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## State to take back Seafarers Park

*The State Government has outraged Docklands residents for offering to developers land it launched as a public park less than five years ago.*

The Seafarers Rest Park between the river and the Mission to Seafarers has been offered to developers as part of a registration of interest to develop the precinct.

Local MP Bronwyn Pike said when launching the park in December 2005: "Seafarers Rest is a fantastic asset for the Docklands and Melbourne and will add to the sense of community flourishing in this recently established residential area."

She declined to tell *Docklands News* how she felt about the park being rezoned to allow development.



Local MP and then Health Minister Bronwyn Pike opening the park with body corporate chair John Johnson and Anglican Bishop Philip Huggins in 2005.

Flinders Wharf residents say they have been let down by the developer and the Government. Their 2001 section 32 vendor statements state that the land on which the park stands had been modified by "transfer to the Queen". And their purchase contracts refer to the land as a park.

Victorian Government Property Group maps from 1996 show the park as "public open space". However, current Surveyor General maps refer to the land as "crown land temporarily reserved for public purposes".

A Department of Treasury and Finance spokesperson said the land was "temporarily reserved" for public purposes in 1997.

The Government supports rezoning the land from "public park and recreation" to "capital city zone 1" to allow development.

"I'm angered because it represents a breach of contract between the developer, Flinders Wharf Land, and the purchasers," resident Tom McNair said.

"There was misrepresentation of what we understood we were buying which was an apartment adjacent to public open space and designated park land."



Residents show their support for retention of Seafarers Rest Park, which the Government is proposal to rezone for commercial development.

"It appears that the Government is being dishonest by allowing the rezoning of public open space for the purposes of commercial development in order to achieve some of its other objectives," Mr McNair said.

"It seems to be both greedy and short sighted, because surveys in the Docklands area have shown the lack of public open space is one of residents' greatest concerns."

"We've got a number of young children living in this building and this is the only open space they've got to play in without crossing a very busy road."

Flinders Wharf Land consortium member Craig Williams said he was not interested in discussing the matter.

City of Melbourne planning chair Cr Peter

Clarke said the process was being driven by Treasury and Finance without regard to planning considerations.

He said the council supported the retention of the park, but was merely an observer without any input into the process.

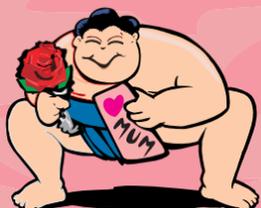
"Clearly Docklands needs more green space," he said.

A spokesperson for Finance Minister Tim Holding said the Minister was unable to comment until he signed off a "progress brief". However, she maintained that the proposal would require the respondents to deliver a new public open space.



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After each of our editions this year we have added another 1000 because we have run out of papers mid-month.

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**Editorial Comment**

**Shane Scanlan**

## The developer's dilemma

*Docklands developers have a dilemma. Do they embrace the community or not?*

Are they going to be more profitable working with the community or going their own way and continually finding prospects to sell their new apartments to?

Repeat and referral business is the best, most cost-effective way to grow any business. Ten years ago, Docklands developers didn't have this option. But now, at the half-way point, they have a choice.

One of the things that attracted the developers to Docklands in the first place was the State Government's promise that they could operate outside of normal planning practices which typically involve community consultation. No doubt, this notion still resonates with old-school developer thinking.

But will this approach ultimately deliver maximum profits?

A case in point is the Lend Lease's Serrata proposal in Bourke St, Victoria Harbour.

Lend Lease's formerly happy customers who purchased properties in the up-market Mosaic and Montage buildings were appalled to learn that the developer was redefining its previously-stated position that the block next door was reserved for low-rise community use.

The residents only found this out because Lend Lease marketers approached them directly as previous customers with a "special offer".

The explanation goes along these lines: "Oh,

but when we said that, it was true." "That reflects our master plan at that time." "But the State Government wants more urban consolidation, so they've encouraged us to revise our master plan and we're now proposing a 15-storey tower on the land."

Lend Lease has consistently refused to reveal its new master plan or disclose Serrata. And yet, it can successfully apply for Government permission to build based on this secret plan. (And what this says about our Government is another story again!)

Lend Lease can define this Government permission to build without the bother of publicly revealing its plans as a victory. But it can't have it both ways. It can't hope for community support if it takes the secret deals route.

Sure they can still sell in China and other countries. But they do need local sales. And the world is getting smaller every day. Google the term "serrata victoria harbour" and our recent story on resident anger comes up just under Vivas Lend Lease's "register your interest".

The principles involved in this case are not restricted to Victoria Harbour. All precinct developers should take note. The journey to the "build out" point in 2020 could be harmonious or it could be the longest 10 years imaginable.



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# Conder access causing concern

By Alison Kinkade

*Conder resident Warren Mills is fed up with poor car access to his NewQuay building and wants it fixed immediately.*

After more than a year trying to correspond with the City of Melbourne and VicUrban, Mr Mills is disappointed that access to the Conder has been left out of the redevelopment plans for Harbour Esplanade.

Mr Mills, who has lived in the Conder for two years, is specifically angry about the lack of motor-vehicle access when approaching his building from Footscray Rd, Dudley St and Wurundjeri Way, and lack of access to Harbour Esplanade from the Conder.

He wrote a letter to the council last year and an engineer visited. But the remedial work that resulted hadn't helped much, he said.

Mr Mills has suggested possible solutions.

"I have suggested that we should be allowed to do a U-turn at the Harbour Esplanade/

Dudley St intersection, and at the entry to the car-park opposite the Conder," he said.

He has also suggested that Palmyra Way could be connected to Aquitania Way, allowing Conder residents access to Harbour Esplanade via Docklands Drive.

"Currently, even if I just want to go to Safeway or down to Victoria Harbour, I have to go onto Wurundjeri Way with all the traffic and about six set of lights," he said.

VicUrban's Docklands development director, Simon Wilson, said: "VicUrban, in consultation with the City of Melbourne and NewQuay developer MAB Corporation, will look into potential solutions to improve access to the Conder building, including examining options that could be considered as part of future development planned for behind the Conder building."

City of Melbourne CEO Kathy Alexander said VicUrban was leading the Harbour Esplanade redevelopment and that U-turns were a VicRoads matter.

MAB Corporation declined to comment.

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# Licensing issues prevent venues from opening

By Alison Kinkade

*Development plans on both North and South Wharfs have stalled because venue owners are struggling to get liquor licences.*

South Wharf restaurants were expecting to open in March, but have been indefinitely delayed.

Developer Austexx will not comment because the applications are still before the Liquor Licensing Commission. But sources say not to expect activation of the precinct before December.

And on the other side of the river, hospitality businesses are facing a similar battle against multiple objections from residents, council and police.

South Wharf business owners have been quietly awaiting the outcome of 10 applications. But a spokesperson for the Director of Liquor Licensing, Sue Maclellan, said six of the 10 had not provided all the relevant documentation and the other four had all received objections.

“The Director received objections concerning the remaining four applications and three of these cases have been heard by an independent liquor licensing panel,” the spokesperson said.

Objector Howard Barnes suggested an 11pm closing time would be more reasonable than the 1am applied for.

“The main noise levels are often caused by patrons shouting, singing or screaming at each other as they wend their weary way home,” Mr Barnes said.

Resident Harry Heyblok said he didn't mind

having the venues around his home, as long as they strictly adhered to their licence conditions.

“My wife and I get a real buzz about the vibrancy around Southbank / Southgate. A smaller version of that type of activity in our precinct does not concern us at all. The problems arise though when licensees do not adhere strictly to their licence conditions.”

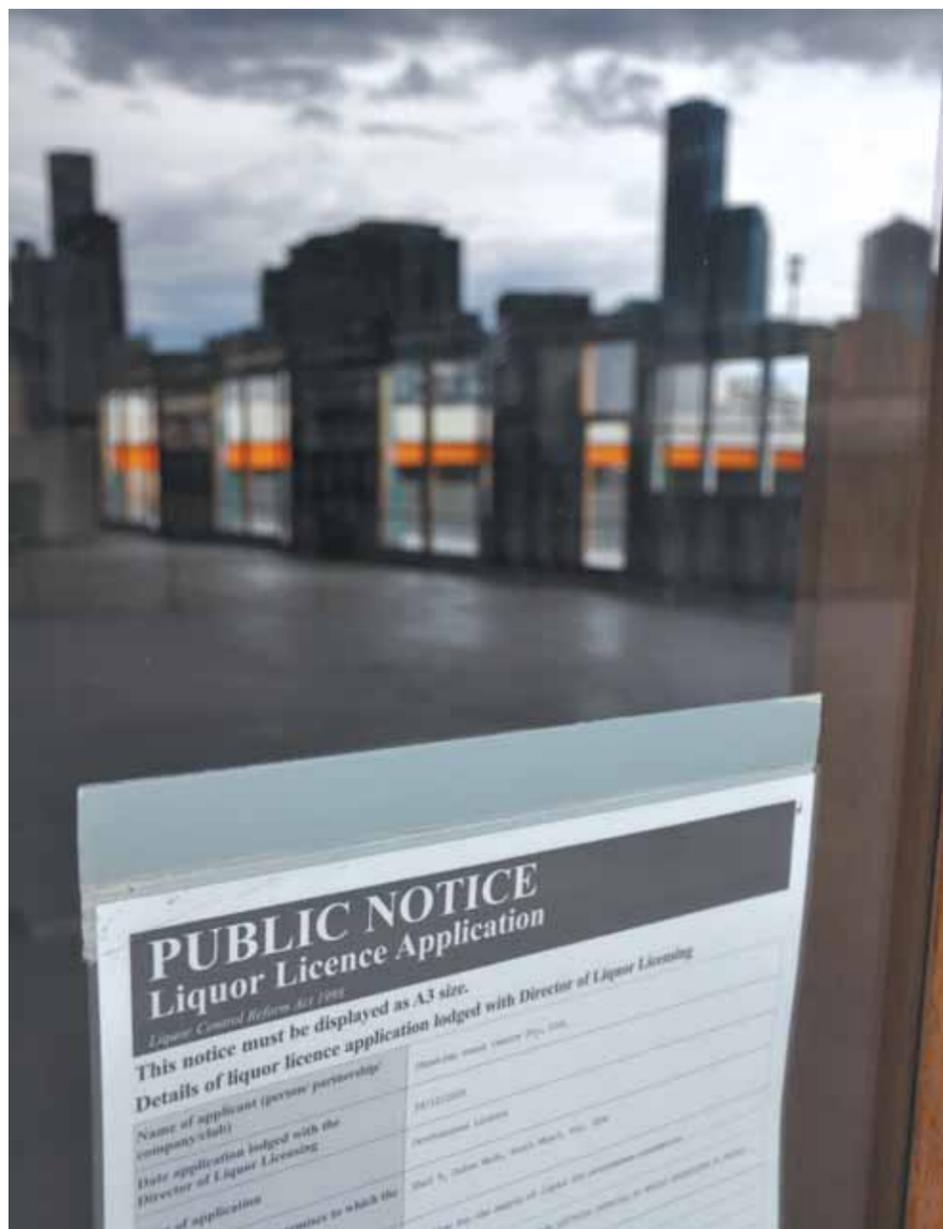
“Prior to the refurbishment of the southern sheds, there was an on going battle between the then venue operators and our residents because of noise,” Mr Heyblok said.

