolanthe has been working at J.C Street Real Estate for the past five months and says she loves the sense of community.

"I'm really heartened by the amount of community and community involvement."

Also a fan of the Docklands breeze, Iolanthe says she loves that fact that Docklands always feels fresh, clean and new.



MICHAEL ITALIA
Sales and rentals team for Victoria Point Docklands Real Estate

Michael, the Irish Leprechaun from Victoria Point Docklands Real Estate, invited *Docklands News* down to his office on St Patrick's Day to check out all the Irish decorations. Unfortunately, after a good look around the office we couldn't find a rainbow with a pot of gold at the end, but we are sure it will turn up soon.



ANDREW WISKEN
Harbour Town Hotel head chef

Andrew has been the head chef at Harbour Town Hotel for the past eight months and is already developing a following.

"Sundays is our most popular night and we normally do about 150 to 180 people."

Though Andrew concedes that many people don't know about the area, he says it has great prospects.



SONIA GELSOMINO, 33
Hairdresser and retail assistant Esprit Hair Day Spa

Sonia from Esprit Hair Day Spa is a fan of everything that Docklands has to offer, including its fantastic restaurants and bargain shopping.

Sonia says she sees Docklands as a people-friendly precinct, one that provides many opportunities and that more people are gradually beginning to discover.



BRETT BEASLEY, 36
Assistant manager at Howards Storage World - South Wharf

Brett says he is enjoying working in the new Homemaker Hub at DFO South Wharf. He says he sees South Wharf and Docklands as an up and coming area that provides exciting new shopping and entertainment options to city residents and visitors. Brett likes the dynamic nature of the area where something new appears every week.



From the Institute

We note the interesting disclosure by NASA that the earthquake in Chile caused a shift in the earth's axis enough to shorten the day by 1.26 microseconds.

In the light of this celestial consideration of rotation and time, it is appropriate to disclose that Docklands is to have a crucial part in an experiment upon the effect of daylight saving aimed at better understanding the issue of the cost of electricity as well as the social cost of pollution emissions. It is important for us to investigate the human contribution to climate change. To do this, we have to establish a baseline for electricity consumption in Australia.

Domestic electricity consumption in our precinct is to be precisely monitored and the results compared with the geographically, demographically and architecturally similar region of Southbank. Docklands is uniquely suitable to be the control group because we have a large proportion of apartments. We are assured that the information will be collected unobtrusively and anonymously from the metering system so absolutely no inconvenience or bother at all will be created by this part of the experiment.

The purpose of daylight saving is to cause an additional hour of sunlight in the evening. Benjamin Franklin was right to expect homes to use less electricity for lighting because the daylight is retained later in the day. However, if overall domestic electricity consumption is divided into its uses for lighting, cooling and heating, a worrying factor emerges.

Moving an hour of daylight from the early morning to the evening should increase electricity consumption for cooling because demand for cooling is greater in the evening when the home is warmer after the heat of the day. Further, heating is used more in the coldest part of the day, which is the early morning.

The price Docklands citizens will pay for the privilege of the comparison trial will be a small inconvenience twice a day. When daylight saving ends soon for the rest of Victoria, all Docklands citizens will retain the hour shift in time for the duration of the winter. They will be getting up an hour earlier and retiring an hour earlier than Southbank residents.

Commercial and industrial use of electricity is greatest during the middle of the day so less affected by changes to the timing of daylight. Therefore, offices and business are not required to retain daylight saving time.



DOCKLANDS FENG SHUI

April
(April 6 - May 6)
Month of the Dragon



Monthly Element: Metal

Polarity: Yang

Favourable Colours: Black, navy blue, white, shades of grey and silver.

Tip Of The Month:

The dynamic and vibrant nature of this month will manifest itself through a variety of opportunities for self-expression, improving your status and gaining recognition for your achievements. In fact, April will be favourable for anyone in a performing or arts industry and those wanting to make a career move or get promoted. Use this time to demonstrate your talents and let your personality shine – you can be sure that your efforts will not go unnoticed.

