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Docklands is duded

Docklands is no closer to getting a primary school, despite assurances last year that a feasibility study had been commissioned to look at a site in Digital Harbour.

The former Education Minister Bronwyn Pike announced the study last July but the new State Government says it never happened.

A spokesperson for the new Education Minister Martin Dixon said: "I can confirm that despite making an announcement about undertaking a feasibility study into a possible school in Docklands, the former Education Minister Bronwyn Pike did not authorise a study to commence."

Ms Pike denies this saying that, not only did she commission the study, but it was also completed and she saw it last August or September.

"We did commission the additional study," Ms Pike said. "The initial report which I received did indicate demand in the Docklands and surrounding vicinity and we were consulting the community and the businesses in the area to quantify that further."

The department is currently advising the Minister on whether it is feasible to undertake a feasibility study.

It is understood that the department does not believe there are sufficient numbers of children to warrant a school in Docklands. Further, it is not committed to the Digital

Harbour site announced by Ms Pike and is looking further afield in the south of Docklands and E-Gate.

Mr Dixon's spokesperson said: "The Education Department is currently monitoring future growth projections for the area and is looking at the enrolment capacity of nearby schools."

"A report is also being prepared by the department into whether a feasibility study should proceed and its possible scope," the spokesperson said.

Docklands News has previously reported on the trend for young families to move out of Docklands once their children reach primary school age because there is no school. And the number of families living in Docklands with pre-school age children continues to grow.

A City of Melbourne report to the Docklands Co-ordination Committee on March 24 said: "The pre-school story-time program run by Melbourne Library Service is averaging 30 children and 25 adults per session, reflecting an increasing number of Docklands families with more than one child under the age of five."

Alyssa is sky-high over Docklands



A clearly delighted Alyssa Novitski (left) accepts first prize from Destination Docklands executive officer Michelle Kemp and is off to London in June after winning the recent "why I love Docklands" competition. See the full story on Page 2.




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Docklands feeds council coffers

The City of Melbourne continues to earn more than it spends in Docklands, announcing nearly \$1 million more than the \$5.5 million surplus it had budgeted for in the September quarter.

In its report to the Docklands Co-ordination Committee on March 24, the council said it had collected \$927,134 more than expected.

Its bonus revenue came from a number of sources:

- It received \$239,609 from supplementary valuations, mainly from ANZ;
- It collected \$140,551 more than it expected in parking fines thanks to extending its restriction hours;
- It picked up an extra \$77,088 in waterways berthing fees; and
- It was paid \$60,841 more than it had budgeted for in building fees.

On the other side of the ledger the council spent less on marketing and public relations. Depreciation, as well as the timing of some of its programs, also skewed the result.

In the first six months of the financial year, the council has underspent its Docklands marketing budget by \$160,280 and, despite its windfall in berthing fees, has spent \$108,667 less than budgeted on waterways services.

As mentioned on Page 1, Alyssa Novitski is off to London in June after winning Destination Docklands' recent "why I love Docklands" competition.

As the winner of the \$13,000 first prize, the Ringwood receptionist will be taking her husband and two best friends.

Entrants had to submit in 50 words or less what they loved about Docklands.

Alyssa, who is a regular visitor to Harbour Town Shopping Centre, had an idea for a tour of Docklands in a board game format highlighting our amazing activities, shops, restaurants and more. She wrote:

*"With shopping and food and fun galore
There's so much to do you'll come back for more
A game for all ages so drop all your plans
As we take you on a tour of our favourite Docklands!"*

Destination Docklands' executive officer Michelle Kemp reported that Alyssa could not believe it when phoned and told the news.

"She was so excited but could not make much noise because she works as a receptionist!" Ms Kemp said. "She said her family had never won anything and she had never been overseas before."

Second-prize winner Mario Chrisanthou submitted this fabulous rhyme outlining everything his family loves about Docklands:

*"Our family likes variety, Docklands - place to be,
Easily accessible! City Circle tram transports us FREE!"*

*Kids visit Icehouse! Wonderland! Mini Golf too,
Mum adores outlets - many bargains to pursue!
When time to retire, family enjoys waterfront dining,
Abundance of food choices, prevents kids whining!
100% satisfaction,
World-class attraction!"*

Mario will get to stay in a two-bedroom, two-bathroom Grand Mercure Docklands apartment, enjoy a dinner for four at James Squire Brewhouse and take his family to Wonderland Fun Park.

Third prize of a dinner for four at James Squire Brewhouse and a family pass to Wonderland Fun Park went to Michael Ward.

Ms Kemp thanked everyone who took the time to enter.



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Kids go to war against NAB

About 40 primary students went to war in Docklands on March 10.

The children were participating in NAB's Schools First Chess Challenge and took on

NAB staff for the official launch of this year's Schools First program.

Half of the children were from Winter Flats Primary - one of 67 schools across Australia to receive \$50,000 in funding last year from the program.

NAB launched its Schools First program in October 2008 in partnership with the

Foundation for Young Australians and Australian Council for Educational Research and pledged \$15 million over three years.

The program aims to bring students, teachers, parents and community members together to help young people grow.



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Victoria Harbour plan approved

It's been a long time coming, but the State Government has finally approved a new master-plan for Victoria Harbour.

Planning Minister Matthew Guy signed off the plan late last month.

About two years ago, the previous Labor Government went back to the various Docklands' developers and asked them to revise their plans based on a new policy principle of urban consolidation.

Lend Lease's Victoria Harbour project director Ellie Schwab said that Lend Lease felt it was important to learn from the first 10 years of the project and to apply the lessons learnt.

"We took a deliberate approach to workshop with VicUrban, the council and government to reach a better outcome for Victoria Harbour," Ms Schwab said.

"It gave us a chance to evaluate just who our residents and workers are and we now understand them a lot better. We also understand the micro-climate of the Docklands which I think we all under-estimated."

"And also what the community has been telling us is that there has been a lack of focus on facilities for them. So we put all that into the mix and we believe we've got a really strong plan."

Victoria Harbour is currently 70 per cent complete commercially and 20 per cent complete in a residential sense. Some 2000 homes are still to come. There is also approval for a hotel. Victoria Harbour is scheduled to be completed by 2021.

Although Lend Lease has been proceeding with new developments without the Minister's actual signature on the overall plan, it had been reluctant to talk publicly without being 100 per cent certain of the future.

But with the approval, it has now ramped up its communication effort and has



Lend Lease Victoria Harbour project manager Ellie Schwab.

just launched a new website with a focus on receiving feedback (www.victoriaharbourtalks.com.au).

Ms Schwab said that, although the fundamentals of the plan were now in place, there is still a great opportunity and a need to add an overlay from the community, in particular, in relation to social infrastructure.

The plan includes a community facility around the proposed civic square at the intersection of Collins and Bourke streets, but the actual nature of the facility is yet to be determined. Lend Lease wants to attract the City of Melbourne's promised Docklands library in this facility.

All the community facilities outlined in the plan are, as yet, unfunded and need to be negotiated with council and government.

Lend Lease's favoured outcome would be to co-locate at the civic square a boating hub with a 4000 sqm civic building, which ideally would have a library, a wellness centre and a pool.

Broadly, the plan divides a CBD-style extension of the city west to the intersection of Collins and Bourke streets and a heritage-themed, mixed-use, low-rise development along the rest of the Wharf Rd peninsula.

"What works really well is having a richness of uses - having commercial, retail and residential together."

Collins St is being extended all the way to the old harbour control tower, which will become the focal point at the end of Melbourne's most prestigious street.

Unlike during the first decade of Docklands, Lend Lease is now committed to installing the public infrastructure such as roads and parks before the buildings are constructed.

"We are now looking for ways to roll out infrastructure earlier and would like to complete Bourke St, Collins St, the square and, ideally, the community facility by 2013," Ms Schwab said.

"It is critical for us to deliver 'place' and we can only do that by delivering places that people want to use."

Parking reprieve for Central Pier

VicUrban has given Atlantic Group a temporary night-time reprieve from a deadline which would have seen parking removed altogether from the western end of Central Pier.

Acting Docklands general manager Simon Wilson said the previously announced parking end-date of March 31 had been extended at night in the light of the disruption caused by the Harbour Esplanade redevelopment.

"VicUrban has recently amended this agreement to allow parking on the western tip after 7pm, until the first stage of the Harbour Esplanade redevelopment concludes in mid-2011," Mr Wilson said.

"The decision to not allow parking on the western tip of Central Pier takes into account the available parking within the area including 2500 spaces beneath Etihad Stadium and ensures the area is kept available for public events and activities."

The operator's lease of Central Pier does not include the public space west of Shed 9.

Under the lease, the operator is allowed to charge for parking between Sheds 9 and 14.

The lease also provides for 10 spaces for boat operators.

Atlantic Group declined to comment.



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Developer upset at damage

Digital Harbour developer David Napier is dismayed by the amount of damage caused to his property by the Harbour Esplanade redevelopment and fears it won't be fixed.

Mr Napier has written to VicUrban about his concerns but says its reply had not given him any comfort.

"I really wanted VicUrban to say it would take responsibility for its contractor's damage but I feel we were just fobbed off," Mr Napier said.

Mr Napier was reluctant to put a dollar figure on the damage, but said it involved about 150 metres of damage to the existing paving "interface", damage to granite, bluestone and concrete pavers, damage to building facia and the smashing of a bluestone plinth on the customs building.

He said, rather than restore the damage, the contractor had simply filled the broken pieces with asphalt.