Watermark Bar owner John Ahern has submitted applications for three new venues to be opened along North Wharf. Ms Maclellan on March 24 rejected one of Mr Ahern's applications for Wharf Cellar Pty Ltd on the grounds of amenity.

The Victoria Harbour bar owner said developers and operators were working very closely together to create a new precinct which would be vibrant for all.

“We want to work with residents and the building managers and run a resident information forum monthly on an ongoing basis, so that information can be communicated to eliminate any concerns that arise,” Mr Ahern said.

The spokesperson for Ms Maclellan said that Mr Ahern's two other venues, North Wharf Events Pty Ltd and North Wharf Hotel



Hospitality venues on both sides of the river in Docklands are on hold.

Pty Ltd, had not provided all the relevant documents to complete the application.

Mr Ahern said he was looking forward to working with his landlord, the Liquor Licensing Commission and residents.

Objections have also been received on all three North Wharf applications put forward by Beverly Bloom Pty Ltd.

“The Director of Liquor Licensing has received objections concerning these applications and will refer eligible objections to an independent liquor licensing panel,” the spokesperson said.

The applicant and objectors will be offered the opportunity to present their case to public hearing before the panel makes its recommendation to the Director.

“To date, the licensee has not yet completed the application process for these applications and needs to provide all the relevant documents for it to be referred to a liquor licensing panel,” the spokesperson said.



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## Docklands businesses short-change staff

*Two Docklands businesses were found to be underpaying staff in a random auditing campaign by the Fair Work Ombudsman.*

As part of a rolling auditing campaign focused on Victorian shopping centres and industrial parks, the Fair Work Ombudsman last October randomly selected 18 retail and hospitality business in Docklands and Southbank.

Of the 18 businesses, 11 of which were located in Docklands, four businesses were picked up on their record-keeping and payslip practices and another two were found to be underpaying staff.

Fair Work Ombudsman executive director, Michael Campbell, said about \$14,600 was being recovered for 11 employees at two Docklands businesses after inspectors found they'd been underpaid their minimum hourly rate and penalty rates for evening and weekend shifts.

A further investigation remains ongoing for another Docklands business, but inspectors are confident that they will recover \$10,200 for the four employees involved.

A spokesperson for the Fair Work Ombudsman said the matters would not be taken further and the business would not be publicly identified as they ha co-operated and agreed to promptly rectify the underpayments.

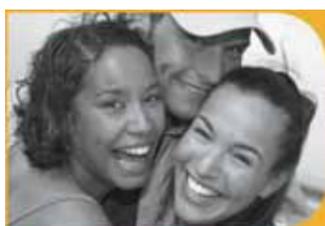
The spokesperson said follow-up audits or additional audits may be conducted in Docklands in the future.

"We are mindful that the retail and hospitality industries employ large numbers of young people and low-paid workers who may be vulnerable if they are not fully aware of their workplace rights. It is important that we ensure these workers are receiving their full entitlements," the spokesperson said.

## Jurassic shopping is a hit

The recent Harbour Town dinosaur promotion was a great success with reports of many shoppers returning to the centre just to experience the raptors again.

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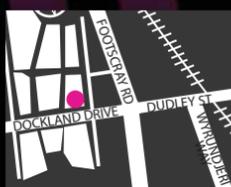
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# “Tollywood” comes to Docklands

*He's a bad boy and he's in Docklands looking for lost love.*

“Tollywood” actor Ram Charan Teja is the star of an elaborate production which promises to put Docklands in front of 60 million movie goers.

The hero was only days away from finishing a gruelling production schedule for *Orange* which started last year and is being filmed both in Australia and India.

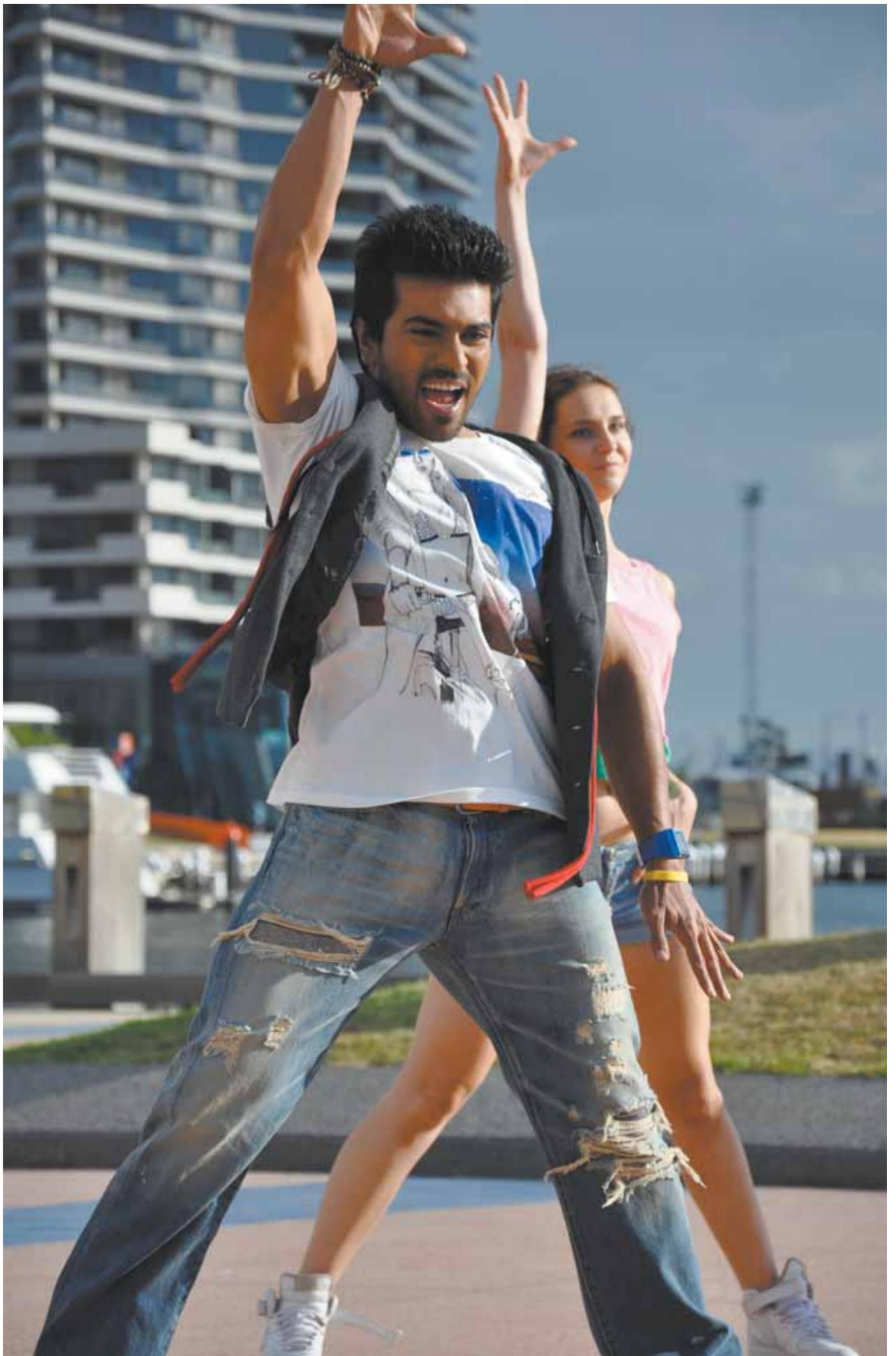
Tollywood is the name given to the southern Indian film industry, which uses the Telugu language. *Orange* is the biggest Indian production based here and employed 450 Australians in the process.

In *Orange* Ram Charan plays along side Genelia D'Souza and the film has raised eyebrows at home for “lip-locking” kissing and for featuring two-piece bikinis.

In the film the 25-year-old heart throb plays an Australian graffiti artist of Indian origin who finds, and then loses, love against a back drop of street art.

An Indian blog on the film explains: “Graffiti is the name for images or lettering scratched, scrawled, painted or marked in any manner on property. Graffiti is any type of public markings that may appear in the forms of simple written words to elaborate wall paintings.”

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# Lacrosse back on track

**Following delays due to last year's global financial crisis, the \$300 million Lacrosse development at 675 LaTrobe St is finally set to start this month.**

Property funds management and development company Charter Hall Group announced in mid-April that it had acquired the rights to develop stage one of the development, along with the existing Melbourne-based developer, PanUrban.

PanUrban chairman Morry Schwartz said: "We are delighted to be partnering with Charter Hall and look forward in delivering a successful project together."

Charter Hall joint managing director David Southon said the project fitted well with his company's strategy to take advantage of the current buoyant Melbourne residential market.

"This latest development in an exciting emerging precinct reinforces Charter Hall's capabilities to source well incubated development projects and deliver a quality product," Mr Southon said.

The stage one east tower will include 312 apartments, 1300 square metres of retail space, recreational facilities and 150 car parking spaces.



Lacrosse - coming to LaTrobe St beside Etihad Stadium.

Pan Urban and Charter Hall Group are currently in discussions about stage two, which involves a west tower with 259 apartments, a business centre and retail space.

VicUrban's general manager for project planning and innovation David Young said: "This is evidence of the development momentum that is now building in the residential sector following the GFC."

PanUrban, which initially partnered with the Halim Group, had planned to start development by mid-2008, but during the GFC the criteria for development finance lending was tightened and its plans were brought to a halt.

It is expected to take 23 months to complete the development, which sits adjacent to Etihad Stadium.

# Southern Star to rise again

**Docklands' Southern Star Observation Wheel is on its way to returning to its former, albeit short-lived, glory.**

Although still not willing to predict a completion date, a wheel spokesperson said all the new steel had been delivered and production of the structure was underway at two workshops in Melbourne and another in Tasmania.

"Rolling of pipe that will form the outer rim of the wheel has commenced and the machining of the joints is underway," the spokesperson said.

About 3 kms of LED light fittings have also arrived in Melbourne.

It has also been confirmed that advertising and branding agency HBT has been employed by Southern Star.

Most of the wheel is being completely rebuilt with new materials and a new configuration. Only the columns, hub and wheel building are being retained. However it will still be a seven-pointed federation star.

The \$100 million wheel stopped operating in January last year when cracks were found in its supporting members.

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# Watergate businesses struggle to open

*Two Docklands businesses say they have been prevented from becoming operational in the Watergate building because of more than six months of neglect, misinformation and inattention by agents and building managers.*

Sushi Box owner David Glasscock estimates he is losing \$32,000 a week through lost opportunity. And neighbour Caroline Tran says she has now been locked out of her shop after a five-month failure to locate and fix a water leak within a wall which prevented her from completing her fit out.