Honesty and trust will become paramount for relationships this month. Be sincere about your feelings and intentions and you will always receive understanding and

support. This is going to be an interesting and eventful month if you are open to new possibilities and ready to embrace the changes coming your way.

Feng Shui:

To attract new opportunities into your life, take a closer look at your entrance area. Make sure it is never too cluttered, so that nothing obstructs the flow of chi coming through the front door. The space has to be functional and visually appealing at the same time. Use soft, neutral colours and balanced lighting to achieve a warm, welcoming feel and decorate the walls with some beautiful artwork or mirrors. Mountain landscapes will help to bring good health and stability to your household.

If your entrance is located directly opposite another door or a staircase, it is likely to cause financial or health problems in the long-term. A large plant, brightly coloured rug, decorative stand or statue will help to smooth out that negative energy flow and distract your attention when entering the space.

Forecast by Elena Mishina -
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Is there any good in Good Friday?

It seems a little strange that people all around the world refer to the bloody and brutal execution of Jesus as “good”. The hot cross buns are nice, and who can’t deny a public holiday – but to call it “Good Friday” seems somewhat inappropriate and insensitive.

Death never appears good. Death is about loss. Death is about regret. Death is about sorrow. Death is about never seeing those we love again. Death is about tears and missed opportunities. Death is final.

So why call the death of the world’s most famous and influential man good?

The death of Jesus was horrendous. He was tortured, spat on, left naked to die on a Roman cross. Why then continue to hold the cross, the symbol of execution, as the symbol of the Christian faith?

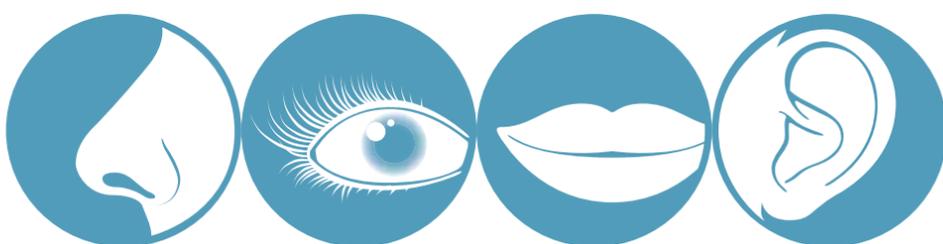
It’s even more remarkable to know that this day has always been considered “good”. In fact, Jesus’ friends, family and followers referred to his death as the “gospel” – a word which literally means “good news”. Good news for our world, good news for Melbourne, good news for Docklands and good news for you and me.

This “Good Friday” we will be taking an opportunity to consider the death of Christ and, in the midst of the blood and horror, explore the goodness of God.

This special service will take place at 10am (James Squire Brewhouse, Waterfront City). Our Easter Sunday services will be at 10.30am and 6pm at the same venue.

Whether you’re a seeker, a sceptic or a card-carrying Christian, it would be great to have you with us over the Easter weekend and see how one man changed the course of human history.

Guy Mason is the pastor of City on a Hill. For more information visit cityonahill.com.au



DOCKLANDS SECRETS

Batman was a Docklander

The man generally viewed as Melbourne’s founder, John Batman, was one of the earliest Docklanders.

This plaque opposite the World Trade Centre entrance in Flinders St tells the tale, but how many locals have seen it?

The obscure plaque was erected during the construction of the underground railway loop in 1977 and tells the story of how Mr and Mrs Batman set up home some 40 metres away further into Docklands.

“The site of John and Eliza Batman’s first house built in 1835 was forty metres due west of this structure,” the plaque reads.



Send your secrets to news@docklandsnews.com.au and we’ll make sure everyone knows about them!



MARINA NOTES

BY ALLAN CAYZER,
MANAGER MARINA YE



School’s in for Rowan (left), Jarred (right) and teacher Myette aboard Black Gold at Marina YE.

School’s in Marina YE

The vessel Black Gold, a 20-metre twin-hulled motor cruiser arrived at Marina YE recently during its circumnavigation of Australia.

On board were owners Allan and Geradine Lear and their two sons Rowan, aged 10, and Jarred, aged 9. They left their home port of Mooloolaba in Queensland in March 2009 and have been travelling ever since.

