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The Docklands Community News

Your local paper began as a four page publication at the middle of 2003. In consultation with a community committee the paper began with a mission to try to strengthen the Docklands community through the provision of relevant information.

Since that first issue the paper has grown at a pace that mirrors the extraordinary growth of the Docklands precinct. The first print run of 3,000 copies went to Docklands ratepayers, to the local business and worker community, and to 800 Docklands apartments in just three precincts. The Community News is now distributed to more than 6,000 Docklands workers, to local retailers and an expanded business community, and to more than 2,000 apartments in five precincts.

The paper is an instrument of the local community. Whereas one or two dedicated writers produced most of the first issue the paper now includes content from many contributors.

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Christmas comes to Docklands at Carols by the Cow – December 10

One of Docklands most enjoyable Community Events, Carols by the Cow, will be staged next to the Cow up a Tree Harbour Esplanade on Friday, December 10. This is a celebration of Christmas right next to the city's most unique Christmas tree. The program will commence at 8.30pm and concludes at 10.00pm.

Come along to enjoy festive fun, communal carol singing, Santa arriving by boat and more. Children are invited to dress up in a Christmas Theme. Bring a picnic and a rug to sit on or wander down after the twilight market at Telstra Dome. Bring a gift to donate to those less fortunate this Christmas.



Docklands Chamber of Commerce

By Kate Price, Secretary, Docklands Chamber of Commerce

The Docklands Chamber of Commerce exists to represent and promote the practice of business within Docklands, to provide a forum for discussion of issues and for networking of Docklands business operators. This group has recently become incorporated and has grown and strengthened over the past twelve months. After modest beginnings Chamber meetings now attract more than 50 attendants.

Tuesday 5 October 2004 marked an auspicious day for the Docklands Chamber of Commerce - the inaugural Annual General Meeting and the election of the first executive committee.

Those elected to the committee were:

- **President** - Linda Patching
- **Vice President** - Paul O'Halloran
- **Secretary** - Kate Price
- **Treasurer** - Vic Stroumos
- **Committee Members** - John Ahern, Eamon McCarthy, Tim Riley, Brian Tanti and Lyn Kelly

The Executive Committee is currently devising a business plan, however it is agreed that the purpose of the Docklands Chamber of Commerce is as follows:

- To advance Docklands, both as a brand and a destination, in international, national, state and metropolitan markets To help mediate major decisions that have an impact on businesses within the Docklands Precinct, helping to drive opportunities that will increase business and exposure for the precinct
- To help maintain professional harmony between businesses, local authority and government bodies
- To advance business opportunities and provide leadership
- To promote Docklands as a business precinct and business destination.

At the AGM the Chamber was addressed by Mr David Pitchford, the CEO for City of Melbourne. This presentation titled 'Melbourne Docklands, a Partnership in Business Opportunities' explored a number of key issues including Melbourne – our strategic location, Docklands Integration and Transition Timeline, Melbourne Commonwealth Games 2006 and Business

Development Fund. This presentation highlighted upcoming business opportunities for Docklands and also further strengthened our relationship with the City of Melbourne.

At the November meeting, the Chamber was addressed by Mr Tony Canavan, Acting CEO for the Spencer Street Station Authority who presented the Chamber with a snapshot of the Spencer Street Station redevelopment. This \$700 million transformation will change the face of Melbourne and triple the current patronage of 55,000 per day in the next 30 to 40 years. The redevelopment includes a retail plaza, office accommodation and apartments as part of a massive commercial redevelopment of the precinct. It will also integrate Melbourne's west end with the Docklands.

For more information

All businesses operating with the Docklands precinct are strongly urged to join the Chamber of Commerce. To become a member of the Chamber or for further information, please contact Kate Price (Secretary) on (03) 8625 7406 or via email kprice@telstradome.com.au.



The new Committee of the Chamber of Commerce



The Port Melbourne Toy Library

by Sue Neales

The Port Melbourne Toy Library, the nearest toy library to Docklands is finding increasing membership coming from New Quay and Yarra's Edge.

The Port Melbourne Toy Library is a not-for-profit, community organisation that, like all community toy libraries in Victoria, has a vast collection of toys suitable for 0-5 year olds to borrow, at a very minimal cost (annual family membership is \$40 per annum, for one child, \$10 extra for each additional child). There are toys large and small available for fortnight-long borrowings, from puzzles, games, jigsaws, DVDs and baby Fisher-Price sets to dress-ups, kids trikes, bubble cars, instruments, kitchens and tool sets, building blocks and indoor trampolines.

Using a toy library has the benefit of stimulating children with plenty of different toy experiences without having to buy them all, and then find they are grown tired of within a few weeks. It also means not having to bust your own budget buying new toys or clogging up your apartment with even more kids clutter!