And by replacing damaged paving with asphalt, the contractor had, in effect, moved the boundary between Digital Harbour and the public realm.

In his letter to VicUrban, Mr Napier asked: "Can you please advise what agreements VicUrban has in place with the upgrade-contractor regarding the proposed course of remedy for rectification/reinstatement of our property and damaged assets."

Mr Napier said VicUrban had replied but had not taken responsibility for the damage.

"They said they had taken a 'dilapidation



Digital Harbour developer David Napier points out his concerns.

survey' before they started and would invite us on a 'formal defects inspection' in due course," Mr Napier said. "I was incensed by their response."

But VicUrban says it always intended to rectify the damage.

Acting general manager Simon Wilson said VicUrban acknowledged that the damage

occurred during construction.

"Our project director has previously met with Digital Harbour on-site and confirmed that damage will be rectified prior to the works being completed by mid-2011."

"VicUrban will continue to discuss this matter with Mr Napier to ensure the matter is rectified to the satisfaction of both parties."

Reading between the lines

Docklands could become the focus for an innovative project which melds literature, heritage and transport.

The influential Committee for Melbourne's Future Focus Group is proposing the idea of the "Melbourne Book Tram" which would be located on the now-disused tram tracks on the Harbour Esplanade waterfront.

The Future Focus Group is the committee's incubator for future community leaders and the young people have conceptualised the book tram primarily as a free book exchange.

If the idea is successful, the group envisages extending the idea to the train and tram network to celebrate Melbourne's status as a UNESCO City of Literature.

Its website explains: "A refurbished W-class tram will represent a public space in a developing region in Melbourne's city dedicated to activities around books."

"As a symbolic nexus of activity, the Book Tram will offer a book exchange base from which a range of additional services will radiate. Using the public transport system as inspiration, the Book Tram concept will spread book exchange trolleys across the train and tram network, offering commuters books donated by publishers, libraries and Book Tram users."

The group has recently approached VicUrban and the City of Melbourne for a reaction to its proposal. No responses have so far been offered.



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Boat traffic plan released

With more than a third of Victoria Harbour lost to marinas in the future, a new report is predicting a 56 per cent increase in boating traffic density.

However, the report by consultants GeoDimensions says that Victoria Harbour will continue to cope with projected marine traffic if a number of recommendations are adopted.

Private marinas are due to expand by 261 berths but the study found that this would not adversely affect boating safety largely because privately-moored boats are rarely used.

Marina managers reported that very few berths were leased to Docklands residents and that boats in berths hired by private parties rarely left the dock.

At Marina YE at Yarra's Edge the estimate was only 5 per cent, while it was slightly better at 10 per cent at NewQuay. The low figures are in stark contrast to marinas in Williamstown where more than 90 per cent of boats are used two or three times each week in peak season.

Nevertheless, the report says that a "fairway" system could be needed if traffic increases, whereby boats would be required to traffic in one direction only along the shoreline.

The report recommends that MAB modify its NewQuay West marina proposal as it currently protrudes too far into the harbour entrance and presents a "collision hazard".

It recommends maintaining the full 90 metre entrance to Victoria Harbour and draws attention to the fickle winds and sight

obstruction around the Bolte Bridge which makes navigation hazardous, particularly for unskilled recreational boaters.

It says 72 m would be a minimum safe entrance width and cautions that any pedestrian bridge across the harbour mouth would need to be openable, be a single span and at least 10 metres above the water.

It points out that, should the Port of Melbourne proceed with its Webb Dock rail bridge and the pedestrian bridge be built, mariners would need to negotiate three significant obstacles in quick succession.

Other recommendations include:

- Moving Sea Melbourne west from its current berth to clear obstruction;
- That private marinas have fewer berths in recognition of the "variable skills" of many recreational boaters;
- That VicUrban consider leaving charter boats at Central Pier;
- That after-school rowing is too dangerous in Docklands;
- That public berths be grouped together and are booked centrally; and
- That commercial activity proposed for the Bourke Dock and Australia Quay areas on the northern edge of Yarra not protrude more than 15 metres into the river.

Keen interest in last land

Fifteen developers have expressed interest in developing Docklands' last parcel of land.

On February 24 Planning Minister Matthew Guy called for registrations of interest in the two-hectare site between the railway, Collins St and Flinders St.

By the cut-off date of March 22, VicUrban had received 15 registrations.

This month these developers will be invited to participate in an expression of interest process.

Docklands in the fast lane

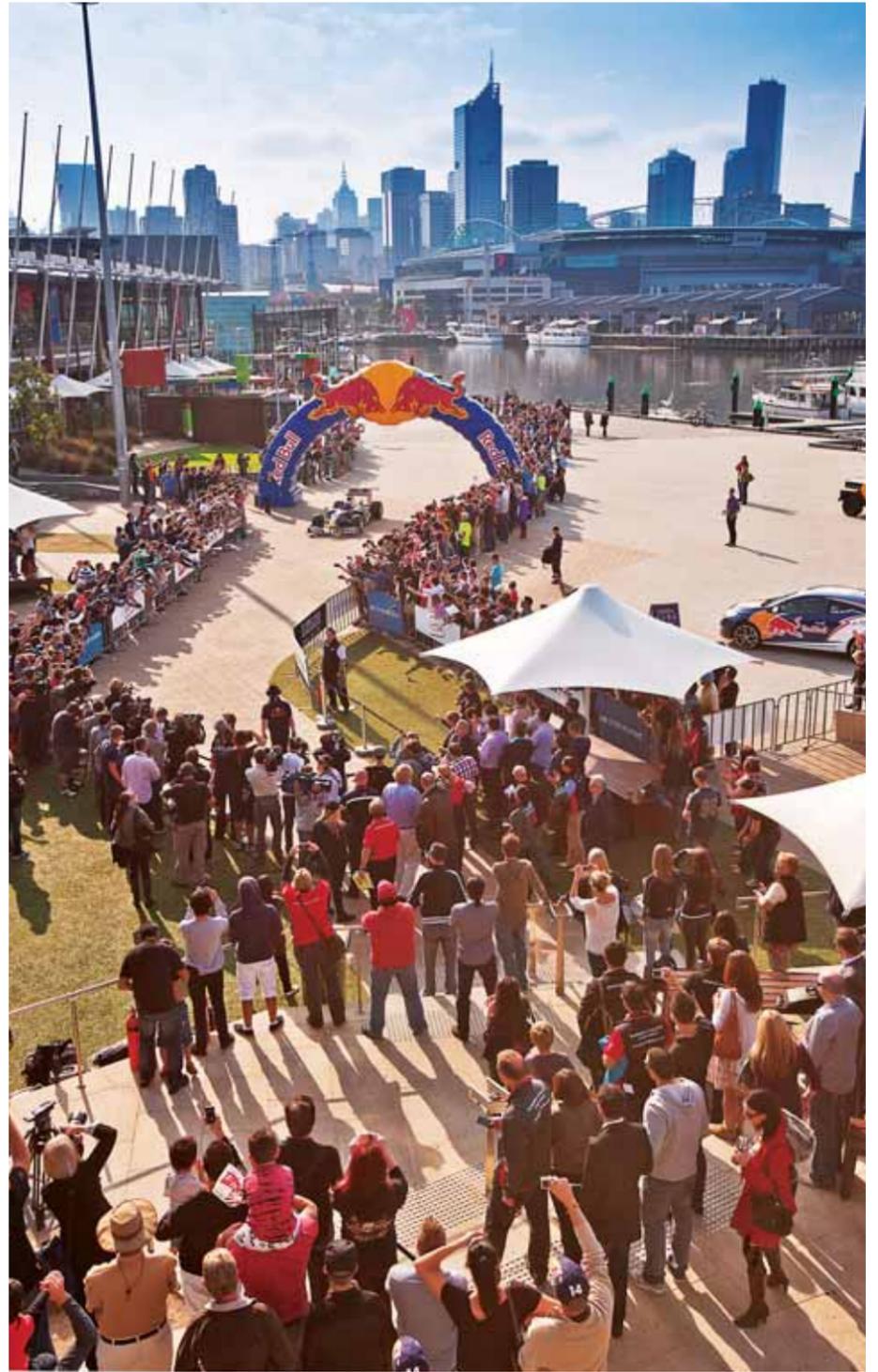
Formula 1 came to Docklands a week early last month when Aussie ace Mark Webber roared into Waterfront City.

Fans were out in force to meet the local hero who performed a promotional crossing of the Bolte Bridge early on Saturday, March 19.

The bridge was closed in both directions

for the stunt, which lasted only a few minutes. The crossing was shown live on the piazza big screen.

Webber greeted his fans and was publicly interviewed on the piazza stage.



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The lunch was held aboard the Lady Cutler and cruised for a couple of leisurely hours on March 4.

Attendees enjoyed the fresh approach which, for many, was the first time they had seen Docklands from the water.

Again, the feedback was good, with many reports of new business connections being made and deals being done.

The next lunch is on June 17. See our story opposite.



Julie Street, Mark Lincoln and Cheryle Street.



Nick Aquilina and Luke Norden.



Andrea Fleming and Henry Franklin.



David Napier, Kellie Meddings and James Douglas.



June Networking Lunch at the Hilton

NewQuay project director David Altt-Graham has agreed to speak about MAB Corporation's future plans for the precinct at the June Docklands News Networking Lunch.

To be held at the Hilton South Wharf on Friday, June 17, the lunch will be the eighth quarterly networking event which links Docklands' business community in an informal and convivial environment.