Both tenants had planned to be up and running last November, but both say their Waterview Walk shops flood with water when it rains and that building defects, which they have been reporting since last year, have prevented them becoming operational.

Mr Glasscock had planned to make his Docklands kitchen a cooking centre for five outlets in the inner city. However, the building's internal exhausting system has proved to be unsuitable.

He said because he was the first tenant to occupy the shop since it was built seven years ago, it was not known that the building systems were inadequate.

But, he said, no one had taken his claims seriously and no one was willing to take responsibility for the building faults.

"We've had to cancel all our expansion plans. We're taking a hit on our existing

shop in Toorak because we have to do all our cooking from it and it's way over capacity. We can't sell hot food from this kitchen and we are opening up another huge store in Collin St. We've delayed for as long as we can because of our problems here, but we now have to open and there's no way of supplying it," Mr Glasscock said.

As recently as April 12, Gibson Land Real Estate agent Lisa Loh wrote to Mr Glasscock rejecting his claim for an extension of a rent-free period.

"We have been advised by the building managers ... that the exhaust system is fully functioning," Ms Loh wrote.

"The landlord and its agent has done everything they could to facilitate your fit-out progress," she said. "The landlord is not prepared to grant any extension of rental free period."

On April 10 Gibson Land Real Estate changed the locks on Ms Tran's shop after she failed to pay rent.

Since the *Docklands News* started its investigation and both Mr Glasscock and Ms Tran have complained to the Office of the Victorian Small Business Commissioner,



Max Wang of Sushi Box, Caroline Tran of Cherry House Cafe, and David Glasscock of Sushi Box outside their premises.

Ms Loh has written to the builder Abigroup demanding the faults be fixed.

"The exhaust unit which they linked their canopy to DOES NOT WORK and (is) NOT FUNCTIONING. The tenants have done everything they could to get it working, but now it seems like it is beyond their ability to get it running. We now demand that Abigroup to attend to and rectify this matter," she wrote on April 23.

Ms Loh told *Docklands News*: "We have carried out our duties to pass on information provided by the developer and owner's

corporation of Watergate regarding services and facilities available in the building to the tenant of Shop 10, Mr David Glasscock and Mr Max Wang of Sushi Box Group."

A spokesperson for the building's developer PanUrban said the matter rested with the builder, Abigroup.

A spokesperson for strata managers Teys, said the matter was between the tenants and their landlords.



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In order for construction to commence on the HarbourOne Tower, we advise that the public carpark on the corner of Harbour Esplanade and Docklands Drive will be closing on the evening of Thursday, 29 April, 2010 from approximately midnight.

The following public car parking arrangements will be in place:

- Docklands Drive (Lot 9) Car Park – 90 spaces**  
MAB is currently making arrangements to construct a temporary car park on Lot 9, Docklands Drive which is planned to accommodate 90 spaces (Melway Ref 2E E3). An application is currently with VicUrban for approval to construct this car park.
- Aquavista Car Park – 293 spaces**  
293 car spaces continue to be available within the Aquavista Building. (Melway Ref 2E D4). Access to this car park is via Doepel Way.
- Docklands Drive (Northern) Car Park – 275 spaces**  
275 car spaces continue to be available within the Docklands Drive (North) Car Park. (Melway Ref 2E D3). Access to this car park is via St Mangos Lane North.

Each of these car parks will continue to be managed by CarePark with retailers, staff and berth holders only permitted to park in the northern car park. Vehicles displaying CarePark window stickers will not be accepted in the Lot 9 car park as this area will be restricted to visitor/customer car parking only. Penalties will apply to any vehicles displaying a CarePark sticker in the Lot 9 car park.

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1706/18 Waterview Walk	\$500,000
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# Residents and developer square off over Serrata

**Victoria Harbour residents and Lend Lease are on a collision course over the developer's plans for a 15-storey residential development in Bourke St.**

The Serrata development has received State Government approval but residents have put Lend Lease on notice that they will fight if the building is not lowered.

At a meeting of key stakeholders hosted by Teys Strata Management on April 8, resident Frank Ruggio said they would not accept 15 storeys. Lend Lease project director Ben Coughlan replied that the company intended to proceed with its plan.

However, Mr Coughlan undertook to investigate and formally respond to Mosaic and Montage owners corporation chairs over claims that owners in that building had been misled by Lend Lease when purchasing several years ago.

He agreed that, at the time of purchase, Lend Lease had earmarked the site for low rise community use but that this had subsequently changed. He said the State Government wanted more urban consolidation and had encouraged Lend



Lease to review its Victoria Harbour master plan accordingly.

Mr Coughlan said Lend Lease had been working on its new master plan with the City of Melbourne, the Department of Planning and Community Development and VicUrban for more than six months. He said Lend Lease did not have a date for release of the plan.

He showed residents plans and artists' drawings of Serrata, but refused to allow *Docklands News* to publish the pictures.

Serrata sits on the western side and takes more than half of the development site between The Gauge and the Montage/Mosaic apartments. A proposed laneway running from Bourke St to Victoria Green

separates the Serrata site from a remaining development site on the eastern edge of the block.

Plans show a height of 15 storeys along Serrata's Bourke St frontage, falling to 12 storeys at the back of the development. The proposal houses 144 apartments and 68 car spaces. The majority of apartments are 50 square metre, single-bedroom units without carparking.

Mr Coughlan said many factors were behind the plans. He said the decision to build 15-storeys was mainly determined by architectural merit. He also said finance was more readily available for developments with a low-price entry point.

Units in Serrata are planned to start at \$385,000, with the most expensive coming in at \$750,000.

Mr Coughlan said all units would be sold to private buyers and they were squarely aimed at the first-home buyer and investor market.

The President of the Docklands Community Association, Roger Gardner, said the case highlighted the need for residents to be consulted before approvals were given.

"Residents are right in the middle of these developments these days and their concerns have been taken into consideration by Government," he said.



VicTrack staff enjoy a sausage and a stubby at the sizzle.

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# Special network lunch in June

*Next month's Docklands News Networking Lunch is being held at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre and includes a behind-the-scenes tour of the fabulous new facility at South Wharf.*



The lunch is on Friday, June 18 and costs \$60. We've booked for 60, so the first to book with Alison Kinkade (alison@docklands.com.au) will experience this wonderful opportunity.

It will be the fourth of our quarterly networking lunches and numbers continue to grow each time. Businesses benefit by making and renewing relationships with other Docklands business people. The format is informal with plenty of time for quality networking.

There is no speaker booked for the event but, if we decide to present one, the subject will be of genuine interest to Docklands and take no more than five minutes.

Guests should arrive at 12 noon for a 12.30 start. The tour of the facility won't start until 2pm and will take 30 minutes - so make sure you block out plenty of time in your diary.

The lunch menu is:

Entrée: Smoked Willameena farm rainbow trout with kipfler potatoes, avocado and horseradish cream.

Main course: Char grilled Victorian Black Angus sirloin with dauphinoise potatoes, roasted vegetables and cafe de Paris butter. (A vegetarian option is also available. You will need to let us know when you make your booking.)

Dessert: Espresso panna cotta with hazelnut and chocolate donuts.

Beverages: Red and white wine, light and standard beers, soft drinks, juices, freshly brewed coffee, herbal infused teas and home made chocolates.

# Runs aren't fun for everyone

*Docklands resident Karl Bierl has had just about enough of the road closures put in place for fun run events held in Docklands.*

Upset about the road closures put in place on April 18 for the Dow Live Earth Run for Water event, Mr Bierl contacted *Docklands News* hoping to highlight the issue so that it wouldn't happen again.

The Dock 5 resident was specifically distressed because the closures threatened to prevent him visiting his sick mother.

Mr Bierl said previous events had stopped him playing Sunday morning tennis, but April's road closures were particularly upsetting.

"It was more personal as we had made arrangements to travel to Ringwood to visit my very sick mother in hospital," Mr Bierl said.

Planning on having his mother-in-law arrive at his apartment at 10am to share brunch before the hospital visit, Mr Bierl was concerned when she hadn't arrived.

He said he called her and, as there were no trams operating, he decided to pick her up in his car, which proved even more difficult.

"I was stopped and not allowed to exit the area. I put in my complaint and eventually they let me through on the condition that I was not allowed to drive

back. I therefore left my car at my mother-in-law's apartment," he said.

Mr Bierl said he and his mother-in-law then walked back to his apartment, a distance of about two kilometres, which was hard on his mother-in-law.

"I was told we could not exit until lunchtime when the event was over. I have since spoken to other Dock 5 residents who were also not allowed to exit the area. I think this is a stupid, dangerous situation when you cannot travel in and out of your residence because of a fun run event," Mr Bierl said.

Mr Bierl is also angry about how he was treated by those guarding the road blocks.

"The two ladies at the road block said that they had police powers not to let us through. I was almost in disbelief and distraught because of my mother's situation," he said.

Melbourne City Council was contacted, but failed to reply.

The Dow Live Earth Run for Water was an international event held to raise money and awareness for the safe drinking water crisis. A series of 6km run/walks, the average distance women and children walk everyday to secure water, were held in 150 countries around the world over 24 hours.

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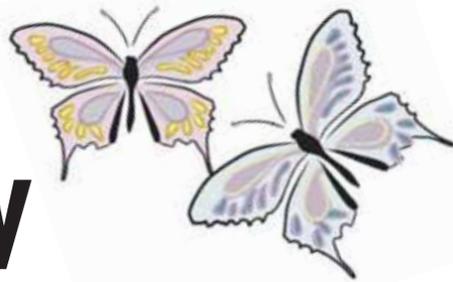
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# June 4 is market day



**A group of events management students will be practising on Docklanders on Friday, June 4 at a special lunchtime market in Victoria Harbour.**

Final year William Angliss Event Management Diploma students Justin Kony, Leah Mand, Catherine Wheeler, Nicole Craighead, Phoung Lei Muk and Chloe Dudley will be turning it on for workers and residents alike on the water side of the Dock 5 building between 12 and 2pm.

Spokesperson Catherine Wheeler said the project represented a large part of the students' assessment for the year.

"We are looking to demonstrate the skills and understanding that we have learned so far in how to run a successful event," Ms Wheeler said.

Television celebrity Noah Rose from *My Kitchen Rules* will be on hand to demonstrate and advise on sustainable foods.

The event is being run under the theme "Tempt, Taste, Take". Ms Wheeler said she hoped to have up to 20 stall holders on the day.

She said the group had been allocated to Docklands' Urban Reforestation project and had originally planned to deliver an eco-market.

"This has subsequently broadened out to be a general market, but it would still have a strong sustainable theme," Ms Wheeler said.

On sale will be butterfly badges produced by Urban Reforestation as part of a campaign to green our city. Inspired by a project in New York which aims to plant and care for 1 million trees by 2017, Urban Reforestation director Emily Ballantyne-Brodie says the badges will raise awareness of Docklands's community garden.