Port Melbourne Toy Library is located in the community annex adjacent to Port Melbourne Primary School (Cnr Graham St and Clark St, Port Melbourne) and is open from 10-11am on Saturday and Monday mornings. Any family can join - and we welcome new members from Docklands - and the only commitment necessary is availability for one-hour borrowing roster duty about threetimes a year.

Port Melbourne Toy Library is funded annually with a grant from Port Phillip City Council and from fundraising efforts by members. It also provides a great opportunity to meet other local families with young children, make new friends, and feel part of a vibrant local community. Our social functions - lawn bowling nights, trivia nights etc - are always great fun, with the emphasis on having a good time, with good food, wine and company, and the chance to meet both old and new friends in the neighbourhood.

For more information about the Port Melbourne Toy Library, please contact: Sue Neales, secretary, on 0427 132 474, or sneales@ozemail.com.au. Or come and see us down at our Clark Street rooms, on a Saturday or Monday morning. bring the children and check out our toys!

Victoria Harbour Medical Centre

Advertisement

Quality medical care has arrived at Docklands in the form of Victoria Harbour Medical Centre. The clinic hosts five experienced General Practitioners, a Physiotherapist, and a Chiropractor. Podiatry and Massage Therapy will be commencing shortly.

Dr Brian Moylan, GP
Dr Paul Davis, GP
Dr Marc Herington, GP
Dr Elsa Hart, GP
Dr Dan Moylan, GP
Ms Zara Gomes, Physiotherapist
Mr Luke Smith, Chiropractor
Ms Karly Redwood, Practice Manager

Areas of interest include Paediatrics, Men's and Women's health, Workplace Illness/Injuries, Counseling, Skin Checks, Travel Medicine, Sports Injuries and Minor Surgical procedures.

The clinic is located street level beneath the National Australia Bank building and is directly accessible from Bourke Street. Victoria Harbour Pharmacy and News is conveniently located next door.

Dorevitch Pathology are on-site for pathology tests and ECGs, and are available 8.30am to 12.30pm Monday to Friday.

For minor procedures there is a well equipped Treatment Room and doctors are also experienced in Travel Medicine. Many vaccines are stored and available on-site.

Victoria Harbour Medical Centre
800 Bourke Street
Victoria Harbour,
Docklands 3008
Ph: 96707040
Monday to Friday 8am – 6pm



Government House Open Day

The Governor of Victoria, John Landy and Mrs Lynne Landy invite all the citizens of Victoria to an open day at Government House in Melbourne on Australia Day, Wednesday 26 January 2005.

Visitors are invited to tour the House and its grounds.

There will be childrens' entertainment, musical performances and demonstration sporting events played in the grounds. The gates will be open between 10.00 a.m and 4.00 p.m for this free event.

For further information telephone 9655 4211.

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Hats Off for Charity

The fun and flair of Spring Carnival made its mark at NewQuay when local restaurant Vic Harbour staged the colourful and entertaining Hats Off for Charity event. Local folk and visitors, decked out in Spring Carnival finery, enjoyed appetising finger food and champagne while watching a stunning fashion parade of hats designed with the glamour of racing in mind. The entire function was staged to raise money for SIDS for Kids. Some great prizes plus a silent auction added to the fun and the fund-raising.

Manager, Rebecca forecast that this stylish and fun event would become a regular fixture on Vic Harbour's annual calendar.

Already a great addition to NewQuay's dining options, Vic Harbour is adding fun and colour to the precinct with a range of themed evenings. Karaoke every Thursday night combines great food with great fun, the Wednesday night roast is proving popular and VicHarbour also offers great options for the Festive Season. Book early for their Christmas Lunch (two courses for \$35 or three courses for \$45) and also for the New Years Eve spectacular which offers food, beverages and entertainment for \$60 per person between 6.60 pm and 9.30 pm or, for those who want to come later to an open bar the cost is \$20 which includes your first drink.



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CAE courses commence at The Hub @ Docklands

With pencils, cameras and aromatherapy oils poised and ready for action, CAE's Beginning Creative Writing, Basic Digital Photography and Aromatherapy Skin Care short courses commenced at The Hub @ Docklands during November.

The Beginning Creative Writing course was an ideal introduction into poetry, short stories or personal narratives for the budding writer. Basic Digital Photography was designed to help learn the tricks of the trade with digital cameras, while Aromatherapy Skin Care used the healing power of essential oils to create skin treatments.

The participants came from all over Melbourne – either living or working in Docklands, the CBD or inner-city.

"CAE is pleased to be involved in this initiative at The Hub @ Docklands," says Judy McGannon, Innovations Manager of CAE. "These courses will allow participants to develop more skills, meet new people and have some fun. They may even discover their new passion in life!"

CAE plans to extend the range of short courses on offer to allow more variety and choice for Docklands residents, employees and visitors in 2005.