The lunch starts at 12 noon with tapas in Sotano and will move into Nuevo at 12.30 for a sit-down meal of either flat iron steak, 250gm with chimichurri and thick chips or grilled chicken breast with seasonal herbs and red wine jus.

Dessert will consist of pan con chocolate (bread with chocolate) or churros - Spanish doughnuts served with hot chocolate dipping sauce. Standard and light beers, Willouglen red and white wines, soft drinks, tea and coffee will also be available.

The lunch costs \$60 and bookings can be made by emailing lunch@docklandsnews.com.au. Booking and payments for the June lunch need to be made by June 10. For further information, ring 8689 7979.



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Harbour Esplanade gets its new trees

The first of up to 210 Norfolk Island Pines have been planted along Harbour Esplanade, with all of the installation expected to take no more than three weeks.

In early March the final layer of asphalt was laid at the Bourke St and LaTrobe St intersections, followed by the installation of traffic sensors and final line marking at both intersections. The traffic sensors have been operating since March 7 and are designed to provide more sophisticated and responsive traffic light sequencing for pedestrians, cyclists, trams and cars.

The full benefit of the traffic sensors on vehicle movements will be realised in early April with the second lane of Harbour Esplanade between LaTrobe and Dudley streets having re-opened in late March.

The final layer of asphalt along the full length of road between Bourke and LaTrobe streets, and subsequent line marking of parking and loading bays, is scheduled to be laid in early April.

Lane closures will be required to finalise the asphaltting works, with the majority to be conducted at night to minimise disruption to peak traffic.

VicUrban is currently working with the contractors and businesses within the area to finalise the asphaltting schedule. Once these dates are confirmed VicUrban will provide further information via its Harbour Esplanade Redevelopment e-newsletter and at www.docklands.com under the Harbour Esplanade Redevelopment page.

If you would like to receive regular updates via email from VicUrban regarding the first stage of works along Harbour Esplanade, please email harbour.esplanade@vicurban.vic.gov.au.

Works are progressing well to create a new pedestrian path on the eastern and western footpaths between Bourke and LaTrobe streets, with the final layer of asphalt being progressively installed. The footpath asphaltting works are expected to be complete by the end of April. Traffic management personnel are in place to direct pedestrians and cyclists where required.

The Harbour Esplanade redevelopment is on schedule for completion by mid-2011, with most of the major infrastructure works expected to be complete by April.



The first trees are unloaded on Harbour Esplanade.



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Docklands bares its heart

Docklands has a heart and it will be on show for the world to see this month via an unlikely collaboration between a local artist and a local cleaner.

On the surface, you would think that knockabout cleaner Leo Papagiannis and Goth artist and academic Merrin Eirth couldn't be further apart in terms of artistic sensibility.

But their shared sense of community is the glue that underpins an artist-in-residence program which involves displaying Merrin's work in Leo's front window in Rakaia Way under the Aquavista building.

Merrin is a NewQuay resident of five years and, like many of us, came to Docklands to make a new start following a marriage breakdown. Not only does she wear her heart on her sleeve, she is exposing it through her art.

Known as Dock-Hearts, the project has a number of aspects. Merrin will be publicly creating works which will be displayed in Leo's window for four months from April 1. And she will also be setting up a non-permanent graffiti "Magic Light Wall" on July 2 and 3 which involves the community contributing via laser pointers.

One aspect of Merrin's art is that it is being created with phosphorescent paint which means that parts of the pieces not visible during the day will glow in the dark at night.

Funded by a City of Melbourne grant, Merrin hopes the project will inspire other Docklanders to build community through art.

She points out that, unlike the "top-down" developer-commissioned public art that has become iconic in the precinct, this project has grown upwards from the grassroots.

"This shows that Docklands does have a heart, despite what outsiders say or believe," Merrin said.

Merrin envisages Docklands as a "creative, lively place where exciting ideas and images materialise into tangible realities."

"I sincerely hope to encourage further creative partnerships between the arts, the local community and corporate Docklands," she said.

"Docklands' heart is seen in the generosity of spirit that is demonstrated whenever you visit a local business or meet up with community friends for dinner or drinks in the local venues."

"Additionally, it must be understood that many of the people who start small businesses in Docklands are courageous in their enterprise. They take risks and are creative thinkers in their own right."

"The heart of Docklands extends far beyond that which is overtly visible because it is an embedded community spirit."

"We are fortunate here to have such a colourful demographic that is constantly expanding."

Merrin was inspired by what happened in Newcastle, NSW.

"I was inspired by Marcus Westbury's successful project, titled *Renew Newcastle*," she said.

"It is an excellent example of how projects that encourage visible artistic activity can instigate a reparative, inspiring experience, that encourages business development, thus making a positive contribution to the local community, workers and visitors alike."

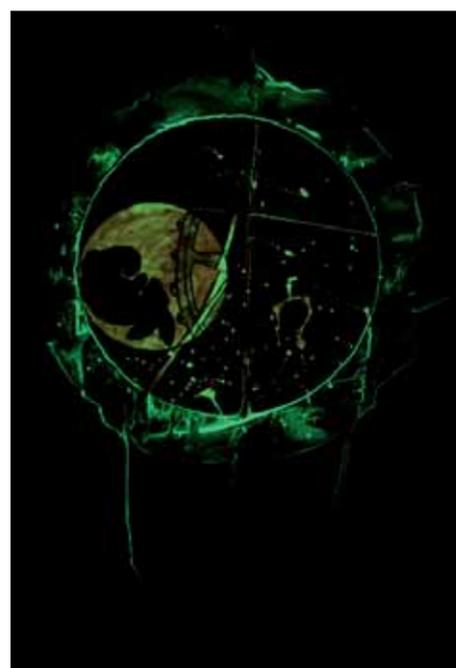
Merrin is hosting an invitation-only launch of the exhibition at Berth restaurant in NewQuay on April 13.



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Merrin Eirth is NewQuay's artist-in-residence.



Artwork: *To The Moon Alice*. 2009 Gouache, ink and phosphorescent paint on Lana paper. 76x50 cms.
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Keith is nutty about Docklands

Keith Winstein is a bit of a Docklands nut.

“Working in Docklands has had a huge impact on my life,” the visiting Englishman said last month.

Keith was sent to Australia in 2005 to consult for VicUrban on the now defunct Onboard Docklands community intranet.

His short stay living and working in Docklands made a huge impression on him. So much so that, when he returned to the UK he moved into (you guessed it) Docklands London.

His work here in “stakeholder relations” built many lasting friendships – so much so that he couldn’t wait to get back here, which he achieved last month.

“The key difference is in the number of people in Docklands,” he said. “I am walking around and hardly recognising anyone.”

“I am experiencing mixed emotions being back here in Docklands. There are lots of familiar things and also lots of things existing which were just being talked about when I left five years ago.”

“I was amazed to see the Blow Hole surrounded by buildings. It’s almost sheltered from the wind now.”

“Everything seems smaller than I remember it. I guess it’s because of these massive buildings which have sprouted up all over the place.”

“And to think there is a supermarket and a post office. Wow. I used to have to walk over to the CBD for these services.”

Keith said another contrast with London Docklands was the affordability of Melbourne Docklands.

“In London you have to pay huge amounts of money to get the equivalent quality of what you have here,” he said.

“And we don’t get the wide open vistas and magnificent sunsets that you have here.”

This lover-of-all-things-Docklands’ flying visit was only for three weeks. But he hopes to return again, hopefully, on a permanent basis.

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Watch out bubby!

Luke Roberts, 4, keeps an eye out for danger at the new Docklands 'Dinosaurs Alive!' exhibition at Waterfront City.

Luke and his baby brother Aden, 11 months, from Seaford were two of the many children to be thrilled by the life-like exhibition within the piazza tent last month.

The show runs every day until May 8 between 9.30am and 5pm and features seven scale-size, robotic moving dinosaurs including the mighty stegosaurus and tyrannosaurus rex.

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Probus club members in the Blackbird during a picnic cruise along the Maribyrnong in March.

Probus Club booms

Membership of Melbourne Sunrise Probus Club, based at The Wharf Hotel, Docklands, has soared to more than 70 members since its launch on December 2.

The club provides monthly speakers and an array of outings and events for active retirees.

President Tony Thomas predicted that membership should reach 100 within a few months. This shows there has been a real gap in retirees' social networking since the previous Melbourne-based Probus club was formed 20 years ago.

The club meet at the Rivers Edge Room at the Wharf Hotel at 10am on the first Thursday of the month.

Mr Thomas said the club's immediate challenges were the complex work needed for incorporation, and a bid for a four-figure supporting grant from the City of Melbourne.

Docklands residents constitute the main

block of members, followed by the CBD and Southbank. Members have joined from as far afield as Kyneton.

The club's social calendar is crowded. Apart from monthly walks and bike rides, the club has run a picnic boat trip along the Maribyrnong, a Mornington expedition, and block booking for the *Dr Zhivago* musical. The club has booked out a motel in Bright for a three-day trip during the Bright Spring Festival.

Office bearers for 2011-12 include Marilyn Seen, vice-president; John Trimble, secretary; and Faye Farndon, treasurer.

To apply to join, see www.clubrunner.ca/mspc, or email elbmirt4@bigpond.com.

807 Bourke Street

Lend Lease is applying for planning permission to build an eight-storey building on the remaining land between its Serrata development and Geographe St.

The application is a further disappointment for Mosaic and Montage residents who wanted the whole area retained as open space, having earlier failed to halt the Serrata development.

Spokesperson Frank Ruggiero said residents were still considering a class action for

damages against Lend Lease alleging they were misled about what was to be built there.

