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CELEBRATING SUMMER ON THE DOCKS

Warming Up for the Games

The countdown to the Commonwealth Games began in earnest as Victorian communities around the state celebrated with a Warming Up for the Games Community Day on November 20.



Australia's champion walker Nathan Deakes and VicUrban CEO John Tabart lead Docklands Community members along the NewQuay Promenade at Warming Up for the Games



Australian Youth Band

In Docklands, residents and visitors were treated to a sneak preview of the new Waterfront City Piazza and a day of activity, entertainment and fun. Steve Bracks, Premier of Victoria, and Justin Madden, Minister for the Commonwealth Games opened the event and joined Australian walk athlete Nathan Deakes who lead the audience around a trial circuit of the Commonwealth Games Walks course.

Wakeboarding and outrigger canoes kept the harbour busy while exercise, music, a community mural and a chance to meet some of Australia's elite athletes were key elements on the shore. Event organisers wish to thank everyone who helped make this event a great day out for the Docklands community.



Face Painting and fun at the Commonwealth Games children's community mural

Welcome Onboard Docklands!



Over the past few months the Docklands community has been getting onboard to support a brand new and innovative project which is bound to lift community spirit as Christmas approaches. A Community Intranet is being created for Docklands by Sydney-based firm Reading Room.

With the help of local café owners they hosted a series of stimulating evenings of lively discussion to explore community needs for the site. Exciting plans for the Docklands Community Intranet were floated by Keith Winestein, Senior Project Manager who heads up Reading Room Melbourne and Pete Connelley, Account Director who joined him from Reading Room Sydney.

On 5 October a number of residents and business owners, braved the weather to attend the first presentation meeting at The Hub.

Great ideas were shared and the community heard about the initial ideas to develop a 21st century

virtual community for all Docklanders. Michael Watts, winner of the first prize draw, took home a case of fine Australian wine and chocolates. All he had to do to enter was register his name and email address for more information about the Intranet. Well done Michael!

On 6 October at Lot 50 Café, Yarra's Edge a great debate took place about the role of the Intranet, what it can do and what it definitely can't (like pay your rates and walk the dog). People can see the potential benefits the Community Intranet has for all Docklanders. How happy was Jon Sturgess to carry off his case of wine as a reward for his valuable contribution to the presentation?

Lastly, on 10 October at the Vic Harbour Kitchen & Bar at NewQuay a large contingent of Internet savvy Docklanders discussed options for community involvement. It must have been a good discussion as it went on past 1am! Well done to Rob Tanner and his wife Sue who won yet another case of fine Australian wine courtesy of Reading Room and chosen by Quick Liquor, Watergate.

A small group of local representatives have volunteered to join the Project Reference Group (PRG) and are helping to determine what the Community wants and needs for this innovative new Docklands Community Intranet project.

Members from VicUrban, Bodies Corporate, the Community and Businesses within Docklands are also part of this PRG and will help influence the design, build and ongoing management of the Intranet.

The Docklands Community Intranet will be called **Onboard Docklands**

It has been universally endorsed by residents and commercial partners because it:

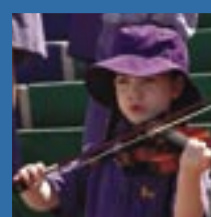
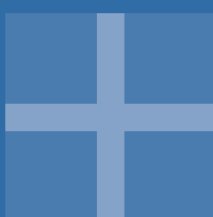
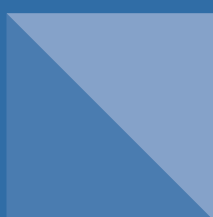
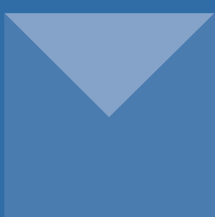
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Get Onboard at Docklands! Try it. Talk to other people about getting onboard and see how easy it is to engage people with the name, concept and idea of Onboard Docklands.