Do you have any short course suggestions? Let CAE know – log onto www.cae.edu.au to fill out the short survey by the 7 January and you will go into the draw to win a \$250 Coles Myer gift card!

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CAE is the largest provider of adult and community education in Victoria. Operating for more than 55 years, CAE offers opportunities to people of all ages, backgrounds and abilities with a strong focus in the arts, wellbeing, lifestyles and languages.

For more information about the range of courses, visit www.cae.edu.au or contact (03) 9652 0611.



Trams among the trees

The new Docklands Drive tram extension will have 34 palm trees between the tracks to enhance the visual appeal of this convenient public transport link.

To complement the urban design of Docklands, the dual tram tracks have now been laid on either side of the row of palm trees along Docklands Drive.

Trams on routes 30 and 48 will operate on this latest extension to Melbourne's tram network which will link the New Quay and Waterfront City precincts with the CBD and greater Melbourne. One kilometre of dual tram track has been laid from La Trobe Street along Harbour Esplanade and down Docklands Drive to Central City Studios.

The new stops to be installed as part of this project will feature wide platforms, a comfortable waiting environment and new technology.

Construction commenced in August 2004 and is expected to be completed by the end of the year. Residents of New Quay will be able to enjoy the convenience of a tram virtually at their front door.

Yarra Trams CEO, Mr Hubert Guyot said: "Yarra Trams is proud to be involved with a project that is providing an improved tram service to the residents and traders of Docklands."

"This project highlights our commitment to providing Melburnians with a better tram journey with more service options," he said.

In early November the curved sections of tram track at the intersections of Harbour Esplanade/La Trobe Street and Harbour Esplanade/Docklands Drive were completed in one weekend. This minimised the disruption to local traffic and other tram services in Docklands.

Once the overhead power installation is complete, Yarra Trams will run its first test tram on the new tracks followed by a program of driver training before services commence.

The Docklands Drive Tram Extension Project will be a positive addition to a precinct that is fast becoming a hub of activity for Melbourne and known as a 'must see' for visitors to our city.



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Eat, Dance and Celebrate in your own backyard this NYE

NewYear's@NewQuay is shaping up to be a night to remember with TWO sensational fireworks displays exploding over Victoria Harbour. There'll be something for everyone as NewQuay plays host to one of the City of Melbourne's official Melbourne Alive New Year's Eve parties and it's right on your doorstep.

Celebrate in style with award-winning waterfront dining, champagne and icy cocktails as you grab the best seat in the house for a birds-eye view of all the entertainment. Abba revival band, Babba, promises to set the mega harbourstage on fire playing all your favorites. And the massive promenade party continues until the spectacular fireworks finale at midnight welcomes in 2005.

There's also a jam-packed family program starting with a 6.00 - 7.30pm dinner sitting at selected NewQuay restaurants leaving plenty of time to marvel at the sand sculptured cartoon village. Full of larger than life Disney characters, the village also includes competitions, carnival rides and a special movie screening. Back on the promenade, free face painting and dancing with Go Seek will be in full swing. There'll be a princess and superheroes parade with prizes for the kids in costume and much more all before the 9.30pm family fireworks extravaganza.



So invite your friends and family and stroll down to NewQuay to be part of Melbourne's most spectacular New Years Eve celebrations.

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Melbourne Docklands Event Program November 2004 - March 2005

Summer on the Docks

If you're after summer fun, the waterfront is where it's at. Summer on the Docks is making a huge splash, with a calendar filled with 18 sizzling summer events, fun family activities, exciting entertainment, stunning views, cool restaurants and cafes. Come and explore and enjoy the attractions of Victoria's new waterfront. From now to March, it's going to be a brilliant summer at Melbourne Docklands.