Urban Reforestation has been buoyed by news on April 23 that the State Government will help fund a waste audit of apartments and food recycling.

"We have exciting news," Ms Ballantyne-Brodie said. "Sustainability Victoria's 'Sustainability Fund,' announced by Minister Jennings, is financially supporting part of our project."

Ms Ballantyne-Brodie said Urban Reforestation was still seeking corporate sponsorship. She can be contacted on 0403 937 195. For further information, see [www.urbanreforestation.com](http://www.urbanreforestation.com) or call into the group's shop at 71 Merchant St, Victoria Harbour.



William Angliss student Catherine Wheeler tends the Docklands community garden in the lead up to market Day on June 4.

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# Wheel of friendship extended to Docklands

*A symbol of international friendship was presented to the Rotary Club of Docklands last month.*

The Wembley Wheel of Friendship was presented to Docklands Rotary president Mark Nutter by the president of the Port Melbourne Club Geri Charles on April 20.

The trophy, which dates back to 1964, has been passed to each new club within Rotary district 9800. Docklands Rotary is the newest club, having been chartered last June.

District historian John Meehan explained to Docklands Rotarians that the tradition was exclusive to district 9800 and harked back to the 1930s and the second world war when a number Essendon Rotarians became personally connected with the Wembley club in the UK.

The bonds between Wembley and Essendon continued to grow and were formally recognised when Wembley Rotarian Ted Garner had the wheel made and presented it to the Essendon club in 1964.

Essendon club member Alistair Fraser and his wife Pat attended the April 20



*Docklands Rotary president Mark Nutter receives the Wembley Wheel of Friendship from Port Melbourne Rotary president Geri Charles.*

meeting - as did a healthy contingent of Port Melbourne club members.

The wheel is going back to Essendon as part of its upcoming celebrations marking 75 years. It will then be returned to Docklands before

being handed on to the next club to charter, Melbourne Park, in Richmond, later this year.

Docklands Rotary meets every Tuesday at 6pm. For further information see [www.docklandsrotary.org.au](http://www.docklandsrotary.org.au).



## Martin to experience Docklands

Martin Pryor of Wattlebank has won Docklands Rotary Club's "Docklands Experience" raffle and will soon visit for a weekend of the best the precinct can offer.

With two night's accommodation at a Grand Mercure apartment, a \$250 shopping voucher for Harbour Town and a three hour Aussie Boat Sales luxury cruise, he will be living the good life.

Karen Harding of Gisborne won second prize, a night's accommodation at the South Wharf Hilton, and John Moore of Docklands won third prize, a \$100 dinner at James Squires Brewhouse.

Rotary raised \$2133 through the raffle which will be used to fund club projects. For further information, see [www.docklandsrotary.org.au](http://www.docklandsrotary.org.au)

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# “We are not happy” – Docklands families want a school

By Alison Kinkade

**Young families living in Docklands and other central city areas say they are being forced out the area as the state’s education system has failed to provide a primary school.**

The Government is believed to be saying that statistics show few school-age children in Docklands. But young parents say that’s because there is no school and they are forced to move out before their children turn five.

The Docklands Hub community centre hosts 13 playgroups catering for 130 families with toddlers. And even more groups are held at the nearby Harbour Children’s Centre.

The Hub runs new-parent groups every six weeks which results in up to 100 new families joining playgroups each year. Some 65 per cent are from Docklands.

Cr Ken Ong says he has been monitoring discussions between City of Melbourne officers and Education Department officials on the matter.

“It appears from correspondence that the Department of Education has no plans for a primary school in the Docklands area. The State Government has since refuted this,” Cr Ong said.

Local MP and State Education Minister, Bronwyn Pike, said no decision had been made on whether Docklands would receive a school.

“The Brumby Labor Government is really committed to giving young people in inner Melbourne including Docklands the best educational opportunities and that’s why I requested a report on education needs for this growing area,” Ms Pike said.

Ms Pike said: “The Department is currently finalising a report on school facilities and education needs in and surrounding Melbourne’s CBD.”

Ana and her husband, a NAB employee, have



*Is it the chicken or the egg? Do young families move out of Docklands because there is no school or is there no school because families move out when their kids reach school age?*

been living in Docklands for the past five years and have two daughters – three-year-old Alma-Mia and two-month-old Anna-Lucia. Ana simply summed up how she feels in four little words, “We are not happy.”

“I’ve already invested in this apartment and I want to stay. But we will have to move out if there is no school because then there is just no choice,” Ana said.

Corrine, who comes from France and now resides in Dock 5 with her husband and two-year-old son, said she found it very difficult to imagine living here for a long time with no school in the area. She said many people thought Docklands had only tertiary students and retirees, but there were many different types of people here.

“I grew up in the city in France and it was great and I would love to replicate that. I’m not attracted to living in a house because I have never lived in a house. I’ve always lived in an apartment and when we were growing up we never found it too small,” Corrine said.

Corrine fears having less time to spend with her kids and more time commuting if she is forced to move out to the suburbs.

“We don’t want to move. We are very happy here. But if we have to move for a school then we will and it will change everything because we don’t have a car and we would need to get a car,” she said.

Cr Ong said a small private primary school had been set up in the CBD, indicating that there was demand for a city school.

“There must be a need identified as private schools do not make investments without identifying a clear need. The State Government cannot let the private sector do what is essentially a State Government responsibility in the area of primary school education,” he said.

Vanessa, who lives in the city with her husband and four-month-old son, said Docklands would be a great place to have a school as it had the room and it was only a short walk from the city.

“To say that there isn’t a demand for a school here is something I find funny, because even the local maternal health nurse is fully book and is having to shuffle around her bookings,” Vanessa said.

Kirsten, who also lives in the CBD with her husband and four-month-old son, agrees with Vanessa and said she was already planning her son’s education hopefully around a city location.

“It seems strange to be planning when they are this little but you have to be aware of it. You have to start thinking about private schools and how you are going to afford them, because the public system isn’t providing,” Kirsten said.

Cr Ong said he believed Docklands was an area with the space to build a primary school for central Melbourne, not just Docklands residents.

“The position that council has is a primary school for the central part of the city is needed as the population in the city’s central areas including CBD, Southbank and Docklands is growing and will need such facilities in the near future,” Cr Ong said.

Gisella, who lives at NewQuay with her husband and six-month-old child, said in her building alone, there were four or five women who have just had a baby and she was not happy with how Docklands families were being treated.

“If you’re a resident and you have to drive out of the city to drop your kids off and then back into the city for work then it’s not going to work. So we’ve also considered moving out for a primary school,” Gisella said.

Gisella, who would like to go back to work next year, said she was also upset at the childcare facilities in Docklands and the inner city.

“Gowrie is becoming full and they give priority to NAB and ANZ workers. They have a waiting list for NAB and ANZ and then a normal waiting list, which seems to get last priority. We live in NewQuay and we pay our rates so why should employees get priority over residents,” Gisella said.

Cr Ong said: “At the moment, families with primary school age children will either have to go to Carlton or North Melbourne for their primary schooling needs. Alternatively, they have to go to South Yarra, South Melbourne or other inner suburbs which means that the State Government is not providing an essential service for the people of the City of Melbourne.”

Melbourne City School is the only school based in the central city area. It is a private school which opened earlier this year and, according to its website, charges \$16,750 a year for students between prep and year four and \$22,750 per for years five to eight.



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# CSC moves to Docklands

*Global business solutions and technology services provider CSC celebrated the official opening of its Docklands office last month, with a commitment to boost its involvement in Victoria by \$78 million over the next 10 years.*

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# Wine auction

The Docklands community is invited a Rotary dinner and wine auction at the new NAB Academy in Bourke St.

The May 29 event costs \$65 and includes a two course dinner and champagne. Guests are welcome to BYO drinks. The event starts at 6.30.

The event is a collaboration between the Rotary clubs of Docklands and Central Melbourne Sunrise. Proceeds of the night will go towards Rotary projects, both locally and internationally.

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# Pelican comes home for a rest

By Alison Kinkade

*Docklands recently had an old friend staying beside Shed 2 in Victoria Harbour. The educational and environmental campaigning catamaran Pelican was here over the warmer months but has just left for more adventures.*

Built by Pelican Charters, the 64-foot catamaran, which is used for a range of scientific, environmental and social research projects, has a long history with Docklands.

“We’ve been based out of here for 15 years so we were here before anything was here really,” Captain Garry Mckechnie said.

Mr Mckechnie explained that the company’s original connection with Docklands dated back to the 1990s when the Docklands Authority sponsored one or two teenagers in connection with its documentary film *If It Doesn’t Kill You*.

“Following the documentary we realised that we needed a bigger vessel to continue our work and so we approached the Docklands Authority about getting some space in Docklands to build a catamaran,” he said.

“They said we could have Shed 19 free of charge but that we could be kicked out at any time with only 30-days notice. So, I took a deep breath and we moved into Shed 19 and fortunately they kicked us out six years later when we were nearly finished building the boat,” Mr Mckechnie smiled.

The catamaran, which has been berthed in Docklands since December, took almost 40,000 hours to build over six years with four or five people working on it full time.

Mr Mckechnie said he saw himself and the rest of the company as marine educators.

“We’re heavily involved in curriculum development and we hope to take the data from the research and develop it into a school curriculum. It is very important to us as we see it as an opportunity to teach the people of the future,” he said.

Mr Mckechnie said that they recently had an education success story that came out of a program that they ran a few years ago called *Be A Marine Scientist For The Day*.

“A few years ago we ran this competition for schools and this year one of the students, who came on as a 15-year-old only a few years ago, came on our Two Bays program and is now about to start studying marine biology,” he said.

Mr Mckechnie hopes to continue to educate young people by linking his work to schools.



Captain Garry Mckechnie - a Docklands ambassador who brings credit to our community.

“We are very keen to link in with schools as much as we can. But we have to find ways of subsidising the work we do and getting it out there.”

The Pelican was berthed in Docklands until mid-April and will return in December.

“There’s a little bit of maintenance work to

do as we’ve just come out of two months of sailing,” Mr Mckechnie said.

Mr Mckechnie said he hoped to maintain a presence in Docklands and bring marine education to a wider community.



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## 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.

The VicUrban presentation to our members on April 8 describing the Harbour Esplanade re-development project was very informative as we were able to spend time on the detail. VicUrban Director of Infrastructure Nic Culnane gave the presentation.

Regarding The Hub being fully booked for the rest of the year, VicUrban advised us of a couple of alternative venues for meetings.

We have not yet been able to obtain any specifics on the provision of a new community centre and other amenities.

Council has advised us that "infrastructure planning for the whole city including Docklands is under consideration at this very time and that the next Community Infrastructure Plan due in mid 2010 will include Docklands planning".

We continue to be concerned at the continuing lack of community consultation in the prior planning stages for commercial developments and, for that matter, public facility developments. A cardinal example is residents just having been informed of a 15-floor building construction approved

by VicUrban for the site opposite the NAB.