The **Onboard** site will be operational before Christmas. If you have any questions about the Docklands Community Intranet or want to get involved, share ideas, thoughts and suggestions please contact:

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or call 0437856381

Or visit <http://community.docklands.com> for more information



The Docklands Community News

As this issue hits the streets we approach Christmas and an action-packed summer like no other in Dockland's history. Docklanders have a great deal to look forward to in the coming months.

Amid the usual flurry of Christmas activity we will welcome the opening of Waterfront City – a precinct which will bring an unprecedented level of event activity to our suburb. Then just before Christmas comes the first stage of Onboard Docklands, the exciting new community intranet which will revolutionize living in Docklands.

The exciting New Year, always an evening of peak celebration in Docklands, will be followed by the first of two major global events to take place in Docklands – the Melbourne stopover of the Volvo Ocean Race. Have your cameras at the ready as these \$7 million vessels put their own slant on entry beneath the Bolte Bridge from 17 January onwards.

Around this time the Victoria Point complex will reach completion adding an entire new residential and business precinct to Docklands.

In March Docklanders will have front-row seats at a number of elite sports as the road events of the Commonwealth Games are held in Docklands. Add the Queen's Baton Relay, Waterfront City as a Games Live Site, the Rugby 7's at Telstra Dome and the youth program at Shed 14 as part of Festival Melbourne 2006 and you have the recipe for an exciting month. Look out for a special Commonwealth Games edition of your Docklands Community News.

The Docklands Community News is published for the interest of the Docklands community. In this issue we welcome the support of Bendigo Bank who will sponsor a Community Event Calendar in each forthcoming issue. Reader contributions are welcome. To contact us call 8622 4821 or e-mail to docklands.communitynews@vicurban.vic.gov.au.

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New Residents in Docklands

Docklands residents with harbour views will have noticed a number of Black Swans that regularly patrol the waters within Docklands. Frequently seen around Central Pier, the swans make a great natural contribution to the look of the harbour.

Recently the Infrastructure development team within Docklands discovered that some of the swans like the area so much that they have decided to raise a family here. Evoking memories of the story of the ugly duckling, these ungainly cygnets will doubtless grow to cruise the waters of Docklands as graceful adult swans.



LEND LEASE OFFERS THE SEAFARERS MISSION A **HELPING HAND**

The Mission to Seafarers was one of more than 70 organisations given a helping hand on the September 2005, when Lend Lease held its 10th annual Community Day.

Community Day is an initiative which sees employees from Lend Lease companies in Australia and around the world donate a day of their time, skills and enthusiasm to support their local communities.

In Docklands, about 25 employees from Lend Lease gathered at The Mission to Seafarers to undertake a variety of tasks including painting, cement rendering, pressure cleaning, repairs to fences and doors, provision of a new vanity unit to the toilets, gardening plus removal of general rubbish around the building.

Clara Nunez, team leader of the group, said the Mission to Seafarers was chosen for this project because of its not-for-profit status, its clear need for support, and its historic significance to Docklands and to Melbourne.

This is the 10th annual Community Day, with 1447 volunteers – 66 per cent of the company's Australian workforce - working on more than 70 projects nationally. Lend Lease Group Sustainability Executive Daniel Labbad said Community Day was an opportunity for Lend Lease employees to make a personal contribution to their local communities. "This is a way for a company's employees, from senior executives to tradespeople, to contribute to the Australian community at a grass-roots level."



Clara Nunez of Lend Lease and Mark Simms from the Mission



Lend Lease staff hang a door at the Mission to Seafarers

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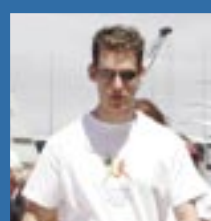
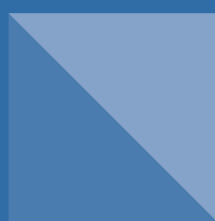
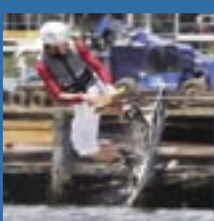
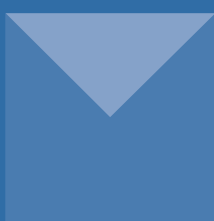
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Summer on the Docks

Summer is hot and there's no hotter place to spend it than Melbourne Docklands. For four fabulous months, the dynamic waterfront destination is dishing up international events, outstanding entertainment, free family fun and the finest food and wine. Here is a sample of what's in store in December.