Calendar of Events

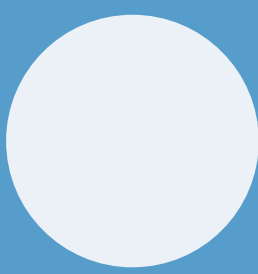
Flying Trapeze Australia Get your adrenaline pumping and learn how to trapeze this summer. Your two hour class includes instruction on safety procedures and techniques on a stationary bar, before you progress to the flying rig to try your first 'catch' and experience what it is like to be an aerial acrobat. No experience is necessary and all classes are conducted in a safety harness with a safety net. Bookings essential, call 0417 073 668. For more information visit www.flytrapeze.com.au	Date Friday 3 December-Sunday 6 February (except Christmas Day) Time 10am - 9pm daily Venue NewQuay Cost \$40 per person	
Sand Sculpting Australia celebrates Disney's Magical Stories Be blown away by amazing sand sculptures of larger than life Disney characters, including Pooh and his friends, the Toy Story gang and The Incredibles. There's fun family activities including screenings of Disney and Disney/Pixar films, sand workshops, Disney story telling, colouring activities and more. Adult: \$8.50, Child 4-15 yrs: \$5.50, Child under 4: free Conc: \$6.50 Proceeds go to Vision Australia Foundation. For bookings and information call 5986 6684 or visit www.sandsculpting.com.au	Date Friday 10 December-Sunday 6 February (except Christmas Day) Time Open 10am daily Venue NewQuay Docklands	
Carols by the Cow Celebrate the festive season with carols and family fun around the urban artwork 'Cow up a Tree' overlooking Victoria Harbour. Santa will also make a special appearance. For more information, call 1300 66 3008 or visit www.docklands.com	Date Friday 10 December Time 8.30pm - 10pm Venue Harbour Esplanade Cost Free	
New Years @ NewQuay Celebrate New Years Eve at NewQuay with sizzling live entertainment and TWO spectacular fireworks extravaganzas. From 6pm it's family fun with face painting, dancing, a princess and super heroes parade, giveaways and a special fireworks display at 9.30pm. Then groove into the New Year with live African drumming, swing band Benny and the Fly by Nites, and the infectious sounds of Babba, playing all your ABBA favourites. For more information call 1800 888 326 or visit www.newquay.com.au	Date Friday 31 December Time From 6pm Venue NewQuay Cost Free	
Dancing On The Docks Put on your dancing shoes and learn to groove. Professional instructors will take you through the steps for tango, salsa, hip hop and swing. Sunday Dance sessions: Tango (16 Jan, 13 Feb, 13 Mar), Salsa (23 Jan & 27 Feb), Hip Hop (30 Jan & 20 Mar), Swing (6 Feb & 6 Mar), Lebanese Square Dancing (20 Feb). For more information call 1300 66 3008 or visit www.docklands.com	Date 16, 23, 30 January 6, 13, 20, 27 February 5, 13, 20 March Time 2pm - 3.30pm Venue Grand Plaza Cost Free	

For more information about the Summer on the Docks events program at Melbourne Docklands, call 1300 66 3008 or visit www.docklands.com

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Art of Docklands – The Webb Bridge

The sculptural Webb bridge was the result of an art competition held in 2000. The brief was for an artist and architect team to transform a disused cargo link across the Yarra River (the Webb Dock rail link) into an integrated artwork which also functioned as a pedestrian and cyclist bridge. The winning design by artist Robert Owen and architects Denton Corker Marshall (DCM) was selected for its elegant form and the unique experience it provides both when viewed from afar as well as when on the bridge.

The existing Webb dock Bridge and its new connection to the bank becomes a unified sculptural form rather than an architectural structure on which sculpture has been super-imposed. The bridge is an analogy for Koorie Fishing traps, drums, baskets and the gestural flow of the river below. Robert Owen and DCM

Hubbub – what’s on at the Community Hub in Docklands.

The Hub@Docklands, our community building on Waterview Walk, hosts lots of activities to support local community. The Hub is also the place to collect local informational material. This column is a regular feature in the Community News to inform our readers of the programs and activities at the Hub.

Coming up at The Hub in December and January

- **Education**
A great range of evening classes are currently being undertaken by CAE at the Hub. Call 9652 0611 for details. Look out for a range of ‘Taster’ classes to be run soon.
- **Exercise classes**
– evening session in Yoga and Pilates are held on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. To find out more or to join a class call Ferne on 0416 055 20

A Dog’s Day Out in Docklands - Parade of Paws

More than 80 dogs and owners turned out on a sunny October morning for Docklands annual pet owner’s day, Parade of Paws. While the dogs had a great romp in the park and a chance to sniff out potential new friends, the owners enjoyed informational displays, a stylish fashion parade from Yap Wear, an obedience demonstration from Planet K9, and some tips on responsible pet ownership courtesy of the Lost Dogs Home. Parade of Paws received great support from Eukanuba, Yap Wear, Pets and the City and the Lost Dogs Home. Penthouse Vets offered a prize of a free vaccination to entries submitted at the Parade of Paws. The name of the winner is ‘Punkee” Bell. Many Docklanders, who are used to seeing pets around our precinct, would be surprised to know that pet registrations in Docklands are few. Cats and Dogs are required to be registered by law but Docklands pet owners may be unaware that the pet registration process is managed by VicUrban. Registering dogs and cats is an important part of responsible pet ownership and a great reassurance if pets should stray or get lost. The minimum age for pet registration is now three months. Pet owners who do not comply with registration requirements can be fined \$511.25. To register your pet call in at the Hub or go directly to the Lost Dogs Home in North Melbourne.







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Mission 'Launches' the ANL Maritime ART Prize & Exhibition

Stormy Melbourne weather did not stop over 350 people from attending the opening of the ANL Art Maritime Exhibition on Thursday November 11th. Lieutenant Governor Lady Southey AM who announced the winners of the ANL Maritime Art Prize & Exhibition opened the Art Show. John Lines CEO of ANL presented the three winners with their equal share of the \$10,000.00 art prize.