Mr Ruggiero said at a recent meeting residents asked Lend Lease to forego four town houses at the rear of the development and leave the area as public open space.

Project director Ellie Schwab said she listened to the residents' concerns but Lend Lease would proceed with the application.

"We're not the only decision makers in this," she said.



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People first for Docklands

VicUrban is soon to release a report by Danish architects Gehl on making Docklands more "human".

The "Places for People" report will guide future planning decisions and takes an approach of "people first."

Outlining the concept to the Docklands Co-ordination Committee on March 24, VicUrban urban design director Jacquelyn Ross predicted Docklands would become a more diverse and interesting place.

Ms Ross said Gehl studies of the CBD in 1993 and again in 2004 laid the foundation for the success in making Melbourne more dynamic and people-focussed.

She said the Docklands study had found that 93 per cent of pedestrian journeys in Docklands encountered a red traffic signal, whereas the figure in Copenhagen was only 50 per cent.

She said 74 per cent of street level facades in Docklands were passive or inactive.

And, she said, getting people walking was good for business as pedestrians spent more in local business than people who passed in cars or public transport.



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Carrick Customer Service Manager Jo-Anna Tillman shaves English language programs co-ordinator Paul Kulkens.

Close shave for charity

Docklands' Carrick Education students helped raise \$600 for the Leukaemia Foundation on Wednesday, March 16 by participating in the World's Greatest Shave.

More than 100 people attended the event, which saw participants have their hair shaved or coloured by Carrick's hair-dressing students.

Agent liaison and communications officer Leslie Swearingin said Carrick Student Services and the Carrick hair dressing students and teachers initiated the event.

"They thought it would be a fun way for everyone at Carrick to raise money for such a great cause like the Leukaemia Foundation," Ms Swearingin said.

Ms Swearingin said it was Carrick's second year participating in the event and it managed to raise \$300 on the day, with Carrick's managing director, Catherine Carrick, matching the amount dollar for dollar to raise \$600 in total.

Be inspired

Docklands Rotary Club is hosting an inspirational evening for local residents and workers on Tuesday, April 12.

Apart from informing prospective members about what it does, the club is presenting evergreen paralympian Don Elgin, whose story will delight and motivate.

Don will talk about his journey through life as a paralympian, a businessman and a supporter of many organisations relating to amputees, and his community and media roles.

His will to succeed despite a disadvantage demonstrates his determination and he continues to display this through his community activities.

The event is being held at Waterfront Venues, Waterfront City at 6pm.

Docklands Rotary is almost two years old and offers enduring friendships forged through working on local and international projects to produce a better world.

The club has "adopted" a number of villages in the highlands of Fiji and works to provide them with computers, books and other educational materials. Locally, the club participates in a number of events and fundraising activities.

Former district governor Ann White will host the evening. Ann started the Rotary Club of Docklands.

For further information and to RSVP, contact Leisa Wheatland on 0448 945 555 or leisa@icmi.com.au.

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Woolshed pitches in for the kids

The Woolshed Pub will once again be taking part in the annual Good Friday Appeal by donating all food and beverage profits from the day to the cause.

Having taken part in the appeal last year after just opening the venue, manager Duncan Laidlaw hopes to make this year bigger and better.

“Last year we donated \$5500 but we had little time to prepare, so this year we hope to raise a lot more,” Mr Laidlaw said.

Focused on making the day much more family-orientated than last year, The Woolshed Pub will have activities such as face painting, a petting zoo and a handballing competition set up for kids from 12 noon.

Mr Laidlaw said all the staff would be giving up their usual public holiday penalty rates and the venue would be covering the costs of all the activities to make sure that they could raise as much as possible for the appeal.

“We want people to come down and have some fun, have a feed and a drink and feel as though they are giving back at the same time.”

Mr Laidlaw said it was only natural for the pub to want to be a part of the appeal when the whole of Melbourne was behind it and in particular its neighbour Channel 7.

“Channel 7 is such a big part of the appeal and they suggested that we get involved originally and they’re also going to do a live-cross from the venue on the night,” Mr Laidlaw said.

The Good Friday Appeal began in 1931 and raises money for The Royal Children’s Hospital.

For more information visit www.goodfridayappeal.com.au/ or pop into The Woolshed on Good Friday to help raise much-needed funds.



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The deserving dogs of Dock 5

The dogs of Dock 5 must be the most spoiled in Docklands as they now have their own doggie wash.

The sumptuous bath with hot and cold water was installed last month following a survey of residents’ wishes and desires late last year.

Owners’ corporation chairman Denis Setches said the survey threw up a number of useful suggestions and some had already been implemented.

“We’ve always been pet friendly and we consider this initiative to be very pet friendly,” Denis said.

Other changes include more disabled access to the swimming pool, pace timers and a

letter box for the building’s social club.

Building manager Dogan Cokacar said the dog wash was a relatively simple installation but would return great value to residents.

In our picture, possibly the oldest and youngest dogs of Docklands get together at bath time.

At nearly 13, Goldie the golden retriever says hello to Fritz the miniature schnauzer, aged 11 weeks. Their respective owners, Catherine Chan and Tom Burt, also enjoyed the outing to the doggie spa.

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DOCKLANDS FASHION

A perfect night for fashion

By Alison Kinkade

Yes, it is sad but official ... the L'Oreal Melbourne Fashion Festival (LMFF) 2011 is now over, but before we start reaching for that pair of comfortable trackies in the back of our wardrobe that will no doubt be our autumn/winter fashion-piece staple (at least at home anyway), let me take you into the world of L'Oreal, Paris Runway 7, presented by Cosmopolitan... the LMFF runway that I was privileged to attend.

A perfect balmy Saturday night set the scene for my Fashion Week experience ... and what a scene it was! Having spent the last few years involving myself in fashion festivals, it never ceases to amaze me the extraordinary lengths that ordinary Australians go to during fashion festival seasons.

Even before the show has begun you find yourself experiencing an array of magnificent and intricate designs and you say to yourself ... "Where have these people come from and how did they get so stylish all of a sudden?"

I'm never quite sure what it is, but something seems to change during fashion festivals and everyone seems to lift their standard a few notches.

So after watching what seemed like a show in itself outside Central Pier with many fashionistas being drawn to the last L'Oreal Paris Runway show for the week, I quickly took my prime position in the second row.

White Suede made an entrance and kicked off the night with a fantastic collection of digital print dresses, pants and skirts. The collection stayed on trend with great use of leather and neutral tones, but added a touch of red for contrast. A bolero-style jacket from this collection would make the perfect addition to your wardrobe.

Talulah showed that autumn and winter could be flirty and light in what seemed to be spring-inspired designs. The collection featured short dresses, as well as maxis, in soft light fabrics and beautiful blush tones. Talulah stayed on trend with great caramel pieces and kept classic Melburnians happy with some black-and-white designs.

A gorgeous white kaftan-looking piece had me wondering whether I was in the right season though.

Maurie & Eve proved that mustard orange could look amazing and in a whole range of pieces. The collection stuck tightly to the trend with beautiful soft fabrics, lace and gorgeous tan and nude tones.

Joveeba hit the mark on every trend featuring tan, nude and blue hues, as well as digital prints, knits, soft fabrics and maxi dresses. But best of all, the collection was extremely wearable.

Bettina Liano featured a largely ready-to-wear collection with a range of different designs to whet many different appetites. Although I was quite disappointed that she decided to show only one pair of her signature jeans and, after overhearing conversations on the way out, it turns out I wasn't the only one disappointed.

Alannah Hill's collection was gorgeous and, as usual, she dances to the beat of her own drum - so to speak. The collection was typical of her brand, unlike many other designers,



with lots of florals in beautiful pinks and reds and was only tweaked slightly to suit this season's trends.

Wayne Cooper showed that he still has what it takes with a sophisticated collection featuring long and flowing fabrics, elegant lace, beautiful rouching and all in this season's trend colours. I must say this is one of my favourite Wayne Cooper collections in a while.

All in all, the night was fantastic and, surprisingly, came complete with a Chihuahua sitting on the lap of its beautiful owner in the front row... so if you haven't attended LMFF before, and even if you think you won't enjoy it, do yourself a favour and get there next year.



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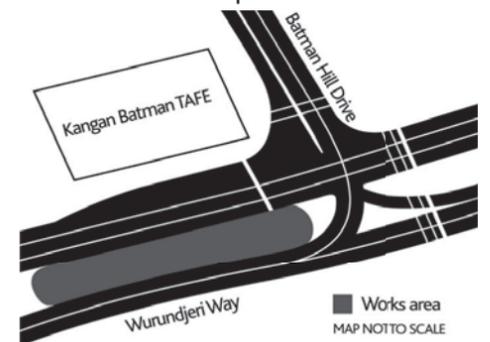
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Sun shines on Mad golfers

The second annual Mad Duck Masters on March 5 was a superb outing for the good folk of Yarra's Edge.

Starting out at the crack of dawn, the 45 participants met at The Mad Duck Cafe for the famous egg-and-bacon brekky roll and a coffee before boarding the bus headed for Waterford Valley Golf Course.

Mother Nature promised a fabulous day as she turned it on with superb sunshine and clear skies by mid-morning showing the golfers the way to the 18th hole – each hoping for the \$1000 prize for the golden hole-in-one Sponsored by Krown IT.

It was smiles all round as Robert Hornak and Maria Parnham took out their respective longest drive competitions with Ange Dapolits from City Residential Real Estate winning the prize for closest to the pin.