Christmas Waterfront Entertainment

Fri 9, 16, 23 December, 6pm – 9pm, Waterfront City, NewQuay, Victoria Harbour & Yarra's Edge Promenades, FREE

Rock on to roving performances by the Barbershop Boys, Christmas Dixies, and Jingle Belles while you enjoy some Christmas cheer in Docklands restaurants and bars.

Waterfront City International Circus Spectacular

Fri 9 December – Sun 19 February, Up to 3 shows daily at 2pm, 4pm, 8pm (except Mondays), Waterfront City Pavilion. Adults \$19, Children (4 – 13 years) \$13, Families (2 Adults + 2 Children) \$50. Tickets available at the door

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Santa by the Sea

Sat 10 December, 10.30am – 4pm, Central Pier, FREE

Dorothy the Dinosaur and her friends will drop by Victoria Harbour for a Dance Party (free shows: 11am & 2pm) with Santa making his grand arrival by boat. Children can meet their wiggly friends and have a photo taken with Santa after the shows. Plus there's the Christmas Craft Village and cruises on the harbour (12 noon – 4 pm.)! Children are invited to dress up and bring an unwrapped gift for the Salvation Army.

Christmas and New Year's Eve Celebrations @ Waterfront City

Fri 9 December – Sun 15 January, From 5 pm, Waterfront City Piazza Stage, FREE

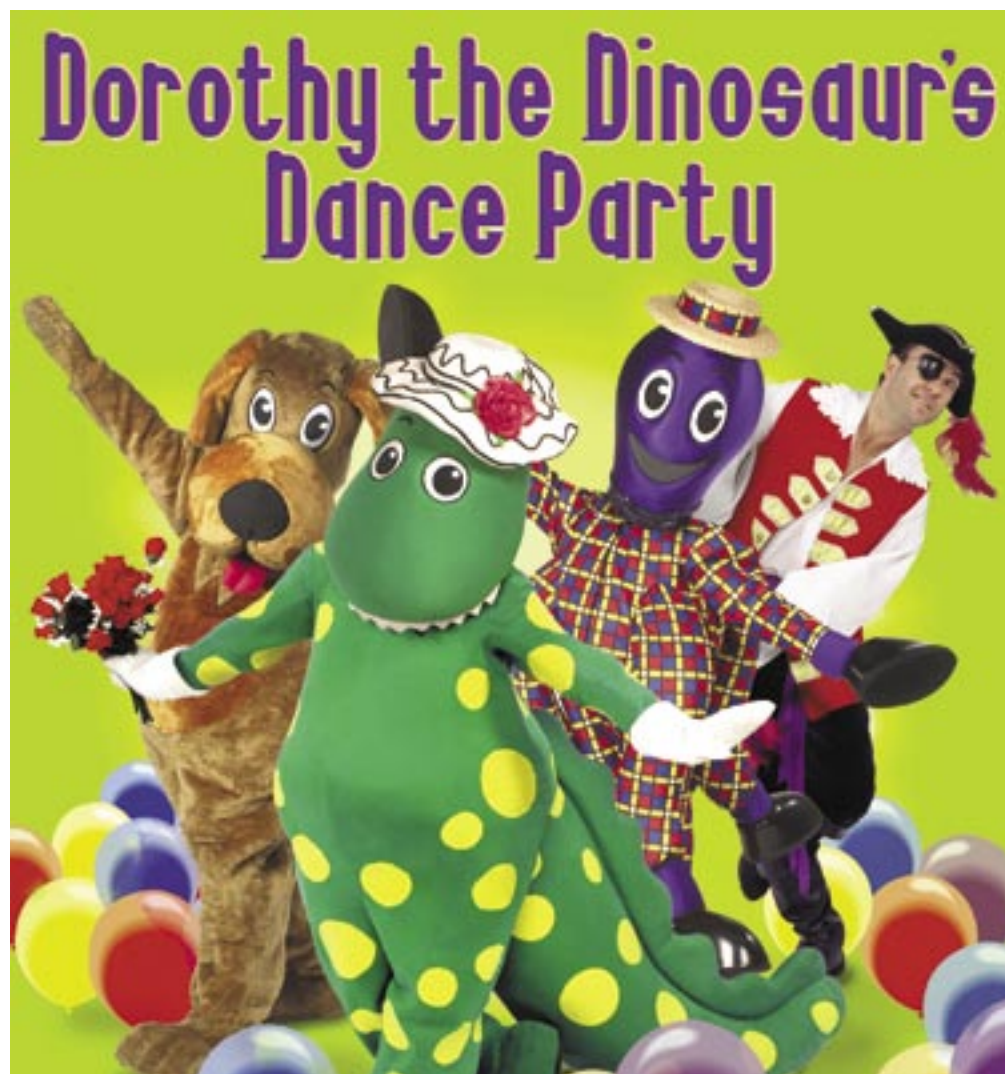
'Tis the season to be jolly and Waterfront City has a jolly good line-up of music this Christmas and New Year. Big name acts include End of Fashion, Mark Seymour, James Reyne, Pseudo Echo, Renee Geyer, Daryl Braithwaite and Joe Camilleri.