Lady Southey also presented the prizes to the winners of the Port of Melbourne Corporation Children's Art Prize. A great thrill for the children, proud parents and their teachers.

The opening was a splendid affair attended by members of the shipping industry, artists, seafarer's and friends of the mission.

The art exhibition showcased over 80 accepted works of established Australian Artists from the contemporary to the classic. Curator Annei Errey beautifully hung the works and they were displayed at their very best in the recently refurbished building.

The ANL Maritime Art Prize and Exhibition highlighted the important work of the Mission to Seafarers and its place in Melbourne's waterside history.

The proceeds from sales of the exhibited works will go to supporting the work of Mission to Seafarers, which has been caring for seafarers in the Port of Melbourne since 1858.

This unique heritage-listed building is well worth a visit.

The winners of the ANL Maritime Art Prize were Jennifer Marshall, "Tempest", Woodcut, Raymond Carter "Territorial Integrity, Revisited", Linocut, David Mellows, "Some Change/ Some Romain" Acrylic on canvass.

The art works were judged by, Caroline Field Director / Manager, Museum of Art Deakin University and Jeffrey Maken, Artist and Art Critic.

Opening night showcases Victoria Harbour

During October LendLease staged the official launch of part of its Melbourne Docklands project, Victoria Harbour Promenade, located along the water's edge.

Part of the \$1.8-billion overall Victoria Harbour project, the promenade enjoys prime positioning along some of the development's 3.7km waterfront stretch, of which 1.6km is premium North-facing. With the onset of warmer weather tenants are now looking forward to increased trade activity.

Although already enjoying healthy visitation from nearly 4,000 National Australia Bank employees, tenants regarded the opening as a means of generating broader public awareness of the precinct, particularly given they commence weekend trading this Saturday.

A crowd of some 500 guests attended the evening, which was hosted by media identities Peter Mitchell and Beverley O'Connor from Channel Seven, also housed within the Docklands.

Marketed for its lifestyle offer, the night was an opportunity to showcase predominantly food and beverage tenants who have made the move into Victoria Harbour.

The Harbour Kitchen, Harbour Noodles, Watermark Bar, banc and Essence were responsible for marquee catering during the event, with tenants opening their doors to guests towards the end of official proceedings, allowing them to get a better feel for the waterside offer.



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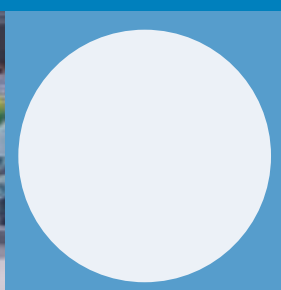
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As You Like It

by Inouk Arnall

As You Like It- Fabulous Competitions

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- 2) What famous sweet wine of France frequently contains Sauvignon Blanc as its main ingredient?

Last Issue - Winner of the Meal for Two at Watermark was Peter Jackel, the first entrant who correctly identified three foods named after people. He identified Beef Wellington, Pavlova and Apple Charlotte. Runner up and winner of the bottle of Badger's Brook Shiraz was Kathryn Keogh.

To win a dinner for two people at Livebait

'Celebrating Christmas and the New Year at Docklands'

As You Like It Special Feature

With Christmas fast approaching, it's time to make plans for that all-important feast. Why not kick your feet up this year and let someone else take care of all the arrangements? Tempting? Well try these great Docklands venues on for size...

- **BlueFire** has a special lunch that includes their signature 'Churasscaria' (a selection of meats and seafood carved at your table), desserts & sides, plus a glass of sparkling on arrival. Adults \$90, Kids 4-12 \$45. (Tel. 9670 8008)
- **Livebait** is putting on a three-course seafood lunch for \$110 adults & \$45 children. Non-seafood and vegetarian options available. (Tel. 9642 1500)
- **Eurasia** has a delightful 4 course banquet option at \$60pp. Dishes include; *Assorted Sushi, Gyoza, King Prawns and Pandang Lamb Fillets*. (Tel. 9642 8089)

Searching for a great venue to help bring in the New Year? Don't forget there'll be TWO spectacular fireworks displays over Victoria Harbour, so why not stay where all the action will be?