While travelling Rowan and Jarred do their schooling on the boat. School is in from 8.30am until 3pm daily with their home-school teacher Myette.

Rowan is in year 5 and thinks the best part about home schooling is not traveling to school so he can sleep in.

Jarred thinks the adventure of seeing crocodiles in the Kimberleys and sometimes going to school on the beach is great. As well, he likes the chance of starting school early some days so that he can finish early and do other things. He also has a passion for making things and an early finish in the classroom allows him to get below into Black Gold’s workshop.

Allan and Geradine run their business from the boat whilst cruising with Allan going home every couple of weeks to check on things back at work. Geradine concedes the business doesn’t run as well while they are cruising but believes seeing Australia in the manner they are with their boys is well worth the lost revenue. Communications are made possible for the boys’ schooling and running their business via satellite phone and email.

Black Gold is three years old and was built in Brisbane. The boat incorporates vegetable oil and engine oil reprocessing technology which provides a working template for their Queensland-based business. Along with it’s hi-tech fuel technology, Black Gold is equipped with a jet boat and an amphibious car that has been used on Fraser Island, throughout the Kimberleys and on many remote islands around Australia’s coastline.

Allan and Geradine are experienced mariners having spent six years sailing around the world in a 40-foot yacht. They believe this new vessel is more practical for cruising with a family as well it provides the facilities to run their business from.

The boys clearly seemed to be enjoying school with Myette. The day I visited their classroom I asked Rowan what he thought of Melbourne. He couldn’t stop talking about that hailstorm we had early in March.

Allan and Geradine feel the best education comes from travel and experiencing new ideas, businesses, cultures and remaining super-curious.

Rowan and Jarred will decide whether mum and dad take six months or a year to get home in Black Gold. But one thing was clear – that everyone on board was enjoying their stay in Melbourne at Marina YE.



Jarred gets down to business in the boat’s workshop.

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WHAT'S ON AT WATERFRONT CITY IN APRIL



Make your way to Waterfront City as it plays host to a myriad of exciting events throughout the autumn months.

Watch a raptor come to life at Harbour Town Shopping Centre, celebrate Easter Sunday, make a difference to global water issues, browse the wares at the Docklands Sunday Market or visit Melbourne's coolest new destination, the Icehouse.



Meet the Dinosaurs at Harbour Town Shopping Centre

Go back to the Jurassic period and experience the thrill of watching a Raptor come to life. Combined with heaps of free activities for the kids, Harbour Town Shopping Centre is the place to visit this school holidays.

Date: 23 March – 25 April. Tuesday to Sunday. (No shows Mondays)

Time: 11am, 12pm, 2pm, 3pm and 4pm

Cost: FREE

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Easter Festival

Celebrate a New Day this Easter Sunday with a FREE day of activities and entertainment for the whole family. Or you can join the Easter March from the State Library Steps, through the streets of Melbourne to the festival at Waterfront City.

Let everyone experience the Grace and Joy of Easter Sunday.

Date: Sunday 4 April 2010

Time: 12:30pm - 4:30pm

Venue: Waterfront City Piazza and Promenade



Live Earth - Run for Water

Starting and finishing at Waterfront City, the 'Dow Live Earth Run for Water' will inspire the world's citizens to come together on one day to help solve the world's water crisis. Taking place in hundreds of countries around the world, over the course of 24 hours, the event features a participation run or walk, followed by a concert and water education activities, igniting a massive global movement – all aimed at helping solve local and global water issues.

Date: 18 April 2010

Time: 10am – 3pm

Venue: Waterfront City Piazza

Visit: www.runforwateraustralia.com



Docklands Sunday Market

Find a treasure and enjoy views of the City as you meander along the Waterfront City Promenade. The Docklands Sunday Market offers fashion, accessories, arts and crafts. You'll find Australian beauty products, Bonsai trees, handmade flowers, reclaimed wood furniture, second hand books, candles and much more from the talented craftspeople of Melbourne.