Melbourne Alive – New Year's Eve 2005

Sat 31 December, 5pm – 1am (Fireworks displays at 9.15 pm and midnight), Waterfront City Piazza, NewQuay Promenade and Victoria Harbour, FREE

See in 2006 in style! Make a booking at a waterfront restaurant before lining the promenades to enjoy top entertainment and watch fireworks light up the sky over Victoria Harbour.

For a copy of Summer on the Docks program, call 1300 66 3008 or visit www.docklands.com



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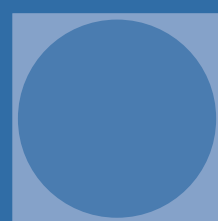
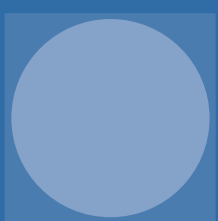
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Digital Harbour makes list of Finalists for Top Seven Intelligent Communities

NEW YORK (November 18, 2005) –**The Intelligent Community Forum** announced its list of 21 communities that are now finalists for its Top Seven Intelligent Communities of 2006 honors. The “Smart 21,” as ICF calls them, were selected from formal submissions by communities large and small from August through October. The announcement of these 21 finalists is the first major step in the selection of the Top Seven Intelligent Communities of the Year, which are models for the development of prosperous local economies based on broadband and information technology.

In a piece of great news for Docklands and Melbourne, the technology precinct of Digital Harbour is among the 21 finalists. The inclusion of Digital Harbour demonstrates how the forward-thinking design of Docklands leads Melbourne into the 21st century.

On January 17, ICF will announce the Top Seven of 2006 at the annual Pacific Telecommunications Council conference in Honolulu, Hawaii. (www.ptc06.org)

On June 9, 2006, ICF will select one of its Top Seven to be the Intelligent Community of the Year during its annual “Building the Broadband Economy” conference in New York City. This community will succeed Mitaka, Japan, which was ICF’s 2005 honoree.

The Docklands Community News congratulates Digital Harbour and those who prepared the submission which secured inclusion in this prestigious list.

iPORT

“High speed internet and low cost telephony services now available to residents and businesses in iPort enabled Buildings”

The Docklands iPort Network has been developed by Powercor Telecom in partnership with VicUrban. It is capable of providing high-speed 100Mbps/sec connectivity to the residents and business taking up occupancy in new Docklands buildings. Not only does this provide connection to the internet at speeds of up to 40 times faster than standard ADSL services, it provides access to new and innovative services such as low cost internet telephony and video conferencing. It offers a glimpse into digital cities of the future, yet it's here in Docklands now.