- **Watermark Bar** is putting on a big night of fun with a ticketed event at \$120pp. This includes complimentary drinks, tasty finger food and various DJ's playing throughout the night (Tel. 9642 1880)
- **Vic Harbour Kitchen and Bar** is holding an early cocktail function for drinks, canapes and DJ from 7.30-9.30pm, \$60pp. After 9.30pm they open as a bar only and a \$20 cover charge gets you a drink on entry and DJ entertainment.
- **Livebait** have an "Eat, Dance, Celebrate" night with two sittings. Firstly an early 6- 7.30pm session, ideal for families who can then take advantage of the free entertainment on the Promenade (a la carte menu applies). Then from 8.30pm, a second sitting for party-minded adults which includes a special seafood menu and a glass of sparkling on arrival at \$155pp. (Tel. 9642 1500)
- Similarly, **Mecca Bah** is now taking bookings for NYE, with an early family session from 5.30-7.30pm (a la carte menu) and then from 8.30pm, a three-course set menu, including a glass of sparkling on arrival for \$110pp. (Tel. 9642 1300)

To all my readers, I hope your Christmas and New Year will be exactly As You Like It.
Yours truly, **Inouk**

'Talking Plonk'

Task: To prepare a wine review encompassing two different points of view to help readers make more informed wine choices. Each issue I shall share a bottle of wine from *Docks On The Rocks* with my father Bruce, and publish our thoughts for your interest. My palate is young and less experienced, but like many others, I enjoy learning about different wines. He has good technical knowledge, a mature palate and has been involved with wine evaluation over many years.

Plonk: Cannibal Creek 2002 Sauvignon Blanc
RRP: \$22.90

Background: Located in the foothills of the Black Snake Ranges in West Gippsland, the grapes at Cannibal Creek wines are handpicked and wines crafted with minimal handling to produce traditional style, premium wine.

Conversation between Inouk & her Dad:

- I: You can smell the strong passionfruit aromas.
B: Yes, the nose is delicate, not too upfront like some Sauvignon Blancs can be.
I: Likewise it doesn't taste typically grassy or herbaceous either.
B: Which I think creates a lovely crisp summer wine, with a subdued pleasant fruit flavour.
I: The fruit seems to balance the acidity nicely in this wine. This would be superb with a chicken and mango salad don't you think?
B: Yes, serve it with something simple and uncomplicated.
I: Like us really?
B: Speak for yourself! I'd drink this outdoors at Docklands and don't hang onto it either.
I: My kind of wine...a great al fresco "drink now" type!

You'll find this wine at *Docks On The Rocks*, Docklands only bottle shop. They specialize in boutique and smaller wine producers, particularly from around Victoria.

Shop 23-25 Rakaia Way, Docklands
Tel: 9642 3070

The Starfish Rating System

★★★★★

Superb

You must try this

★★★★★

Highly Recommended

A dining experience to remember

★★★★★

Recommended

A pleasant dining experience

★★★★★

Average

Beats cooking for yourself

★★★★★

Below Average

Stay home or order Takeaway

'Fast & Fresh'

Venue

Brot Bakery

Where

28 Saint Mangos Lane, New Quay
(tel: 9670 3235)

What

Bread, breakfast, fresh sandwiches, foccacias, croissants, Danish's, huge muffins, a selection of sweet treats, Boscattle pies and pastries and delicious Coffex coffee.

What we had

The 'Special Breakfast'; eggs anyway on toast, two sausages, bacon and grilled tomato- only \$7.90 including coffee!

The Verdict

Simple fodder done well at a bargain price.

Venue Features

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SNAPSHOT

Venue: Livebait
Location: 555 NewQuay Promenade, NewQuay. Tel: 9642 1500
Chef: Michael Bannerman (Head), Cath Claringbold (Executive)
Open: Mon-Sun; Lunch Noon-3pm, Dinner 6pm-11pm
Cards: All credit cards, but no EFTPOS
Other: Fully Licensed, Outdoor seating on balcony, Wheelchair access



Livebait

Overall rating: ★★★★★
Wine List: ★★★★★

Price Range: Entrees \$13- \$20 & Mains \$ 22- \$38

In New Quay there are only a few venues lucky enough to be positioned right on the waters edge, Livebait is one of them. Having an upstairs position adds to the appeal, with magnificent 240-degree views complimenting a modern spacious interior. These days you really appreciate high ceilings as it keeps noise levels under control even when the place is full and cleverly positioned lighting means dinner for two still feels intimate.

The wine list is incredible, with over 100 wines in 12 different styles available on Livebait's standard list. They also have an additional list of boutique wines that may be purchased by the bottle only.

Part of the charm of many Livebait dishes lies in the unique way that ingredients are combined. Viewing the menu, what at first seemed unusual and almost daring, turned out a gustatory delight. Take for example our starters; King prawns baked in terracotta, with chilli tomato and fetta (\$20). The fetta in this flavoursome dish was nice and creamy, not overpowering, but just enough to soften the rich chilli sauce and provide a mouth-watering experience. The other was Roast _ shell Spring Bay scallops, with Chorizo & Portuguese dressing (\$19.50). I had wondered if a strong flavoured sausage with seafood was going to work, but work it did. It added a rich spiciness to simple yet succulent scallops and the result was a delightfully unusual combination.