Time: Every Sunday 10am – 5pm

Cost: FREE

Venue: Waterfront City Promenade

For more information visit www.docklandsundaymarket.com.au or phone 0412 910 496.



The Icehouse

Melbourne's newest world class sports and entertainment venue is now open! Whether you're a skating extraordinaire or simply want to test your beginner's skills on the ice, the Icehouse is your new favourite destination. There are also skate schools and school programs offering classes for beginners. The Icehouse promises fun for the whole family!

Date: Everyday

Time: Check website for session details

Venue: Icehouse, Pearl River Road, Waterfront City

Visit www.icehouse.com.au

For further information visit www.waterfrontcity.com.au or call 03 8628 6000
Waterfront City, Docklands Drive, Melbourne Docklands (MEL REF 2E D4)

Seeing pink

Rikki Shore from the Mornington Peninsula celebrated her 40th birthday in style with her friends at Docklands on March 23.

It seemed the theme of the day was pink with all the girls sporting pink wigs and a stretch pink Hummer on hand to chauffeur them away.



March for Melanoma

Waterfront City Piazza was the perfect venue for the fourth annual March for Melanoma on March 13.

The event connects those touched by Skin Cancer and Melanoma by supporting survivors and promoting awareness.

The 4km walk was along the waterfront including Harbour Town Shopping Centre and Docklands Park and finished at the Piazza.

It could not have been a more perfect day with the event attracting a good crowd who enjoyed fantastic entertainment by an all female line up.

The tribute to Eva Cassidy was a huge success with the magnificent voice of Milly Moodie.

The Emily Tapp Melanoma Foundation thanked all who participated, especially those who traveled from the country. The foundation also thanks all the volunteers and Waterfront City Management for making it a very special day to remember.

The march will be back in next year on Sunday March 6 with a 4km walk and an 8km run. It will also incorporate a Health, Wellbeing and Support Day.

If you wish to contact the organiser Louise White, email louise@emilysfoundation.org.au or check the foundation website at www.emilysfoundation.org.au



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Dragon Masters train at 8am on Saturdays and 5.30pm on Wednesdays
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MARCH/APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

The Docklands School Holiday Program is packed with exciting activities and fun-filled excursions for children aged 5 to 12 years. Held at the Docklands Hub, 17 Waterview Walk it is run by the YMCA in partnership with the City of Melbourne. For more details or to make a booking please phone: **9320 4700**

DOCKLANDS ROTARY

Every Tuesday, 6.00pm
James Squires, Waterfront City
 First Tuesday of the month is fellowship hour. Regular meetings on other Tuesdays. All welcome. RSVP to Susan Rogan by noon on meeting day for catering purposes: **0415 119 558**.

HOW TO GET MORE BUSINESS FROM YOUR WEBSITE SEMINAR

Tuesday May 11, 5.30 - 7.00pm
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MEET THE DINOSAURS

March 23- April 25, Shows Tuesday - Sunday (No shows Monday).
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April 30 - May 31 - Victoria Harbour
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BELLY DANCING

Every Wednesday, 8pm-9pm
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LIVE EARTH RUN FOR WATER

April 18, 9am - 4pm
Waterfront City Piazza, 429-437 Docklands Dr
 The event features a participation run or walk, followed by a concert and water education activities, igniting a massive global movement aimed at helping solve local and global water issues. Visit www.liveearth.org/run or call **8414 8244**

JOIN THE CAE BOOK CLUB

Every 1st Wed of the Month, 7-8.30pm
The Hub, 17 Waterview Walk
 Cost: \$90 includes nine books and reading group guides on loan. Wine and dine while enjoying books with new friends. Members will meet at The Hub to collect/swap their books before heading out for dinner. (Dinner at own cost.)

DOCKLANDS SUNDAY MARKET

Every Sunday, 10am to 4pm
Waterfront City Docklands Drive
 Discover treasures from the hoards of some of Melbourne's finest antique and pre-loved specialists, including art, jewellery, retro clothing, vintage books and car boot sales.