Rod Grist, Project Director from VicUrban, announced on November 14th that the iPort network is now available to residents in the Conder, Village and Watergate apartments.

“We are excited to see the realisation of our goal to provide next-generation network services, which until now have only been accessible to businesses, to the Docklands residential community. We have seen the direct benefits for our business, and we are pleased to now offer new residents in Docklands the same high speed connectivity for day to day living”.

12 months ago VicUrban commenced using iPort for its own corporate network, internet connection and phone system. The Docklands iPort Network provided the infrastructure and connectivity, whilst IP Systems provided the applications and services. The decision proved to be a successful one, having seen significant cost savings and increases in efficiency. When it came time to create the residential services, IP Systems again stepped up to the challenge.

“IP Systems has offered to supply services over the Docklands iPort Network to all iPort enabled buildings in the Dockland precinct. We have witnessed first-hand their expertise in delivering robust, technologically advanced solutions and expect their new residential brand - Arise - will provide a range of exciting services which truly capture our vision for a digitally integrated Smart City.”

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Although the name of this new square has not yet been determined, it will be officially opened by Minister Bronwyn Pike in a ceremony on December 14. When you're next out walking, take the trouble to call in on this new public amenity.

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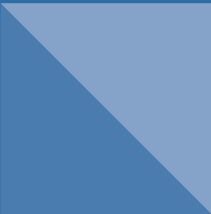
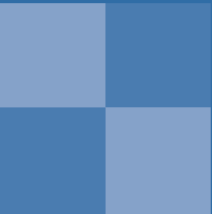
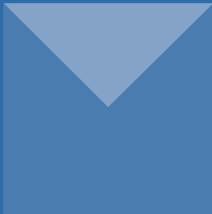
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Fox Museum Supports Road Trauma Message



Amongst the collection of classic and exotic cars housed within the Fox Museum are several vehicles with unique and interesting social histories.

One such car is a sleek blue Porsche – the very same type of vehicle in which the legendary actor James Dean was tragically killed in a road accident. The car in the Fox Collection is not just a classic and inspiring design, it is the very next car off the production-line after the car which James Dean purchased.

Director of the Fox Museum, Brian Tanti, has hit upon a way to use this story to deliver a strong message about Road Trauma. With the consent of the California Highway Patrol, Brian has accessed the speeding ticket which was handed to James Dean only hours before he sped on to his tragic accident. The ticket has been replicated onto a t-shirt design which is being sold to raise awareness of the cost to society of Road Trauma. Road trauma is the number one killer of men aged between 20 and 40 years of age. Proceeds from the sale of these shirts are directed to the Alfred Hospital Road Trauma unit. For more information, contact the Fox Museum

Pictured is actor Eric Bana wearing the shirt design by Brian Tanti.

Achievement for Yarra's Edge Marina

Marina YE located at Yarras Edge development at Docklands, has already become an integral part of the Melbourne Docklands water activities whilst enhancing the \$1.5 billion residential development of Yarra's Edge.

Recently, Marina YE has been recognized for its commitment to professionalism and the environment. Marina YE has been officially accredited by Clean Marinas Australia as a Clean Marina after meeting a range of World's Best Practice Management Standards required in the three stage process to be accredited a Clean Marina.

The Clean Marinas Australia accreditation program required Marina YE to demonstrate that it had the management procedures in place to eliminate any opportunity for damage to the environment from mechanical activities, boat maintenance activities and boat fuelling activities. Marina management, emergency planning, waste management, recycling procedures, staff training, and boat owner education are all part of the Clean Marinas accreditation process.

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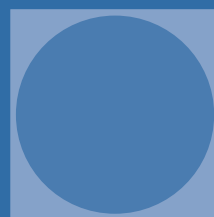
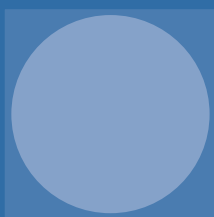
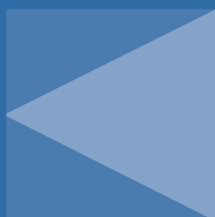
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The YMCA puts heart into Docklands

It's been almost 30 years since the YMCA has had a high profile in the heart of the city – but the Y is back in town with a dynamic new Health Club under development at Victoria Point, Docklands.