For mains we tried two very different fish dishes. The Roasted WA Emperor, with globe artichoke & parsley (\$28) was firm with a beautiful crispy skin. The artichoke added a touch of tartness to the slightly sweet flesh, whilst a zucchini, rocket and fetta salad gave the dish a lovely Mediterranean feel. In contrast the Roasted

Barramundi fillet, with thyme and lemon (\$31) was earthy and strong flavoured and went superbly with a warm roasted pumpkin salad and rustic fried potatoes which were pleasantly flavoured with a smoked paprika. We loved the '02 Diamond Valley 'White Label' Chardonnay from the Yarra Valley; it was the perfect full-bodied accompaniment for both of our meals.

Livebait has a delectable dessert menu, all \$11.50. We enjoyed the White Chocolate and Lime Cheesecake with White Rum Sorbet; it was an ideal balance between the sweetness of cheesecake with a zesty hint of bitterness from the lime. The Warm Date and Caramel Pudding with double cream was sinfully rich but guaranteed to end the meal on a high note.

The service was attentive yet unobtrusive and certainly matched the standard of such an establishment. For those planning Christmas parties there are 3 different function packages available, which are designed for varying budgets & tastes. Livebait is one Docklands premier restaurants and I highly recommend you try it. I know that I'll be going back so perhaps I'll see you there?



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Community Surveys in Docklands

by Dave Hamra

A number of surveys are currently underway or in the process of being finalised. Each of the surveys have a different focus and together will help VicUrban to understand the Docklands resident, worker and visitor communities' needs to better plan and provide services. All surveys are confidential. Hopefully many of you have been involved in these surveys but hopefully not too many have been asked every question by everyone.

VicUrban and the City of Melbourne have commenced a *Central City Users Study* of visitors to the central city and Docklands. This 2-stage study will tell us who is coming to Docklands, where they're coming from, what they do and how much they spend while they are here. Draft results indicate 22,000 people visit Docklands each day with a similar number coming here to work. Also Docklands and Federation Square are the top sightseeing destinations for city visitors during the week. Stage 2 of the Study will focus on detailed analysis of the visitor spending habits.

An annual *Satisfaction Survey* of residents, local businesses (large and small), workers and visitors to Docklands provides feedback on levels of satisfaction on amenity and facilities, service provision and the sense of connection that stakeholders have with Docklands as a place to live, work and do business.

During November Vicurban and the Property Council of Australia in partnership with neighbouring councils have just begun an *Apartment Residents Survey* of 2,000 households across the inner city including Docklands. The survey will provide information on household composition, reasons for housing choice and satisfaction with their apartment design and construction. A report of the survey findings is due early in 2005.

And in another sign of the growing interest and awareness Docklands, the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) and Deakin University are also conducting research. The ABS has been testing new techniques for collecting census data so unfortunately they will not be releasing their data. A PhD student from Deakin University is also conducting research on health aspects of high-rise apartment living including measuring the benefits of access to parks and gardens, pets, community gardens to resident health and wellbeing.

If you have taken the time to answer questions or fill out surveys thank you for helping us to make Docklands understand even better for residents, workers and visitors. For more info on any of these surveys contact Dave Hamra at the Hub on 8622 4822.

The Railways at Spencer Street

by Judith Buckrich

I thought that while we are all waiting the result of the construction at Spencer Street Railway Station a little of the history the site was timely.

The story of Spencer Street Railway Station began in 1853 when a grant of 20 hectares (50 acres) was made to the Melbourne, Mount Alexander and Murray River Railway Company in a large block north of Batman's Hill and a narrower strip extending southward beside it along Spencer Street to Flinders Street. This block was taken over by the Government in 1856 before any railway construction had begun. Trains began running from Spencer Street in 1859. The first line was to Williamstown and Sunbury.

It soon became the most important terminus for goods trains running to rural centres all over Victoria.

A look at Major Cox's famous 1864 plan of Hobson's Bay and the River Yarra shows that there were already several buildings and other infrastructure at the Spencer Street Railway site. These included a passenger station with arrival and departure platform, the Engineer-in-Chief's offices, a carriage shed opposite the passenger station, the engine shed and goods sheds numbers. The freight section of the station was referred to as the Batman's Hill Goods Station.

The Rail Yard was laid out on the 50-acre allotment to the north of Batman's Hill with goods sheds towards Adderley Street, North Melbourne and the passenger station and offices at Collins Street. Each goods shed was timber framed with metal trusses and made of corrugated iron with timber sliding doors. Ridge lanterns and skylights provided light. Trains could enter sheds and outside platforms had cranes to load and unload goods.

The sheds erected at Spencer Street railway yards in 1860 were added to in 1862 and in 1863 Batman's Hill began to be excavated for an extension of the railway terminus. Batman's Hill was now seen as more of a nuisance than

an asset and would be slowly removed to make way for rail yards, goods sheds and other railway amenities.