After many lost balls and broken tees the crew retired to the 19th hole where the prizes were handed out, fluids were replenished and stories of the day were swapped.

The Mad Duck Cafe thanked participants and sponsors Lucas Real Estate, Emma and Toms' Juices, Krown IT and The House of Golf.

According to organiser Sam Rowe, the talk on the street following the event reflected how enjoyable the day was for everyone



The "Mad" golfers gather at the end of the day.

involved, so naturally, Mad Duck looks forward to seeing everyone again next year.

Final team places were: City Residential Real Estate 56.5; Canix Jewellery 57; Lucas Real Estate 58.5; Smart Dox 60.5; SMS Global 62.5; The Fiery Curries 62.5; Loading Dock Bar and Grill 62.625; Emma and Toms' Juices 65; The Mad Ducks 66.5; SOS Surveying 66.5; and the Brains Trust 71.5.

Repairs for 'Shoal' artwork

Harbour Esplanade public artwork *Shoal Fly By* has recently experienced some minor damage prompting VicUrban to erect fences around the pieces.

A spokesperson for VicUrban said damage occurred to two parts of the artwork which had necessitated repairs and structural assessment.

The fences around *Shoal Fly By* have been erected as a temporary measure to ensure public safety while VicUrban, in consultation with the artist and structural engineer, investigates appropriate methods to support the sculptures.



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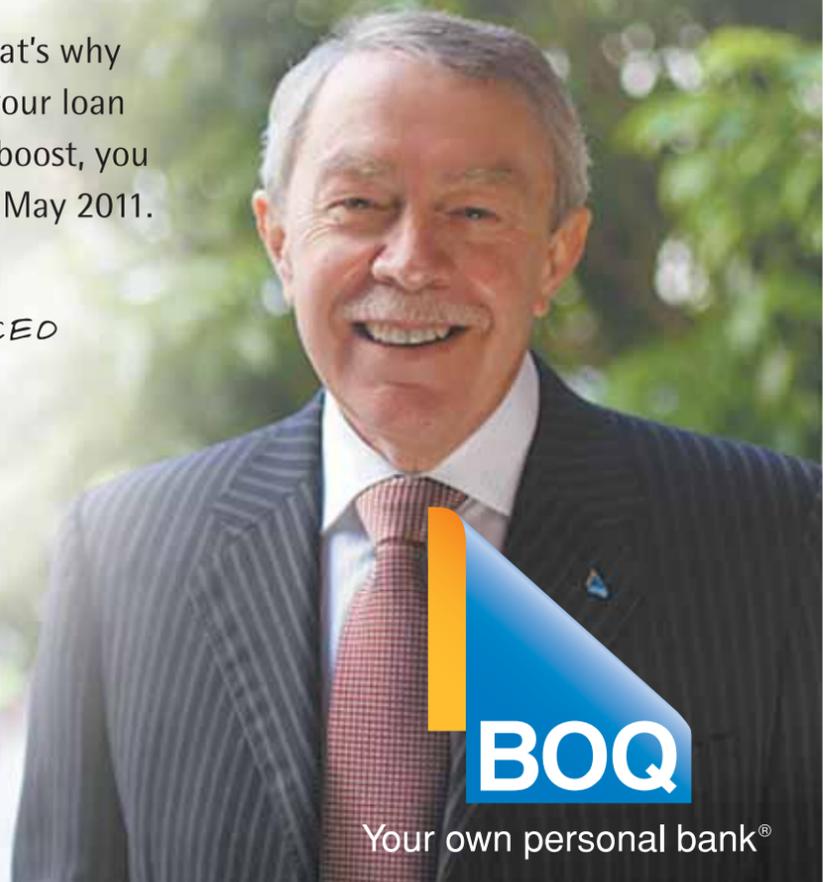
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And it's going to affect everything.

Let me tell you how it all started. As you know, I've been living in my run-down yet "promising" country abode for a little while now. And I've been looking at the old bathroom visualising the new sanctuary I have planned, I've walked the edges of my kitchen measuring the space to see how many new appliances I can squeeze in. I've looked at my view from my small lounge to imagine the expanse of mountains filling the new vista of my rough-sketches multi, bi-fold walls.

Then, as I was sketching away, I realised how horribly predictable it was. I realised I was only improving what was already there, just fixing up what someone else had started long ago. I had created such a simple "before and after" story, that it was hardly worth doing (although, rest assured, entirely necessary!).

So I stopped. I stopped "fixing", and sat and thought long and hard about what *I* wanted. Where *I* wanted to sit and look at the view, where *I* wanted to lie in a hot tub with a glass of champagne at night, where *I* wanted to sit at my new kitchen bench and spend the hours cooking and laughing with friends. And that's when I realised that I had bought this house because I wanted to make

SPECTACULAR changes. I didn't buy it to "fix it up" - I bought it to make my dreams come true.

As the clarity of this hit me, I worked feverishly changing everything around, putting things where I wanted them with no considerations to what was there before. I drew up the bathroom to a bigger room on the *opposite* side of the house with a large open window to take in the magnitude of the mountains from the tub and an open fire to linger by; my kitchen now runs *adjacent* to its original space and captures nearly 180 degrees of paddocks, cows and mountains through the glass walls - now *doubling* the entertainment space. I've designed the house for me. It's designed for *me* to see that precious view, to reflect my needs (I do so need a walk-in wardrobe that size) to recognise what I want (double ovens), how I want to live, move and feel in my house.

But it didn't stop there. I realised that, like my house, I had made the mistake in the past of trying to "fix" too many things, rather than ripping out walls that no longer need to be there. Okay, I know that sounds odd, but what I mean is I realised I needed to renovate my soul. I need to make more room for the things I love and really want in my life, and stop trying to work within the expectations of what was the past. Forget what that room used to be, and draw up a plan for what you really want it to be in the future.

I have the blue-print for my new house, and my new life. And I can't wait to fill both, with everything I have dreamt of.

Have a great month.
Abby x



Manager Siew Wong Chan, Ms Tee and owner Josephine Tan celebrate the good news.

Extremely rewarding banking

Docklands bank customer Ms Tee never thought opening an account could be so rewarding after last month winning a national competition and a \$20,000 prize.

Harbour Town Bank of Queensland manager Siew Wong Chan was also thrilled that the winner had come from his branch.

"We are so excited for her and would like to congratulate her on her big win!" Siew said.

Ms Tee opened an account in January to help save for a home and was also attracted to the bank's Save to Win promotion.

"I thought the account was an interesting concept and that I would open an account to have a chance at winning, even though I never expected to win," she said.

The winner, a recent immigrant to Australia who arrived in Melbourne a year ago said:

"The win will be a welcome boost to the deposit we have been saving. It couldn't have come at a better time."

"We have been looking for a home for eight months and hope we find one to buy soon so we can be even more settled and make Australia our home."

"The win will also allow my husband and me to take our two small children on a holiday back to Malaysia to see our family."

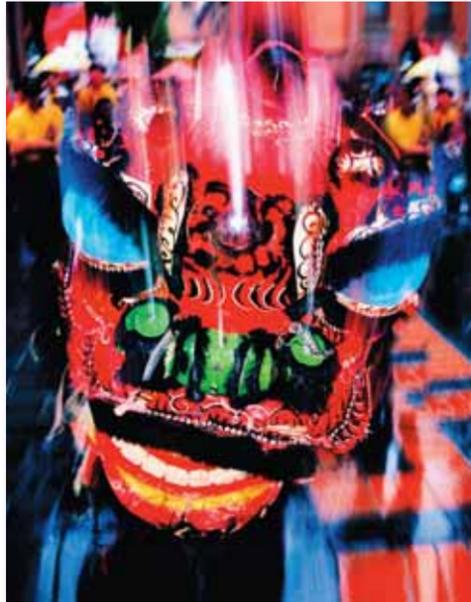
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WORDPLAY FROM DOCKLANDS WRITERS

FEATURING THE TALENTS OF THE DOCKLANDS' WRITERS GROUP

One Summer's Day

By Sonya Robinson

Noon

Three sunbaked dogs
Resting in the dirt
Cool beneath our house
Comrades looking out
The next attack on life.

Afternoon

Brain dead ... locked head
Hanging arms ... stretched out legs
Statue still ... heat crawling skin
Slow breeze sighs
Teases me ... then is gone
I am left brain dead.

Evening

All I saw
You standing naked
In dull lights of shadow
Lean and strong ... heart stopping
In a fast moving
Moment of shadows
Held breath
I waited.

The writers' group can be contacted on rose@grahammercer.com.au



I LOVE THE NIGHT LIFE

Live music at The Woolshed

If you head out for a night out on the town in Docklands you will find that it's fast becoming a suburb filled with large, sophisticated venues, and one such venue leading the charge is The Woolshed Pub.

Located in one of Docklands most prime positions, on the waterfront, in the centre of Docklands and opposite Etihad Stadium, The Woolshed Pub continues to grow in popularity with professionals, footy fans and families alike.

Proving that Melbourne can provide fantastic waterfront venues just as well as Sydney, the venue provides stunning views of Victoria Harbour with an outdoor area overlooking the water to the Victoria Harbour precinct.

The pub, which is now into its second year, has recently introduced live music on Friday and Saturday nights and its clientele seem to be embracing it immensely.

The venue's group sales and events manager, Lee Cleal, said that although the venue doesn't have a set dance

floor, it doesn't take long on some nights until a crowd creates one in front of the DJ.

"We're very happy for them to get up and have a dance and if they do we tend to start rearranging the furniture around them to provide them with extra room," Mr Cleal said.