We are now faced with more public open space being offered for sale for development. In this case the land behind the Seamen's Mission fronting the Yarra. This land is currently zoned for Public Space and Recreation and a rezoning application would be lodged which we would plan to oppose.

As a result of our representations, council has agreed to amend some parking times in the vicinity of The Hub to eliminate inconsistencies and also to convert two bays on Harbour Esplanade to short term parking for drop off and pick-up.

A professional website firm is handling the production of our website based on our draft requirements and it should be ready in a few weeks.

We believe the application to open a bar in St Mangos Lane NewQuay has been withdrawn and a use more acceptable to residents is under consideration.

If any member or reader has any suggestions they wish to put forward about activities or issues you are welcome contact 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

## HE SAID WHAT?

By **Guy Mason**  
City on a Hill Pastor



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In addition to the 10am service at Hoyts, City on a Hill will continue to offer its 6pm service at James Squire Brewhouse in Docklands.

We are seeing great growth at James Squire and are confident we will see two evening services there in the not to distant future.

In addition, we'd love to see a community space built in Docklands that would serve the growing needs of the local community.

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

Have you ever been afraid of something? Like I mean where you're heart's in your mouth and you kind of find yourself doing this weird step one way then the other and actually end up not moving? A massive amount of indecision whilst you try to work out what to do - or not do (I actually find myself in this situation often ... crowds in supermarkets, the mere mention of the word "snake").

Well, my fears confronted me just recently.

So imagine this. My real fear, my worse than being on reality TV and having to eat live maggots fear, is horses. How ridiculous, right? Ah, not ridiculous at all - very, very real. Anyway, I was away with my partner, and we had spent a wonderful night at a very "romantic" - as the strange man who owned the B&B said with a leering grin and a wink (it was oddly disturbing) - cottage by the river as we travelled home. The plan was, I would drop man to horse to play polo, and be on my way home to have the candle lit dinner ready for our Sunday night roast. A perfect plan and direct path to domestic goddess!

I can tell you know what's going to happen. It's like the horror movies where you want to scream out "don't go into the basement"! Unwittingly, I stopped the car to let him out rather than slow to a speed where he wouldn't seriously hurt himself jumping from

a moving vehicle. First mistake. The minute we stopped and got out, he ascertained he was running late and there was no groom in sight and suddenly it became my problem that there were four horses that needed to be ready for polo in 10 minutes.

It's amazing what love (pride) can make you do. I swallowed my fear and watched him race to get ready from inside the fence. I even took the reigns of a very nice pony (having checked it was the nice one) and held it whilst he did everything else. I was the perfect girlfriend (not). But you need to understand I just couldn't get close to the horses, no matter how much I wanted to be "horse loving" girlfriend.

With the game underway, I returned to my car parked by the three horses tied to the fence. With absolute horror, I realised one horse was standing on its reigns, it was not tied to the fence at all ... and this was the one that I was told was scary, he was the one that was "fresh" (code for psycho), the one I had been warned would kick and buck. The one they said to stay away from! I just stood there. The reigns were in reach, but I was frozen to the spot. The horse looked at me and just KNEW I was terrified. In that instant, that horse seemed bigger than ever before. I thought about asking for help but no one was there, I couldn't just leave, but I couldn't do

anything! I was doing the crazy lady move from one leg to another, I was cursing my partner in my mind for leaving me in this situation, as well as praying that I would survive it ... when I just reached out and slowly took the reigns, and tied him up.

I realised that the worst part of fear is anticipation of the event, that it is rarely as bad as it seems (unless we're talking about the basement scene in the horror, then it's usually worse!). And I also realised the best way to overcome a fear, is confidence. Not a heap of confidence, but just enough to get you moving. To give it a shot.

Fake it till you make it if you have to, but if you can just imagine you are capable of overcoming your fears, then you're half way there. And you know what else? I did it on my own. Sometimes our bravest moments occur when no one is watching. But I know I did it, and only I know how much strength it took.

What a woman wants is to be protected from all things scary, but when a woman realises she is capable of overcoming her fears on her own, she is capable of anything.

Have a great month,

*Abby x*



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# PET'S CORNER

## Now meet Merchant the cat

*First there was Merchant the building, Docklands' latest apartment block in Victoria Harbour.*

Now meet Merchant the cat - a Persian, domestic short hair cross.

Sohaib Malik brought Merchant home to his Merchant apartment about a month ago because he was living alone and needed some company.

"He's very playful. When I come home he rolls at my feet and wants to play ball," Sohaib said.

"And he jumps up on my quilt and wakes me up in the morning."

The 24-year-old bought the kitten from the Lort Smith Animal Hospital in North Melbourne in March.

Sohaib immigrated to Australia from Pakistan eight years ago and lived in Sydney before moving to Melbourne in 2005 to study international business at Swinburne.

He is currently working as an auditing contractor to Essential Services Victoria and uses the premises of local Century 21 real estate agent Ali Abbas as a base.



# Letters to the Editor

## Sounding off on boat fog-horns

Having endeavoured to get an answer, I am somewhat bemused by the apparent necessity for the Central Pier party boats to sound their fog horns three or four times whilst departing or arriving from their berth.

During daylight hours this is not a real problem - more a minor irritant to local residents. My issue is mostly with the sustained blasts of this ear- (and sleep-) shattering noise at night - on one occasion, at well after midnight.

With the boats lit up like Christmas trees and usually blaring music from every window, it is unlikely the horn is to inform nearby shipping of intricate manoeuvres.

I suspect that most on board know the boat is moving, so it cannot be to alert passengers.

Why then? Perhaps the operators use some fancy navigation device based on reflected soundwaves from nearby buildings (should they be piloting these boats in this case?)

Or is it simply considered all part of the game? Whatever the case, I am sure I speak for many when I ask for due consideration for local residents. Cease and desist after dark! It's not big, it's not clever, it's simply a moronic disruption of local sleeping patterns.

Perhaps I might appropriately respond by locating the owner's house and honking my car-horn outside their bedroom window at 1am? Although this would probably be considered breaching the peace!

*Deafened of Docklands (email supplied)*



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### Anthony

24/12/1958

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### Mary

22/12/1960

Melbourne, Australia

### Anthony:

When it comes to love, you are definitely not casual. You yourself may be surprised at the depths of feeling a close relationship brings to the surface. You love deeply and passionately and do not understand people who are incapable of making lasting commitments.

#### THE RELATIONSHIP FROM ANTHONY'S POINT OF VIEW

There is an almost mystical quality about your relationship that is really quite lovely. That Shangri-la view you share of love and

life emerges while enjoying music, sipping a glass of wine or just being close. Together you can create a mysterious ambience.

There is something about the way Mary thinks and communicates which enables you to be yourself. Sometimes it may seem as if Mary is able to verbalise aspects of yourself you may have sensed but have never been able to adequately put into words or ideas.

The affection and good feelings you share are very strong. You are inclined to share projects and activities which will be lucky

and fulfilling for you both. Mary's kindness and generosity expands your feelings and your love inspires Mary to be successful.

#### THE SPECIAL GIFT THAT THIS RELATIONSHIP BRINGS ANTHONY IS:

Mary holds a special fascination for you. The bond between you might be somewhat obsessive. Mary often exerts an influence over you others may find difficult to understand. This relationship can transform the way you love and relate the rest of your life.

### Mary:

You need to be close and you need to be free. This is a major life conflict which has always created complications for you in close personal relationships. One manifestation of this may be a tendency to pursue the unavailable or the unreliable.

#### THE RELATIONSHIP FROM MARY'S POINT OF VIEW

No matter how long or how well you may know Anthony, there is an elusive quality which continues to fascinate. While you are stimulated by Anthony's idealism, you may also be frustrated by what feels like excessive secrecy. Your aggressive curiosity gets you nowhere.

The strong bond of love and affection between you will transcend the most difficult times. You love being physically together. Anthony makes you feel loved and valued, stimulates your creative energy and shares your values. You have fun together.

Anthony arouses in you either love or hate - nothing lukewarm here. There is a strong underlying sexual energy and if circumstances make this inappropriate, it may manifest in competitiveness or quarreling. Here is someone who really challenges you.

#### THE SPECIAL GIFT THAT THIS RELATIONSHIP BRINGS MARY IS:

Anthony exerts an odd influence over you which enables you to get in touch with your own deepest needs and strengths. You find Anthony fascinating and almost enjoy the sense of being manipulated, which is certainly not true of your relationship with others. Anthony directly or indirectly encourages your ideas and gives you confidence.

Whilst there is a great deal of love, affection and goodwill between you, you both have fundamentally different needs in a relationship therefore it may not provide the longer term bond that (Anthony in particular) desires.

# Why are all these people queuing up?



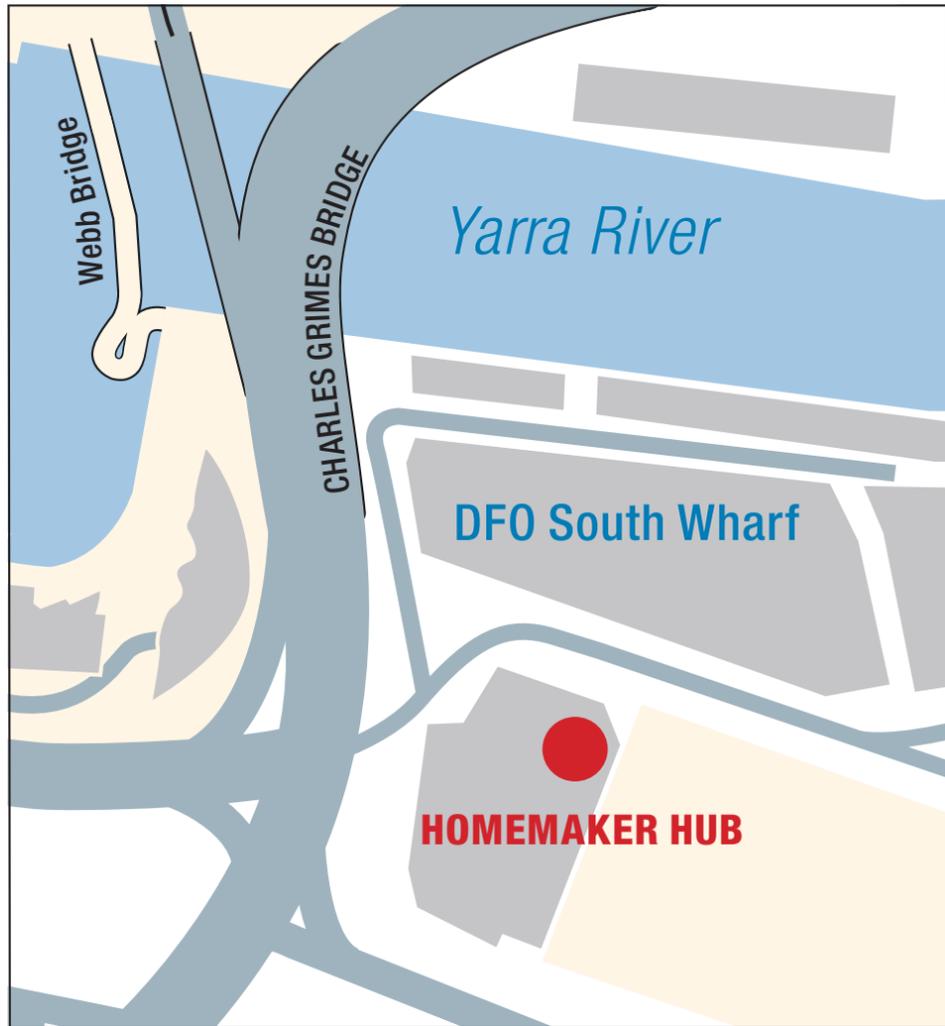
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# South Wharf Homemaker Hub



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By Alison Kinkade

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With over 90 Adairs stores nationally, it would be easy to think that the South Wharf version was just another link in a huge chain.