Pressure on the goods terminal became greater each year and, in 1870, the building of a new Number 1 Goods Shed was contracted to John Thomas. Messrs Wright and Edwards erected an imposing iron footbridge connecting the platforms with the shed. Shed is hardly an appropriate word for the building which was grand in its proportions and built to last. It was a forerunner in design to the still existing number 2 or 'A' Shed at Village Docklands

The opening of Number 1 was marked by the staging of a ball to which all of Melbourne's leading citizens were invited. Apart from the size of the shed, it was constructed in the most up-to-date style with an eye to form as well as function.

The Ball to Celebrate the Shed Opening

The ball was an important event to the whole city. Many people turned up to watch the guests arrive in their beautiful dresses and fine evening suits. The idea of a ball in such an industrial building may seem odd to us, but Melbourne's merchants were keen to show off what they regarded as an important development for trade in the Colony. The shed cost £47,572 and was the place from which most farm and agricultural produce was handled until 1908.

Spencer Street continued to develop and expand into the twentieth century. It was an integral part of goods transport from rural Victoria and the point at which goods were transferred from train to ship. The port and the station played their part in developing Victoria's economy to its peak in the 1950s and 1960. But like the dock, the railways also went through enormous changes from the 1960s with much greater use of road transport and containers forcing the closure of many lines.

Like Docklands, Spencer Street is undergoing a rebirth and its new incarnation will present a vastly different setting for train travellers in Melbourne.



Spencer Street Railyards 1880 La Trobe Picture Collection



Spencer Street Station photo by J W Lindt c 1876 La Trobe Picture Collection SLV. Note the man having his shoes cleaned, the 'bridges' over the gutters and the gas lamp.



Section of Major Cox's 1864 map of Hobson Bay and the Yarra. This map shows the old course of the Yarra, the west Melbourne Swamp, Spencer Street Railway Station. Map Collection, SLV.



Detail of Section of Major Cox's 1864 map of Hobson Bay and the Yarra showing the present day Docklands area including the Spencer Street Railway Station and the Gas Works. Map Collection, SLV.

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Fish Bar
10% off all drink and food, 7 days a week

Others

The Lounge Room
Residents Night every Monday from 5.00 pm. \$12 meal specials – select from an extensive menu

Liquid
New Year's Eve Cocktail and Tapas Spectacular - \$95 for a full food and beverage package with great Spanish flavours and entertainment.

Docks on the Rocks
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New Independent Research Confirms the Lifestyle at NewQuay is Second to None!

In October this year an independent market research organization, Sweeney Research, assessed the tenant and owner satisfaction with their lifestyle or investment here at NewQuay.

The results revealed what we at Metro Real Estate Services have believed all along, NewQuay is a great place to live.

The highlights from the survey are detailed below:

NEWQUAY RESIDENTS ARE PLEASED

Seven in ten respondents claimed to be pleased with their apartment and NewQuay. The most mentioned reasons for respondents being pleased with their apartment and NewQuay were:

- High quality of apartment
- Like the view
- It meets expectations
- Quality finishes
- Good location
- Have no problems/happy with everything
- Like the design/looks good

FACT - 88% of tenants are pleased with their finished apartment and NewQuay in general.

WHY LIVE AT NEWQUAY?

Having experienced living at NewQuay, the most respondents mentioned the advantage or attraction of living in NewQuay was our top restaurants, bars and cafes.

FACT - 70% of NewQuay owner respondents initially rented a Docklands apartment.



WHAT MAKES LIVING AT NEWQUAY SO SPECIAL?

Our residents cited the following aspects that make NewQuay such a great place to call home:

- Close to the city
- Good position/location Like the lifestyle
- Enjoy living here/happy/comfortable
- Convenience

FACT - 71% claim to dine out at NewQuay on one to three occasions a week

With a lifestyle of convenience and luxury it is no wonder that residents are so pleased to call NewQuay home.

Metro Leasing Update



Metro Real Estate would like to take this opportunity to welcome Marion Bauer our new Property Manager and latest addition to the Metro team. Please do not hesitate to contact Marion or Tricia for reliable Property Management advice and service.

With spring blooming in NewQuay tenants are filling our office looking for their new home. This demand is great for our current investors who are currently enjoying high occupancy rates of 98.5%. This surge in demand has however left many high caliber tenants out in the cold as we struggle to meet this rise in demand.

The team at Metro Real Estate Property Services are therefore calling all investors to come and experience the Metro Real Estate edge. Whether your property is here at NewQuay or in the Watergate building Metro Real Estate will find you the tenants you deserve.

FACT - Metro Real Estate Property Management is now leasing properties in all Dockand Precincts so come take advantage of NewQuay's only waterfront Property Management team.

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FACT - Although over 50% complete substantial stamp duty savings still apply for all new purchasers in the Conder.