Catering to sophisticated clientele, the music tends to start out fairly relaxed with a chilled-out vibe and progressively increases in tempo as the night wears on.

"We don't tend to use well-known DJs, but rather DJs that are good at reading the crowd and our DJ reads the crowd very well and will change the music accordingly," Mr Cleal said.

The venue's accommodating nature and great service is visible throughout every facet of the pub, from its music, to the size of its function areas and its food offerings.

"We have a bistro-style menu downstairs and a fine dining option upstairs so there's something for everyone," Mr Cleal said.

Licensed to hold nearly 700 patrons, it is a testament to the venue that although it is often quite packed, there is still enough room to move swiftly through the pub.

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CUISINE UNDERCOVER

INDEPENDENT REVIEWS FROM DOCKLANDS' PHANTOM DINER

Lamore

I recently moved house. It's an older place, built before the times of 6 Star energy ratings and mandatory water efficiency.

But by god, stepping under that old-fashioned shower head is such a guilty pleasure. Sure, a five-minute shower may lead to a visible drop in Victoria's water table, but it feels SO DAMN GOOD.

Eating at Lamore feels a bit like having an old-fashioned shower. The pizzas and pasta here aren't what you'd find in those modern, gourmet pizzerias – where minimalism is king, expenses are high and the Glycaemic Index of the sour-dough bases is low. Oh no. Not here.

At Lamore, which indeed almost feels as though you are stepping back in time – or certainly a few train stations to a suburban pizzeria of your childhood – oil is king, expenses are low and there are more

refined carbs in those thick pizza bases and slightly overcooked pastas than a triple cheese and bacon burger. But they taste SO DAMN GOOD.

There is no pretence at Lamore and what they offer clearly works. Located across from NAB on the corner of Harbour Esplanade and Bourke Street, the place is always packed and the upstairs function area is very popular with larger corporate groups. Boasting “a completely authentic Italian experience” with a “superb wine selection” at reasonable prices is slightly stretching it (their website doesn't even contain a wine list and the glasses I've had there would be more accurately described as reasonable and in line with your expectations of such a venue). But every meal I've had there has been bursting with flavour, ingredients ... and oil. Mmm. Yummy.

On my most recent excursion, I tried the Tagliatelle Porcini – porcini cooked with shallots and garlic and finished with pieces of fresh tomato. There was no hunting for mushrooms in amongst the mass of pasta here. The serving was generous, the

flavour was rich and the fresh tomatoes just managed to cut through the oil.

My companion tried the Spaghetti Lamore – whole prawns, mushrooms and shallots cooked with parmesan, fresh tomato and Napoli sauce, topped with more fresh parmesan. The prawns were fat and I think there was a healthy glug of wine in there too, which almost dominated the dish, but not in a bad way.

Previous tries of the Penne Al Tonno – a fancy tuna pasta cooked with chunks of tuna, spring onions, black olives, capers and Napoli sauce, as well as the Tagliatelle al Salmone – also containing generous chunks of fish, but cooked in garlic, shallots and a tomato and white-wine sauce, have also been satisfying – and maybe it was something about the seafood, but they also felt slightly less “heavy”.

The pizzas are heavy – no matter which way you go. There's a traditional and a gourmet selection, but the gourmet offerings don't differ too much from what you'd find on most standard pizza menus of your

fancier pizzerias. They are all thoroughly recommended if you're looking to address a hangover, or are just having a “to hell with the waistline” kind of day.

If you're requesting parmesan – be sure to request it fresh, otherwise a bowl of the crusty powder stuff will appear.

What you see is what you get at Lamore, so if what you see is what you feel like, you certainly won't be disappointed.

Overall rating ★★★★★

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GREETINGS FROM THE DOCKLANDS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Docklands
Community Association

We haven't heard anything further from VicUrban regarding the options for the development of Western Park, which include the proposed development submitted by the Melbourne Football Club.

Not that we are necessarily against the MFC proposal, but we had requested VicUrban to provide more concept detail for other options for public space to enable public evaluation. This issue is, of course, linked in with the need for more open space and parkland in Docklands about which we seem to be getting nowhere fast. The ball is in VicUrban's court.

Associated with this lack of open space and parkland is the question of what is going to be done with the large Esplanade foreshore area. As previously stated, we believe it is time for VicUrban to give us some idea of what they have in mind. We believe that the foreshore provides a great opportunity for development of open space and parkland together with recreational activities. A rumour that

VicUrban proposes yet more retail is cause for real concern. We continue to agitate for proper community consultation.

I recently met with senior City of Melbourne staff regarding Docklands events planning and the need for a formal procedure for vetting and approving applications by organisations to hold events – our purpose being to protect resident amenity and welfare. Whilst we don't have much occasion to object, the odd event comes up that we are concerned about because of noise, positioning or behaviour problems. We also need confirmation of instructions issued regarding clean-up, security, etc.

I took the opportunity to point out that with the growth in the resident population, resident amenity should no longer be regarded as secondary. We want to know what's coming up and we want to be consulted beforehand. Community consultation ceased over a year ago when the council stopped holding events review meetings. They have now proposed to issue us with a rolling events listing for review including those not yet approved, which we will circulate to members. We'll see how it goes.

I am continuing to attend meetings of CORBA, the combined community groups, which is active in taking up community and planning issues with the State Government and council.

We are continuing to forward details of various activities to members including the host of activities held at the Hub community centre.

I would like to thank those who responded to my appeal to members for additional people to join our DCA committee to assist with the expanding workload. The response was great.

By the way it's good to see the Norfolk Pines being planted and we hope they'll grow fairly quickly! One of these days the roadworks will be finished.

If any reader wishes to become a member of the DCA or has any suggestions they wish to put forward with respect to activities or issues to take up on their behalf you are welcome to do so by contacting us on docklandscommunityassociation@gmail.com

If you would like to talk to me about any aspect you are welcome to call me on 0412 097 706.

You can keep up with things on our website www.docklandscommunityassociation.com

Sincerely
Roger Gardner
President DCA

Goods Shed South underway

Work has started on the refurbishment of the Goods Shed South in Batman's Hill with the demolition of a section at the Collins St end to make way for a “lantern building” entrance.

The lantern building will be an entrance similar to that constructed over the road at the VicUrban office.

Most of the building will be occupied by the Pearson Publishing and will be ready by late next year.

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Is this love or lust?

What do you bring to the relationship and what gifts does your partner bring to you?

This month we have chosen to feature a celebrity couple.

What brings them together? What magnetic force keeps them there?



Liz	Shane
June 10, 1965	September 13, 1969
North Node in Gemini	North Node in Pisces
Mars in Virgo	Mars in Sagittarius
Venus in Cancer	Venus in Leo
Moon in Scorpio	Moon in Libra

The relationship:

Shane Warne and Liz Hurley may seem like the most unlikely couple but the stars insist that the chemistry and connection is real. What they choose to make of this connection is entirely up to them..... and the media of course.

Shane Warne:

Anyone who is remotely knowledgeable about astrology would see in Shane's planets that he is very much the extrovert and full of air and grandeur. He is definitely an enigma and very much synchronised internally. He has enough fire to light a room and natural charm to woo the likes of Liz Hurley and almost anyone else he fancies.

One problem! His life journey unfortunately will steer him away from all of that and is to be free, humble, compassionate and tuned into the underdog. The downtrodden and people who are "less than" will give Shane the soul direction he desperately needs in this life time. The universe will continue to challenge him to take his place as a Piscean North Node. He can longer use discrimination to seek the best that life offers. He needs to intuitively gravitate to situations where he will learn and experience the depths of despair, failure and self sacrifice.

The special gift/lesson that this relationship brings Shane is:

Shane has very little in common with Liz but is enormously attracted to her and will feel an indescribable pull to pursue this relationship. Liz has all the soft compassionate qualities that Shane needs to learn. Because she is also very beautiful successful and discriminating, he has found in her the best of both worlds - his flamboyant drive and his compassionate future. He is irresistibly hooked.

Outcome:

Despite what the world sees, or the disgust of those jilted partners there is really something very strong and very necessary about this coming together. Each of them will try to fight the relationship but will keep coming back to it because on a very deep intuitive level, they know they have found their home - their destiny.

My view is that this story is far from over!

Liz Hurley:

The chart of Liz is almost in stark contrast to Shane. Liz has a very grounded, stable and sure personality. She has a level head and a clever, resourceful approach to life. With that said, she has enough soft nurturing qualities to soften her rather calculating personality. Liz has almost all the opposite planets so that together, two halves make a whole. They would complement each other very well as long as each of them doesn't try to change the other or spend time proving points.

Liz's journey in life is towards Gemini and that is to communicate and to be light, breezy and curious about people and life. Who better to learn that from than Shane, who takes life with both hands?

The special gift/lesson that this relationship brings Liz is:

Liz can be a little dry and calculating, very disciplined and success-oriented in the material world. Her lessons lie in becoming more nurturing of others and compassionate about the world and people around her, not the material world.

Featured terminology

For the purposes of today's chart interpretation we have looked at Mars, Venus, the Moon and North Node. These planets certainly give us a broad understanding of the dynamics of any relationship.

To understand the very subtle elements of any relationship we need to have the birth times of each of the partners. These other elements can sometimes soften the harder aspects or accentuate them. The subtle forces can sometimes be the glue that holds the negative pieces together or allows each partner to quickly and painlessly learn their lessons and move on to a more nurturing loving relationship. To have a full chart interpretation please contact Angelina May at heaven@docklandsnews.com.au

Slow progress for Alma

The 107-year-old Alma Doepel is continuing to undergo a major refit in Docklands' Shed 2 with her skylights being painstakingly restored.