But under the leadership of Marcia, an Adairs veteran and store manager, you will feel as though you are being transported back into the family-owned Adairs of yesteryear.

Marcia has been working in Adairs stores across Melbourne and Sydney for more than six years and has an immense passion for homewares.

"I think it comes from the idea that, unlike fashion or something, you spend a lot of time in your bed because you sleep in it every night. So it should be something that you put together well and spend some time on," she said.

Slightly changing the old adage that the customer is always right, Marcia instils in "her girls" that the customer is their boss.

"If the customer wants to see something out of its packaging, then we take it out because

we can always refold it and put it back in the packet. If a customer is going to spend money buying something then they should be able to see it out of its packaging," she said.

Marcia often visits other South Wharf Homemaker Hub shops to check what else is on offer in the centre.

"If I can't service a customer and I know someone else in the Homemaker Hub can, then I'll send them there. I think it's really important, especially at this early stage, to help each other out."

The South Wharf store is currently offering the services of an expert interior decorator who will come to a client's home to offer advice. Normally costing \$150, Adairs is offering the obligation-free service for free as an opening special.

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# CUISINE UNDERCOVER

INDEPENDENT REVIEWS FROM DOCKLANDS' PHANTOM DINER

## Watermark Bar

**Watermark Bar certainly has a lot going for it. Great location, on the north-facing, sun-drenched side of Victoria Harbour. One of the friendliest barmen you'll find in Docklands.**

A nicely struck mix of casual, with just enough sophistication thrown in to raise it a notch above the more casual café's encountered leading up to it. And now, I've very pleased to report, it looks like it may also have the food.

It was with much trepidation I approached this month's review, as I've been burnt and burnt hard on previous Watermark visits. Not once, but twice, I've been served a substandard chicken parmigiana. Both times, when I cut through the crumbing, I encountered skin. SKIN, I tell you. Mortifying. Unforgivable.

But the recent unseasonal splendid weather and the unexpected opportunity to squeeze

in one last sun-soaked lunch by the water proved too much - I knew the environment at least was perfect for a quick and easy business lunch and so I lined my stomach with milk and set off.

The greeting as always was divine - so friendly, so helpful, with a perfect table available under the shade of the peppercorn trees. What's also great about the Watermark, is that little glassed-in area they provide by the water, providing weather protection if needed, while still allowing you to feel as though you're "outside". But today, no protection was needed and I set my mind to ordering.

The menu certainly didn't give it away. It looked the same and sounded "fine", offering a rather unimaginative but satisfactory mix of basics - dips / brushetta or spring rolls to start, with a salmon fillet, pasta and risotto dish, some battered beer fish fillets and a pie, steak and beef option making up your main menu.

It was the special that got me thinking. Something's changed here, I thought, and I think I like it.

The dish was a home made gnocchi with salmon, fresh herbs, cherry tomatoes and ricotta. And my word, if it wasn't damn near perfect.

The large pillows of gnocchi were soft yet firm, the outer basting in burnt butter providing the perfect degree of resistance as you bit through to the velvety softness within. The chunks of moist salmon were delectable, the herbs not too heavy and the fresh little tomatoes bursting with a flavour that, while certainly saying hello, were by no means dominating the conversation. In fact, each ingredient displayed a similar trait, somehow standing out while contributing to an overall subtleness of flavour. Go figure.

And it was at that point that I did figure it out. They've got a new chef. And I say "let him rein!"

It may be a big call based on one dish (I didn't taste my colleague's risotto of prawn, salmon, asparagus and herbs, but she also reported it was fresh, subtle and with an admirable texture) but, like I said, I SO want to like the Watermark - it's got too much going for it not to invest that little bit extra into its food.

By all reports I know it functions well as a bar, an after work and after hours venue - I once had to queue up at night following a football match, so needless to say, I didn't go in. But, a bit of quality food injected into Victoria Harbour could be just what the

precinct needs in order to lure those other people in once the office set has vacated for the day.

The signs are good, Squire's Loft is doing its bit and I hear the spaces at the base of Dock 5 will be introducing new venues soon. Hopefully, the gnocchi wasn't a one off and is reflective of better things to come and maybe, the Watermark can help lead the way in fostering the introduction of some finer dining options at Vic Harbour, which, let's face it, is largely a café culture geared towards the corporate lunch hour at present.

P.S. Could someone please post a comment on the quality of the Watermark's current parmas? I still don't quite have the courage to try it.

**Overall rating** ★★★★★

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# DOCKLANDS FACES OF



**SHANE KELLY, 36**  
*Team Degani Cycling Café*

Olympic and Commonwealth Games medallist and former world champion cyclist, Shane is a regular presence at Team Degani Café.

Shane describes Docklands as a fantastic area. He believes that many people in Melbourne are still to discover Docklands but that when they do all that's found here generally amazes them. He enjoys meeting local people, the community feel of Docklands and watching the development unfold.



**MICHAEL DE SILVA, 22**  
*Restaurant manager - Cinnamon's*

Having worked in Cinnamon's city store, Michael enjoys the fact that Docklands is a bit quieter - still with lots of life and a great atmosphere but without the city's congestion.

He is also a fan of Docklands' waterfront and the great views available at many locations in the precinct.

"Local people are very friendly and this is a nice area in which to do business," he says



**TINA LOSURDO, 26**  
*Manager of Oxygen*

Tina, who has been a beauty therapist for the past eight years, says she loves that the people in Docklands are so welcoming and friendly.

Managing Oxygen for over two months now, Tina loves being able to shop at Harbour Town during her lunch break.

"I think it's definitely a new up and coming place for Melbourne."



**JOE YU, 35**  
*Co-owner, Promenade Café*

Joe likes the relative quiet that is one of the characteristics of Docklands' most southerly precinct.

He enjoys working in a location with great water views and the sunny north-facing aspect that is a feature at Yarra's Edge.

He also likes interacting with the friendly local people.



**OZLEM UHAL, 32**  
*Owner of Palermo Perfumes*

Ozlem has been running her store at Harbour Town since November last year and says she loves the atmosphere of Docklands.

"It's very cosmopolitan and it's a great working environment. It's fantastic to be able to work in an outdoor store."

Ozlem says she loves the clientele she gets at Docklands and thinks the people are all very friendly.

"I'm planning on moving to live here soon."



**DAVID BUTTERWORTH, 35**  
*Good Guys - Snooze, South Wharf*

As one of the store owners at the new Homemaker Hub, David sees the South Wharf development as a new retail opportunity that is on the door step of Melbourne's inner suburbs.

He hopes this new amenity will be readily embraced by local residents and workers and is viewed as another dimension to the exciting Docklands area.



## DOCKLANDS' BEST COFFEE

### Where is Docklands' best coffee?

Last month we asked you to rank Docklands' cafes on their coffee.

While we received more than 20 responses on our online survey ([www.docklandsnews.com.au/coffee](http://www.docklandsnews.com.au/coffee)), we don't yet have enough responses to publish the top five.

It is clear that Café Alto on the Stadium Concourse is polling the most votes and de Gusto of Victoria Point is also polling well.

We also had a number of requests to add illy cafe in the ANZ Centre and Café Libero in Harbour Town, which we have now done.

With a bit more input from readers, hopefully we can publish more meaningful figures in June. The survey will stay open and we'll publish the names of top five coffee spots each month.

Currently listed for your votes are: Achelya (NewQuay); Banc Café (NAB); Broadcast Café (Channel 7); Brot Bakery (NewQuay); ; Cafe Libero (Harbour Town); Coffee Mio; Degani Bakery Cafe (Victoria Harbour); de Gusto (Victoria Point); Embankment Café (Victoria Harbour); Espresso Alto (Stadium Concourse); Gate 10 (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); illy cafe (ANZ Centre); Lamore (Victoria Point); 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).



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# DOCKLANDS FASHION



## Fashion on the streets of Docklands

### Carol Barber

**LOCATION?**

Harbour Town.

**WEARS?**

Black long-sleeved top, grey knitted cardigan-vest, black jeans and black boots.

**DESCRIBE YOUR OUTFIT?**

It's black and grey and co-ordinated and goes with my hair.

**WHAT BRINGS YOU TO DOCKLANDS?**

We're on holidays and are catching the boat back to Tassie tonight. We have just come here to do some shopping and get some gifts and things.

**WHERE ARE YOU FROM?**

Tasmania.

**WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE THING ABOUT AUTUMN?**

The days are nice and the nights are cold so it's good to sleep. The days are the best because summer days are too hot and winter days are too cold.

**WHAT MAKES A GOOD OUTFIT?**

Something that accentuates the good points and hides the bad points. Also something that suits them well and is co-ordinated.

### Tully Humphrey

**LOCATION?**

Harbour Town.

**WEARS?**

Grey bowler hat, tie-dyed white and grey top, long draping cardigan, black tights, black thongs and statement necklaces and rings.

**DESCRIBE YOUR OUTFIT?**

Boho Chic. All thrown together really.

**WHAT BRINGS YOU TO DOCKLANDS?**

I'm just on my lunch break. I work at Bettina Child Model Management on Docklands Drive and I also live at Waterview Walk.

**WHERE ARE YOU FROM?**

Docklands.

**WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE THING ABOUT AUTUMN?**

It's beautiful with all the leaves changing colour.

**WHAT MAKES A GOOD OUTFIT?**

Confidence. You have to be able to pull off what you are wearing.

### Pauline Schoutze

**LOCATION?**

Harbour Town.

**WEARS?**

Grey shirt, white and grey striped scarf, patterned three-quarter length coat, skinny-leg black pants and ballet flats.

**DESCRIBE YOUR OUTFIT?**

It's work wear.

**WHAT BRINGS YOU TO DOCKLANDS?**

I work across the road at Multi Channel Network in the Aqua Vista building and I'm on my lunch break from work.

**WHERE ARE YOU FROM?**

I live in South Yarra.

**WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE THING ABOUT AUTUMN?**

Boots and the fact that you can wear more layers and take your summer stuff through to the winter.

**WHAT MAKES A GOOD OUTFIT?**

Creativity. Something that is a little bit different but still practical.