TRY SAILING DAY FOR THE COMMUNITY

Second and fourth Sundays of the month, 11am to 3.30pm
Docklands Yacht Club, Shed No. 2 North Wharf Rd
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CHECK YOUR HEARING

Every 2nd Thursday of every month
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 Free adult hearing checks at The Hub every second Thursday of the month. For more information contact The Hub on **8622 4822**. Appointments are necessary.

LINUX USERS OF VICTORIA

Every 3rd Saturday of the month
Cinema Room, The Hub, 17 Waterview Walk
 Newcomers to Free and Open Source Software (FOSS) are invited to develop their skills and knowledge at an informal hands-on workshop. Must bring your own computer. See www.luv.asn.au. Call Donna on **0418 310 414**.

MINI MAESTROS

Every Tuesday morning
The Hub, 17 Waterview Walk
 Mini Maestros encourages children aged six months to five years to sing, dance and play percussion and musical games to stimulate their minds. Classes for a variety of ages are held. For more information phone **9387 1500**.

COMMUNITY WALK

Every Wed at 5.30pm and Fri 12.30pm
YMCA Docklands, Level 4, 100 Harbour Esplanade
 In conjunction with the Heart Foundation, a great opportunity to meet new people, walk and talk.

STORYTIME

Every Monday at 11am
The Hub, 17 Waterview Walk
 Storytime is a special time for children (aged 2-5 years) and their care-givers to share time together enjoying stories, songs, rhymes and simple craft. No bookings required.

THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (QUAKERS)

Every Sunday 10.30am-11.30am
The Hub, 17 Waterview Walk
 Meet for worship and enjoy a tea or coffee afterwards.

DOCKLANDS INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS COMMUNITY (DISC)

Every Friday, 5pm, 6.30pm
The Hub, 17 Waterview Walk
 Ever Friday international students from Docklands and Melbourne CBD can meet up, share food, enjoy English conversation and study the bible. For more details phone Kitty Cheng on **0411 838 966**.

MUMS WITH PRAMS

A new walking group for 'Mums and Prams' has recently formed. Walks are held each Wednesday morning leaving the hub at 9.30am and are followed by coffee after. If you would like to get fit and meet other mums at the same time, contact the Hub @ Docklands on **8622 4822** to put register your spot in this group.

DOW DOW LIVE EARTH RUN FOR WATER 2010

Sunday 18 April, 10am - 2pm
Waterfront City Piazza & Promenade
 Stake your place in the global movement that is the changing the world over the course of 24 hours, participate in either the run or walk to help inspire the world's citizens to come together and help solve the world's water crisis. Visit www.liveearth.org/run

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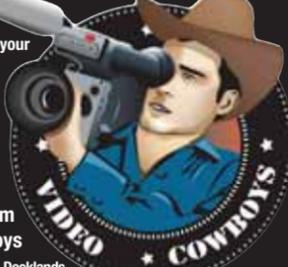
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Docklands Dash!

The first ever Melbourne City Sports Docklands Dash was run and won on Wednesday, March 10.

The 4km course through the ever developing, picturesque Docklands precinct, proved popular with the participants who braved the overcast conditions. Starting at Docklands Park, the event hosted more than 500 runners, walkers and supporters.

Some very fast times were recorded by the leading participants, with the best being the overall winner David Ruschena, who completed the course in 12:19. The first female to greet the finishing chute was Super Sunset Series female division winner Sally Williams in 16:11.

The conclusion of the event at Waterfront City was followed by a free barbecue, fruit, drinks and a live concert by Taxiride lead singer Jason Singh.

The event will be returning in 2011, bigger and better.



Docklands came alive for the Run for the Kids on March 14. Photo: Andrew Pink.



The finale of the Super Sunset Series was run and won against the super backdrop of Docklands at sunset. Photo: Shane Scanlan

Doing it for the kids

On March 14, mums, dads, kids, athletes and celebrities all tied up their running shoes for the annual Run for the Kids.

The run, which raises money for the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal, raised a record \$1,050,000.

Nathan Hartigan, of Mt Helen, was the first out of 30,000 participants to cross the line and Melbourne-based Olympian, Lisa Weightman took the women's title.



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