Known affectionately as Alma, the ship has been undergoing repairs in Docklands since returning from Port Macquarie in 2008 and is currently having her five double skylights repaired.

As part of the restoration the skylights timber frames are being pulled apart to be repaired and its brass guards and hardware cleaned, polished and refitted.

Volunteer Rain Papli, a retiree and model ship builder, is currently working on the restoration of the skylights and said: "It's a bit like restoring antique furniture but it has to stand up to the elements and rigors of a sailing ship."

Mr Papli spends two or three days a week working on the Alma, which is Australia's last surviving coastal trader, and each skylight takes about 32 days to restore.

Lend Lease wants to display the restored ship as part of its "Dock" section of its Victoria Harbour master plan.

Docklands has the Wow Factor!

On Wednesday, March 23 Waterfront Venues showed that it had the Wow Factor when it hosted the Business Retreats Australia and the Mind Gallery's VIP "Creating the Wow Factor" workshop.

Business Retreats, a premier venue-finding service, partnered up with the Mind Gallery, which offers a creative approach to team building, to host the event for 40 guests.

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Soccer predictions for April 2011

April 2

West Ham United V Manchester United

This match is hard to predict as the numbers of both the teams add up to eight. But it does promise chances for exceptional goals. Manchester United has an edge but a draw can't be ruled out.

Stoke City V Chelsea

In this match Chelsea adds to the number seven and the date is two. This means the match will easily go to Chelsea.

West Bromwich Albion V Liverpool

Liverpool adds to the number five which represents mercury and means high and low. So in this match you can expect a high from Liverpool. The match belongs to them.

Arsenal V Blackburn Rovers

Arsenal adds up to the number two and the date is April 2 so expect great goals from Arsenal. But they could also be surprised by Blackburn too, so expect a game full of suspense which will either end in a draw or an Arsenal victory.

April 9

Chelsea V Wigan Athletic

There is trouble for Chelsea in this match as Wigan adds up to six and, being a member of the nine-family of numbers, anything is possible. Either way, it promises to be a thrilling match.

Manchester United V Fulham

Manchester United is in trouble as Fulham adds up to the number nine and the date on which the match falls is the 9th too. So I can't see United winning but hope for a draw or Fulham victory.

April 16

Newcastle United V Manchester United

This match goes to Manchester United easily.

West Bromwich Albion V Chelsea

Easy victory for Chelsea as they equate to the number seven in numerology and the date adds up to 7 too (1 + 6 = 7). So, a victory for Chelsea.

April 23

Manchester United V Everton

This match will be very interesting as there will be interesting kicks from Everton. The excitement will be there throughout but, in the final outcome, MU wins.

Liverpool V Birmingham City

An easy victory for Liverpool in this match.

Chelsea V West Ham United

Chelsea again to win this match easily.

April 24

Bolton Wanderers V Arsenal

This match is very interesting according to numerology. Both the teams will kick goals but it is too hard to predict the winner. The numbers are equally split.

HE SAID WHAT?

By Guy Mason
City on a Hill Pastor

CITY ON A HILL

Easter and the renewal of all

This coming Easter billions of people will gather to celebrate the historical, biblical and eternal resurrection of Jesus.

Yet not all will join in on the fun.

Noted atheist Christopher Hitchens was interviewed by Unitarian minister Marilyn Sewell.

She said: "The religion you cite in your book *God is not Great* are generally the fundamentalist faiths of various kinds. I'm a liberal Christian, and I don't take the stories from the scripture literally. I don't believe in the doctrine of atonement (that Jesus died for our sins, for example). Do you make any distinction between fundamentalist faith and liberal religion?"

To which Hitchens said: "I would say that if you don't believe that Jesus of Nazareth was the Christ and Messiah, and that he rose again from the dead and, by his sacrifice our sins are forgiven, you're really not in any meaningful sense a Christian."

It's quite a sad irony, that an outspoken atheist grasps the central tenet of Christianity better than a church minister. Yet tragically the church is full of "religious" folk who know nothing of the gospel, and defame Jesus.

It is important to be reminded at this time of year that Easter is when believers gather to pay special notice of the execution of Jesus (Good Friday) and his triumph over the grave on the third day (Easter Sunday).

John Stott famously said: "Christianity is in its very essence a resurrection religion. The concept of resurrection lies at its heart. If you remove it, Christianity is destroyed."

I do believe in the resurrection. I believe Jesus rose spiritually, physically and eternally. I believe there is also an abundance of evidence to believe in this historical fact. As Thomas Arnold, a history professor at Oxford University says: "No one fact, in the history of mankind is proved by better and fuller evidence of every sort, than the fact that Christ died and rose from the dead."

I also believe Jesus' resurrection has massive implications for how we view our lives, how we understand God, where we find happiness, and what life will be like in the age to come.

The tragedies over the past few months have shown us just how fragile human life and our world really is. As we hear news of yet another devastation, and count the endless lives lost - we are caused to cry out with tears of anguish, "No! This is not right. There must be another way. There must be more. There must be a new and better day."

In the resurrection we see that in Jesus there is a new day.

In the resurrection we see that this world is not how it should be. In the resurrection we see that Jesus is and will make all things new. In the resurrection we see the hope of all creation. In the resurrection we see that from death we will see life. We will be new. All will be new. And in Him, it will all be glorious.

In the final chapters of Revelation (last book in the bible) it says, and I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

This Easter you are invited to look back at what God accomplished in Christ from death - and look forward to what will be for all who are in him.

City on a Hill is hosting two combined services on the Easter weekend. On Good Friday (10am - Arrow, 488 Swanston St.), and Easter Sunday (4pm - Arrow, 488 Swanston St). All are welcome.

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WHAT'S ON AT WATERFRONT CITY IN APRIL

Autumn in Docklands continues to mean an exciting selection of activities and events. Whether you decide to delve into the crazy world of Sylvester The Jester or escape to a prehistoric past with Dinosaurs Alive! Docklands is the place to be this autumn. This month also brings a jam packed schedule of Easter school holiday activities, a fabulous Simpsons Party on Ice and the much anticipated 2011 World Ice Hockey Championships!



Sylvester The Jester – The Human Cartoon

Wonderland Fun Park presents CONEY ISLAND FUN HOUSE starring Sylvester The Jester – the Human Cartoon, all the way from the US! Sylvester is funny–fun, exciting and geared for audiences of all ages. Watch him make crazy music with his brain. Watch steam come out of his ears. He must be seen to be believed! Entry is included in your Unlimited Ride Pass. Buy tickets online via Ticketek.com OR phone 132 849 OR at www.wonderlandfunpark.com.au

When: April 9th – April 26th 2011
Times: Open from 11am daily show times 1pm and 3pm
Venue: Wonderland Fun Park



Easter at Harbour Town

Harbour Town is the place to be this Easter with entertainment the whole family can enjoy including meeting the Easter Bunny who will be hopping around giving out FREE Cadbury Eggs, the chance to meet cute baby animals at the animal farm, face painting, and the much anticipated LEGO Building Competition (April 14th – April 19th).

When: April 14th – April 26th 2011
Venue: Harbour Town Shopping Centre
Cost: FREE



The Simpsons Party on Ice!

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When: April 9th – April 26th 2011
Venue: Medibank Icehouse



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When: March 12th – May 8th 2011
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Ice Hockey Championships

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When: April 4th – April 10th 2011
Venue: Medibank Icehouse

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Love at first sight

Docklands pioneer Chindar Teo has spent almost 10 years living in Docklands, but it wasn't until three years ago that she decided to get a roommate.

Enter, Huang Fu, a gorgeous and playful pure-bred pug whose name means auspicious luck.

Chindar found Huang Fu on the internet and fell in love with him instantly when she went to pick him up from a breeder in Bendigo.

"He was so cute. He was only two months when I brought him home and I knew I wanted a pug because my brother had one and I did quite a bit of research on them," Chindar said.

With Chindar's parents living in a nearby suburb, Huang Fu is lucky enough to visit them weekly and have a run around in their backyard with Chindar's brother's pugs.

"My brother has been overseas for a few years so my parents have been taking care of his

dogs and Huang Fu gets to run around and have a play with them at least once a week."

Chindar's mother, Dr Ah Choo Teo (pictured), loves spending time with Huang Fu who she describes as her grandchild and says is spoilt.

"They're all my grandchildren and they're very smart and cheeky," she said.

Dr Ah Choo is as proud as punch with her children's beloved pugs and, like any grandmother, is very excited and happy if an opportunity to show off pictures of her "grandchildren" presents itself.

With so much love from both Chindar and her parents, and with Docklands as his backyard, it is fair to say that Huang Fu is one lucky dog.



Letters to the Editor



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Planning process

Your editorial, and another article in the same issue, report that there have been or are moves afoot to place structures on the waterfront land that may adversely affect the visual and other amenity of the area.

If any of the areas in question are Crown Land, they may be considered "coastal Crown Land" as defined in the Victorian Coastal Management Act 1995. And if this is the case, consent under the Coastal Management Act may be a legal requirement. This consent has to be given by the minister responsible for the Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE), the Minister for Environment and Climate Change.

Planning permit matters are dealt with separately by the Minister for Planning.

A decision about Coastal Management Act consent must take into account, amongst other things, the Victorian Coastal Strategy and any coastal action plan applying to the land.