## Fashion profile

*Interview with Nicole Williams - Designer and founder of international label nicolangela.*

Sydney born, Nicole relocated to Melbourne in 2000 to open the nicolangela boutique and design studio in Greville St, Prahran.

Following the opening of the Prahran boutique, Nicole opened her second retail store in Melbourne's GPO Building in the city's centre. In December 2008, nicolangela relocated its head office and design studio to Lorimer St, Southbank.

**How did you get into fashion design?**

I always loved designing and making clothes. It was never a decision. It was just always what I was going to do. I studied at the National Art School in East Sydney and started a little stall at Paddington Markets selling my designs shortly after.

**How would you describe your designs?**

nicolangela is a leader in the move toward a pared-down, unstructured silhouette in women's occasion wear. Our designs, often characterised by understated glamour, luxurious fabrics and unique exclusive prints, have introduced ease and streamlined modernity into Australian dressing.

**Describe your current collection?**

"Old Hollywood Glamour." Simple and chic, sensual yet feminine fusing confidence with classic Hollywood glamour. Fresh and creamy oyster, rich royal, rust, amber, amethyst and emerald create the pristine and rich palette of glamour. Jewel encrusted dresses in a gemstone palette marvellously reminiscent of the creation of style.

**What made you decide to move to Lorimer St?**

My husband and I live in Port Melbourne with our two children. We love the area and needed a larger working space in close proximity.

**Describe this season's autumn/winter fashion trends?**

This season is very linear in design. Straight lines, bold shapes and colours. Lots of embellishment.

**Are there any trends in terms of fabric?**

Textured fabrications, faux fur, textured cotton, mixing of fabrication, beading.



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# From the Institute Contemplating the shapes

*The Institute presents an original art competition for Docklands to re-imagine the Southern Star Observation Wheel site – open to all artists as well as sculptors, musicians and philosophers.*

Let the imagination soar as Melbourne looks up to envisage what is no longer there. The act of filling what seems empty can be construed as a means of control, to overcome the vacuum that lies at the very core of existence.

This most significant exhibition of hollowness will engage the artist in everyone as thoughts are drawn to cover a canvas of air inside the diameter of absence and through the radius of renewal within the stolen circle.

We announce anonymously now for the purpose of stimulating debate, some of the initial contributions that will be being considered for the exhibition:

**Balloon Up:** A huge helium balloon in the shape of a Ferris wheel bobs about the sky.

**Iceworld:** The metal in the structure is chilled to 10 degrees below zero centigrade so the spars structure will freeze water to reveal our own huge iceberg, bringing attention via an operating ice tunnel to the Icehouse.

**Underpantaruptions:** Washing lines drape provocatively from the structure across the void.

**Sound event:** A shipping container is lifted by crane each dawn for a week and thousands of ping pong balls are poured over the structure, they roll down in a noisy tremor accumulating below.

**Clock:** Fibreglass arms, seemingly identical to the current spars, rise and rotate as hour, minute and second hands.

**Waterlight:** A mist of fine droplets is sprayed regularly, through which light beams are projected to create a living image of gondolas full of cheering and celebrating passengers. Includes soundscapes.

**Hanging garden:** Thousands of baskets and suspended trees and vines are hung from the structure so it appears to re-emerge from a fog as a sci-fi lost island rain forest replete with birds and insects.

Telepath your thoughts to The Institute by May 31 to allow our executive to ponder and ultimately deliver a shortlist of some hundreds.



# DOCKLANDS FENG SHUI

May  
(May 7 - June 6)  
Month of the Snake



**Monthly Element:** Metal

**Polarity:** Yin

**Favourable Colours:**

Lemon, lime colours, gold, black

**Tip of the Month:** This month is all about inner wisdom and spirituality. It is likely to be the time of some serious deliberation and decision-making. While it can get a bit too overwhelming at times, it will also help to heighten your sixth sense and intuition. Just remember to trust your own judgements and listen to your heart more often. Be assertive with your chosen course of action and make sure to follow it through. Moneywise, this will be a perfect opportunity to reassess your current situation and set out new goals and objectives for the future.

**Feng Shui:** Use purple hues for decoration in your bedroom area to strengthen your insight and intuition. Essential oils, such as frankincense, myrrh, patchouli and sandalwood as well as some crystals (amethyst, moonstone, clear quartz and aquamarine) will help to establish connection with your "higher self". If you are feeling a little drained, take a look at your bathroom. Use live plants to activate and energise the stale energy in that area. Also, placing some large crystal clusters and containers with sea salt near the bath.

**Forecast by Elena Mishina**

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Harbour Town also offers a great range of restaurants, cafés and bars – all this only five minutes from the City at Melbourne at Docklands. Parking is free for the first hour and then \$5 flat rate.

Catch the free City Circle Tram, Tram 70, Tram 86 or the free Melbourne City Tourist Shuttle.

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[harbourtownmelbourne.com.au](http://harbourtownmelbourne.com.au)

**Mother's Day, Sunday May 9.**



# WHAT'S ON AT WATERFRONT CITY IN MAY



Head to Waterfront City for a multitude of cool events over the Winter months.

Watch free movies at the Docklands Classic Film Festival, be fabulous at Designer House "So You Think You Can Style" event, discover how your body works at The Amazing Bodies Exhibition or visit Wonderland Fun Park, the best fun park in town.



## Docklands Classic Film Festival

Enjoy FREE movies every night from 7pm during the Docklands Classic Film Festival!! Rug up, grab a meal, hot chocolate and popcorn and watch FREE movies during the Docklands Classic Film Festival.

Every Wednesday night – it's classic James Bond... Family favourites every Sunday night... and Hollywood's "best" Friday night & Saturday from 2pm!

**Date:** 25th April – 25th July  
**Time:** 7pm every day, 2pm Saturday Matinee  
**Venue:** Waterfront City Piazza  
**Cost:** FREE

Visit [www.waterfrontcity.com.au](http://www.waterfrontcity.com.au) for a full programme



## So You Think You Can Style

Designers House are holding a community event emceed by comedian and Head Writer for this year's Logies and Hey Hey It's Saturday – Jo Gil.

Local couples will compete for the title of Dockland's Fashionista - during the evening they will style each other in Designers' House clothing before standing up before local guests and a panel of judges giving unyielding comments.

If you are keen to compete, or a local who would like to cheer along our contestants, please contact Designers House 9670 8118.

**Date:** 27th May  
**Time:** 6.30pm  
**Venue:** Designers House  
**Cost:** FREE



## The Amazing Bodies Exhibition

The Amazing Bodies Exhibition is the first of its kind to use comparative anatomical evidence to attempt to uncover the mysteries of life. The Exhibition is designed to vividly display where we came from, the intricacies of the animal and human body and teaches us about health and diseases – all in a captivating display of science and art. Suitable for ages 7+

**Date:** May 28th – August 31st  
**Time:** Everyday (except Fridays): 10am - 5pm last entry 4:15pm  
Fridays (open til late): 10am - 8pm last entry 7:15pm  
**Venue:** Waterfront City Pavilion  
**Cost:** Adult \$25; Child \$16; Family \$75; Concession \$22

Visit [www.amazingbodies.com.au](http://www.amazingbodies.com.au)



## Wonderland Fun Park

Come and try the newest fun park in town... Wonderland Fun Park is a fantastic new fun park located at Harbour Town Shopping Centre offering heaps of fun rides and attractions throughout the year, plus all your family favourites like Dodgem Cars, The Grand Carousel, The Giant Slide, Bungee Trampoline and more!

Your children will love having their Birthday Party here, and we offer a carnival atmosphere and central location to Corporate companies looking for somewhere to hold their Family Days. Check the web site out for special events and Family Savers coming up.

**Time:** Weekends, Public and School holidays from 11am  
**Venue:** Harbour Town Shopping Centre



## Mothers Day

Take Mum out this Mothers Day to one of Waterfront City's many fine restaurants. Check out our website for a host of Mothers Day specials and give her an unforgettable day.

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# Businesses in Docklands

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

## OLDER THAN HIS YEARS

*He may only be 25, but with more than eight years business experience, Peter Thomas is sure to be a success in Docklands.*

Registering his first company at just 17, Peter has achieved more than most 25-year-olds would dream about and yet he is just getting started.

Reminiscing about the past, Peter tells a story about getting his first cheque book after registering an IT company called Central Systems Solutions, that he still operates today.

"The bank only realised that I was 17 after issuing the cheque book but, by the time they realised I was underage, I was nearly 18 so they decided to give it back to me," he said.

After successfully operating the IT business for about five years, Peter decided to register another business following numerous requests by clients to carry out web development and graphic design.

Now Peter has moved his businesses from Carlton and has opened a third business, called iPress, which is located on Docklands Drive.

The new printing business has been a natural progression from his web development and graphic design business and Peter believes that they will complement each other.



"We can do anything and everything for example: brochures, flyers, invitations, basically all of your printing needs, we have a creative graphic designing team that love a challenge, its simple all you need to do is tell them your thoughts and the will design it," he said.

"My team and I love what we do and we have many interesting ideas to come, so watch out."

"What I think will make us stand out in the crowd is our web to print service, which I am currently implementing. The web to print service allows our clients to log on to our system and use the templates for their printing needs."

iPress is currently open Monday to Friday but will soon be open seven days a week. To make an enquiry please call 9445 0292.

## GET THE HARBOUR KITCHEN HABIT

*Using the Harbour Kitchen for events can be habit forming.*

According to owner Grace Han, people who use the Victoria Harbour restaurant for their functions are very likely to come back.

"Six members of the same family have now used us since attending a birthday here last year," Grace said. "It's great for business."

Word of mouth referrals have built the events side of Grace's business to about one every week. But she'd like to host many more and wants to inform Docklands' corporate community of the opportunity.

"We've got great staff, great food and great rates," she said. "We've got lots of different types of food. We're got a variety of packages and we are very flexible."

"We're happy if our customers are happy," she said.

Grace bought the business about 15 months ago and has become popular with local residents and workers.

The former financial auditor fell in love with Docklands when she saw the business for sale.

"Docklands has everything. The big businesses are all moving down here. It's quite beautiful and it's far more peaceful than the city," she said. "I just love it."

And, after moving to Australia four years ago from Beijing, Grace also appreciates the slower pace of life here.

"It's just so relaxing," she said.



## BUSIEST MUM IN TOWN

*If you think you're busy, you should follow Patricia de Silva around for a day. The mother of three, who works as a business analyst in Docklands, has just opened a second Sri Lankan eatery, Cinnamon's, on Bourke St in Victoria Harbour.*

Supported by her husband Anura, who manages their first eatery, her 22-year-old son Michael (pictured right), who manages their Docklands store, and her other two children, 14-year-old daughter Chiara and 3-year-old son Dillon, Patricia finds the energy.

Waking up ridiculously early every morning to begin cooking at 3.30am at her Little Collins St shop, which opened 10 months ago, it's hard to imagine where this mother gets her energy from.

But for Patricia the answer is easy, it comes from her passion.