My experience is that in considering applications for consent, DSE requires proponents to undertake and report on diligent consultation with affected parties.

Any people who are unhappy about proposals could consider asking the authorities making such plans whether they have gone through the above approval process, and also that opportunity be given to provide comment on such applications.

John Kowarsky
 Environmental scientist

Recycling drama

My name is Sandra Lobley I have been an employee of Springmount Services for about 18 months. We are the cleaning service for Harbour Town.

I have a complaint about them. When I first started working there, after a while I started recycling the aluminium cans, because I couldn't stand them being thrown away into the normal bins.

Then I found out they weren't recycling the glass bottles either. So I asked if I could recycle everything properly (on my time) and I got told no.

So I just kept recycling the cans, then I started getting told I couldn't do that either.

WHY, I DO NOT KNOW?

I am a cleaner and they eventually handed me a written warning that if I kept doing it I would be sacked. For a little while they made out they were recycling and believe me when I say they do not.

The stores do, but the cleaning service doesn't. They throw everything - cans, bottles glass/plastic in the normal big rubbish bin. There should be a law stating such a big shopping centre has to recycle. It's in the best interest of our planet.

I do not care if you print my name. I have nothing to hide but please don't print my phone number.

Sandra Lobley

The danger of complacency

It was alarming to read that the promised Harbour Esplanade parkland is in danger.

Surely this important development rises above economic considerations? Once the clear waterfront is lost to development then it's gone forever.

The scheduled plan of a wide green swathe of parkland edging the entire length of the waterfront, from New Quay right through to the Webb Bridge is inspirational. Trees and birds and water views - marvellous.

The Docklands development is uniformly grey, and on a dismal wet Melbourne day rather dreary. The area needs more park spaces, not more buildings, however attractive the dollars are.

I hope the *Docklands News* continues to show us residents the danger of complacency because I for one thought it was a finalised project, not one under negotiation. Selling off the farm indeed.

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VIJAN IS SPICING UP VICTORIA HARBOUR

Ambitious entrepreneur Vijan Patel is already making an impact on Docklands opening up Victoria Harbour's first Indian restaurant, Indian Mirchi, in February.

The restaurant, tucked around the corner from Victoria Harbour Pharmacy, is already experiencing full-house bookings at night, less than a month after opening.

Vijan believes it is the authentic food and great customer service that is drawing in the clientele.

"I can guarantee you the best service and food around and we also have some very authentic Indian dishes that aren't commonly served in Australian Indian restaurants," Vijan said.

With years of experience in food outlets, Vijan has grown his mini-empire to include four Subway franchises and two Indian Mirchi restaurants and he will soon be opening another Subway.

"We opened our first restaurant in South Melbourne last year and it is going well and if both restaurants are going well I also have plans to open another Indian Mirchi early next year in Richmond," he said.

With a passion for food, Vijan has gone to great lengths to make his restaurant the best it can be and has even sponsored a chef from

half-way across the world to bring the best food to Docklands.

"When I was travelling through Japan two years ago I had a craving for Indian food and went to this restaurant where I tasted the best Indian food I had ever had. So I got talking to the chef and asked if he wanted to come to Australia," he said.

Vijan said he kept in contact with chef Ranbir Rana and sponsored him to come to Australia last year to run his restaurants.

"He's a fantastic chef with over 30 years experience cooking Indian food all around the world and I am very confident in him and that people will love his food," he said.

Opening his South Melbourne restaurant nearly 10 months ago, Vijan said he had planned to open his Docklands restaurant first.

"The process to open our South Melbourne restaurant was a lot quicker but we had planned to open the Docklands one first because it is an upcoming suburb and I think there is a need for an Indian restaurant in this area."

"Docklands is a beautiful area with great clientele and that is what drew us to open up a restaurant here."

With an immense love and passion for Indian food, it is clear that Vijan's restaurant will be a hit among local residents and workers.

With mains starting from \$12.50 and the restaurant being fully licensed and BYO be sure to make Indian Mirchi your next food destination.



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One of the world's largest individual suppliers of travel medicine services, The Travel Doctor, has recently opened up a medical clinic called Travel Doctor Plus + in Collins St.

Managed by Jane Daniels, who has experience in primary health care with a special interest in travel medicine, the clinic provides Docklanders with expert travel health advice, travel medical kits, vaccinations and anti-malarials, as well as up-to-the-minute advice on current overseas health alerts.

However, as well as providing the usual Travel Doctor range of comprehensive, one-stop travel health services, the new Travel Doctor Plus + also has a focus on lifestyle health issues and provides a range of additional services including:

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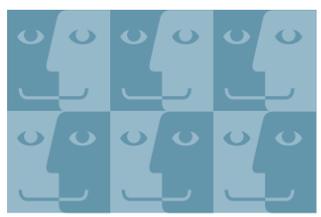
Working alongside Ms Daniels, medico Chris Oh and nurse Sarah Arkley (pictured left) are trained in international public health and travel medicine, as well as general practice with expertise in skin checks.

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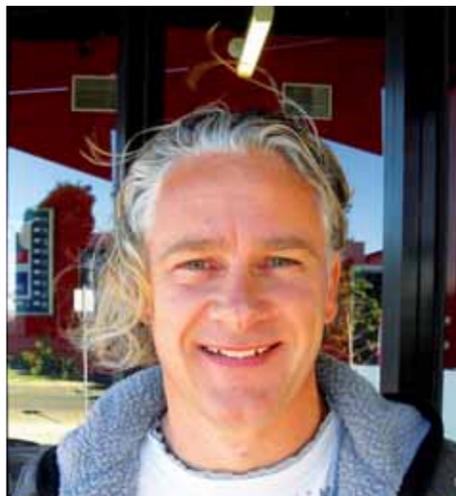


DOCKLANDS FACES OF



LUIGI MARZOLA, 58
Head chef, Promenade Café

While Luigi is concerned about the quality of the water in the river, he does really enjoy the views from Yarra's Edge, of both the water and the luxurious boats that reside at the marina.



SHAUN BASSETT, 43
Owner, Concierge 86

Having lived in the Docklands for almost 10 years, Shaun loves everything about the area. He said there was a real community feel between the residence at Yarra's Edge, but the best part was that living here made him feel like he was on holidays every single day of the year.



LUIS RIOS, 35
Barman, The Nixon

Luis says it's the people here who make Docklands great. He believes it is a multicultural place and that everyone is very friendly. He also likes the nightlife in Docklands, as well as the waterfront and all of the wonderful views it provides.



KATHERINE LEWIS, 30
Branch manager, Commonwealth Bank

Katherine loves working so close to the water. She also enjoys the supportive community environment down here in Docklands. She says everyone has loved the Commonwealth bank opening a branch and that this positive reaction has made coming to work a joy.



ADRIAN PRANATA, 25
Physiotherapist, New Energy Physiotherapy

Adrian enjoys the organised nature with which Docklands has been created. He says that once you get to know the place, you realize just how accessible everything is down here. He also thinks there is a good mix of business and entertainment in the district.



JUSTIN CHAPPELL, 30
Club Manager, Jetts

Convenience is what separates the Docklands from any other suburb in Melbourne, according to Justin. "Everything is at your fingers. Cafes, restaurants and shopping, it's all here," Justin said. He also likes the fact that everyone in the region wants to create a feeling of community and are working together to achieve it.

Homeless to benefit

Property group Charter Hall aims to raise \$100,000 for the Lighthouse Foundation during the development of the Lacrosse project on LaTrobe St.

Charter Hall announced its partnership with the Lighthouse Foundation on March 4. The foundation provides support and care for homeless young people.

Charter Hall aims to raise the money through workplace giving and fundraising activities

with contractors, consultants, purchasers and the community.

Charter Hall's head of development services, Chris Chapple, said: "Charter Hall is committed to giving back to the communities in which we operate and we are proud to support the funding and development of a new Lighthouse home in Kensington, through the Lacrosse project."

"With \$20,000 raised to date, we are looking forward to holding a number of fundraising activities during the year to reach our \$100,000 target," Mr Chapple said.

Construction on the Lacrosse project is scheduled for completion by June 2012.




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Sailing for harmony

Docklands Yacht Club hosted a multicultural Try Sailing Day on Victoria Harbour on March 20.

A joint venture between the Western Bulldogs, Docklands Yacht Club and sponsored by the Victorian Multicultural Commission saw more than 70 people attend.

The weather conditions were perfect for novice sailors.

The group was aged from eight to more than 60 and came from many cultures including Burma, Liberia, Ethiopia, China, Indonesia and Australia.

Most were from refugee backgrounds and have been in Australia less than five years.

"The community spirit was wonderful to see in the group who were happy, co-operative and prepared to volunteer," training officer Coral Allen said. "That's what multicultural Australia is all about."



The multi-cultural crew of sailors who participated in the March 20 event.

Rohan wins the Docklands Dash

After the success of last year's inaugural event, Melbourne City Sports once again hosted the Docklands Dash on Wednesday, March 23.

About 250 participants braved the wet and windy conditions to run and walk in the event which aims to promote health and wellness in the Docklands community.

The 4km course began at Victoria Harbour Promenade and took participants along Harbour Esplanade and NewQuay before returning to Victoria Harbour for a lap of the precinct.

Rohan Ware was first across the line with a time of 13.04 and Sandra Perosenica was the first female to finish with a time of 16.07.

YMCA took out the fastest team title with its three members achieving a combined total of 1:04:14.

Participants were provided with a warm-up and stretching session prior to the race and received refreshments and fruit after completing the course.



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