"Food is my passion. I just love cooking. I've been cooking since I was 12," Patricia said.

Finishing the cooking for both shops at 11am, Patricia then travels to the Docklands eatery where she helps out her reliable staff in serving the masses.

With a line of hungry customers, which commonly stretches out onto the footpath, Patricia stays at her latest venture until 2pm.

"At 2pm I go and start work at Fujitsu where I work until 6pm and then at 6pm I go back up to our other shop where I cook until 9pm," she said.

Patricia, whose dream is to own a restaurant, is well on her way to becoming Docklands royalty with the aroma of her freshly cooked authentic Sri Lankan food, a legion of loyal fans and a passion to be admired.

"It's not just money or work, it's my dream. People have said to me that after a year you will lose the passion, but I don't think I will," she said.

Cinnamon's is open weekdays from 8am to 4.30pm and it located at 833 Bourke St, Docklands.



# DOCKLANDS COMMUNITY CALENDAR



<p><b>FOR CAR ENTHUSIASTS</b>  <b>Every Tues 10am to 2pm Feb to Nov</b>  <i>The Fox Classic Car Collection, Queen's Warehouse cnr Batman's Hill Drive and Collins St, Docklands.</i>                  Visit one of the best car collections in the southern hemisphere. Door entries support charity.                  Visit: <a href="http://www.foxcollection.org.au">www.foxcollection.org.au</a></p>	<p><b>BE FOUND IN CYBERSPACE</b>  <b>Tuesday May 11, 5.30pm-7pm</b>  <i>The Hub, 80 Harbour Esplanade, Docklands</i>                  Businesses – get more value from your website. Build relationships with your online audience, earn trust and get your website working harder. Free information session. Bookings essential: <b>8622 4822</b>.</p>	<p><b>LORD MAYOR'S COMMENDATIONS</b>                  Owners of eligible small and family-run businesses are invited to apply for the 2010 Lord Mayor's Commendations. Applications close Tuesday 1 June. Visit <a href="http://www.enterprisemelbourne.vic.gov.au">www.enterprisemelbourne.vic.gov.au</a> or phone <b>9658 9658</b>.</p>	<p><b>DRAGON MASTERS DRAGON BOAT CLUB</b>  <b>Dragon Masters train at 8am on Saturdays and 5.30pm on Wednesdays</b>  <i>Shed 2, North Wharf Road, Victoria Harbour.</i>                  You may have seen us cruising the harbour enjoying the sunsets over the bridge. Open to all ages. Beginners welcome. For details contact Jeff <b>0417 219 888</b>.</p>
<p><b>CHAT, CHEW AND REVIEW</b>  <b>12.30pm Last Tuesday of the month</b>                  Cost: \$69. Join the Docklands lunch time book group and meet other keen readers. Read books and then discuss in a friendly environment. Bring your lunch. To book, call the CAE <b>9652 0620</b> or email <a href="mailto:bookgroups@cae.edu.au">bookgroups@cae.edu.au</a>.</p>	<p><b>DOCKLANDS ROTARY</b>  <b>Every Tuesday, 6.00pm</b>  <i>James Squires, Waterfront City</i>                  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: <b>0415 119 558</b>.</p>		<p><b>SLOW SUNDAYS</b>  <b>Every Sunday from 20 June to 29 August between 2pm and 6pm</b>                  Indulge in some great dining offers this winter including tasting plate or small meal, plus a glass of wine or beer for just \$15. Visit a participating restaurant between 2pm and 6pm this winter and see how slow you can go.</p>
<p><b>THE VICTORIA HARBOUR YOUNG ARTIST INITIATIVE</b>  <b>April 30 – May 31 - Victoria Harbour</b>                  Victoria Harbour is playing host to an exciting art project developed by Sculpture and Spatial Practice; a discipline stream of the School of Art, Faculty of the VCA and Music at the University of Melbourne, and Lend Lease.</p>	<p><b>BELLY DANCING</b>  <b>Every Wednesday, 8pm-9pm</b>  <i>The Hub, 80 Harbour Esplanade, Docklands</i>                  Cost: \$120 for eight classes or \$17 per casual class. Learn how to belly dance and improve your fitness, strength, posture and flexibility. Enjoy the classes with your mother, daughter, sister or friend. Visit <a href="http://www.bellacize.com">www.bellacize.com</a> for more info.</p>	<p><b>HOW TO GET MORE BUSINESS FROM YOUR WEBSITE SEMINAR</b>  <b>Tuesday May 11, 5.30 - 7.00pm</b>  <i>The Hub, 80 Harbour Esplanade, Docklands</i>                  The Hub @ Docklands and a website marketing are presenting "How to get more business from your website", a free seminar.                  Bookings essential. Phone <b>8622 4822</b></p>	<p><b>CHECK YOUR HEARING</b>  <b>Every 2nd Thursday of every month</b>  <i>The Hub, 80 Harbour Esplanade</i>                  Free adult hearing checks at The Hub every second Thursday of the month. For more information contact The Hub on <b>8622 4822</b>. Appointments are necessary.</p>
<p><b>ACTION ZONE</b>  <b>Wednesday – Sunday , 10.30am - 6pm</b>  <i>Waterfront City Pavilion</i>                  Promising some of the coolest, most exciting activities you have ever seen, Action Zone is an adventurous collection of the latest inflatable amusement products and stunt bags. Visit <a href="http://www.waterfrontcity.com.au">www.waterfrontcity.com.au</a></p>		<p><b>HATHA YOGA</b>  <b>Tues 7.15 to 8.45pm,</b>  <b>Wed 12 to 12.50pm</b>  <b>Thurs 7.30 to 8.30am &amp; 7.30 to 8.30pm</b>  <i>The Hub, 80 Harbour Esplanade, Docklands</i>                  Breath-centred hatha yoga class. Suitable for all ages and levels of ability. Call Nadine on <b>0450 634 589</b> or visit <a href="http://nadinefawell.net">nadinefawell.net</a> for more details.</p>	<p><b>JOIN THE CAE BOOK CLUB</b>  <b>Every 1st Wed of the Month, 7-8.30pm</b>  <i>The Hub, 80 Harbour Esplanade, Docklands</i>                  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.)</p>
<p><b>DOCKLANDS SUNDAY MARKET</b>  <b>Every Sunday, 10am to 4pm</b>  <i>Waterfront City Docklands Drive</i>                  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.</p>	<p><b>TRY SAILING DAY FOR THE COMMUNITY</b>  <b>Second and fourth Sundays of the month, 11am to 3.30pm</b>  <i>Docklands Yacht Club, Shed No. 2 North Wharf Rd</i>                  Suitable for all ages and abilities and no booking required. Contact Sonya <b>0400 932 477</b> or visit <a href="http://www.docklands.yachting.org.au">www.docklands.yachting.org.au</a></p>	<p><b>HUB CLUBS</b>  <b>Lunch time activities</b>                  The Hub @ Docklands hosts a range of clubs for city workers. Including: table tennis (Mondays); mind games (Tuesdays); power walking (Wednesdays); craft (Thursdays); and language conversation (Fridays). For details <b>8622 4822</b> or email <a href="mailto:docklandshub@melbourne.vic.gov.au">docklandshub@melbourne.vic.gov.au</a></p>	<p><b>STORYTIME</b>  <b>Every Monday at 11am</b>  <i>The Hub, 80 Harbour Esplanade, Docklands</i>                  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.</p>
<p><b>LINUX USERS OF VICTORIA</b>  <b>Every 3rd Saturday of the month</b>  <i>Cinema Room, The Hub, 80 Harbour Esp.</i>                  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 <a href="http://www.luv.asn.au">www.luv.asn.au</a>. Call Donna on <b>0418 310 414</b>.</p>	<p><b>MINI MAESTROS</b>  <b>Every Tuesday morning</b>  <i>The Hub, 80 Harbour Esplanade, Docklands</i>                  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 <b>9387 1500</b>.</p>	<p><b>COMMUNITY WALK</b>  <b>Every Wed at 5.30pm and Fri 12.30pm</b>  <i>YMCA Docklands, Level 4, 100 Harbour Esplanade</i>                  In conjunction with the Heart Foundation, a great opportunity to meet new people, walk and talk.</p>	
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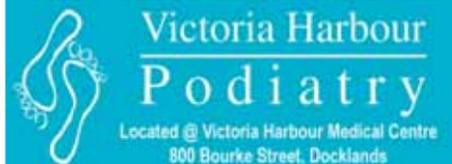
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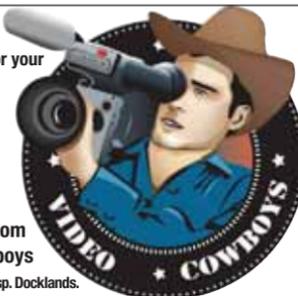


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How would Chamber of Commerce president Keith Rankin look in a designer suit? And how would he dress vice-president Elena Tsapatolis? And how chic can Docklands Community Association president Roger Gardner look?

Find out on Thursday, May 27 as the Designers' House, *Docklands News* and Groove Train, in association with other local businesses, host the fashion event of the season – *So You Think You Can Style?*

Designers' House retail business manager Kim Willshire said the store had held various fashion parades previously that had catered to a larger, fashion-oriented, audience. But this time they wanted to do something with the community and be a bit more laid back.

"We were looking to do something with local businesses for locals to foster community spirit and bring everyone together for a really great night," Ms Willshire said.

Combining several features of a number of popular reality TV shows, Designers' House came up with *So You Think You Can Style?*

"Being a fashion house a 'reality styling event' is something that we are well set up to do and we believe it will be lots of fun," Ms Willshire said.

Emceed by comedian and TV writer Jo Gil, the event will feature local couples who



will compete for the title of Docklands Fashionistas.

Representing the Docklands Chamber of Commerce are Keith Rankin and Elena Tsapatolis. Roger Gardner and vice-

president Paige Jay will represent the Docklands Community Association and from the Rotary Club of Docklands are president-elect Ann Ellis and project services director Adrian Stanners.

Glamorous mother and daughter team Kate and Emily Whitehead are also competing.

Channel Seven is providing a celebrity couple and a community couple is being sought for the final pair. Friends, neighbours, roommates or family who wish to compete need to ring Kim at the Designers' House before the event on 9670 8118.

The competing couples will be sent off during the evening to style each other in Designers' House fashion labels, before appearing in front of the audience and a panel of judges made up of local identities.

Making up the judging panel are Clayton Cross (Globalize), Jay (Esprit Hair), Alyce Platt (remember *Sale of the Century?*) and local real estate agent Cheryl Street.

Every guest will receive a goodie bag full of great offers and discounts from local businesses (including discount vouchers from Rivers restaurants), and all Docklanders are encouraged to attend. The event starts at 6.30pm at Designers' House, level one, Harbour Town Shopping Centre.

"We are hoping that the event will be so successful that it will become a regular event on the Docklands calendar. Not necessarily in the same format or at the same venue but run in a similar vein," Ms Willshire said.

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