Due to open in early 2006, YMCA Docklands will provide a social focus for local residents and businesses, while providing world-class health and fitness facilities and an ongoing incentive to get and stay fit.

Facilities over two levels will include a health clinic offering physiotherapy, massage, podiatry, myotherapy and nutrition, a café, a 25 metre heated lap pool, a members' lounge with wireless connection, a mind body studio and a fully equipped Health Club featuring "intelligent" fitness technology not available anywhere else in Melbourne.

The club's cardio area will have arguably one of the best views in Melbourne, overlooking Victoria Harbour and the Bolte Bridge.

It's the YMCA's commitment to building community and social connections that sets the club apart.

Already, YMCA Docklands is making its presence locally by sponsoring local events including the bi-monthly Bolte Bolt and the Warm Up For The Games event on 20 November.

YMCA CEO Peter Burns said the not-for-profit YMCA was in the business of "building strong people, strong families and strong communities", and was looking forward to doing exactly this in the Docklands precinct.

YMCA Docklands is located on the concourse level of the Victoria Point Building.

For further details contact YMCA Docklands Office at 746 Bourke St, Docklands. Tel: 9642 2620 or email brigitte.isbester@ymca.org.au

For a 3D Tour of the centre go to www.docklands.ymca.org.au



CREATING ACTIVE AND VIBRANT WATERWAYS

With the recent completion of a Boating Hub at Shed 2 Victoria Harbour, community groups such as the Victorian Dragon Boat Association, Melbourne Outrigger Canoe Club and Sailability are actively enjoying Melbourne's Blue Park @ Docklands with regular training activity and events.

The community groups now have a place to launch and retrieve vessels safely, in addition to using the area as an ideal staging platform for events. Together with these groups, VicUrban is developing an exciting program of on water activity and events over the summer period leading into the Melbourne Stopover of the Volvo Ocean Race.

The on water program of activities got off to a fantastic start on November 19 with the 13th Australian Corporate Games held at NewQuay, and included a dragon boat and outrigger canoe championship. The Melbourne Outrigger Canoe Club also held successful come and try sessions the following day as part of Warming Up for the Games in Docklands.

On Sunday December 11, the Victorian Dragon Boat Association will hold the inaugural Docklands Cup in Victoria Harbour as a precursor to the International Dragon Boat Festival on Australia Day next year.

Sailability are also planning a series of events and come and try activities with the Access Dinghies.

Chamber of Commerce Welcomes New Committee

At the recent Annual General Meeting, held at the Hub, the membership of the Docklands Chamber of Commerce elected its new Committee for 2005-06.

The new Committee line-up is

- President – Brian Tanti
- Vice President – Peter Kelly
- Secretary – Lyn Kelly
- Treasurer – Vic Stroumou
- Committee Members – John Ahern and Keith Rankin

Incoming President Brian Tanti thanked the outgoing Committee led by Linda Patching and acknowledged the progress made in the Chamber's first year. The Chamber meets on the first Tuesday of each month.

With many new business openings projected for the forthcoming summer, the Docklands Chamber of Commerce faces a busy year. To find out more about the Chamber go to the website www.docklandschamberofcommerce.com.au

Healthwatch

By Dr Dan Moylan at Victoria Harbour Medical Clinic

Take the Pressure Down

In the words of John Farnham, "Take the pressure down, 'cause I can feel it rising like a storm". John was on to something back in 1986 because since then the number of Australians with elevated blood pressure has escalated.

High blood pressure (AKA hypertension) basically accelerates damage to our blood vessels. A simple explanation is that higher pressure forces the fats in our blood into our blood vessel walls. Hence cholesterol plaques and hardening of the arteries develops earlier. This leads to stroke, heart disease etc. Of note is that the blood vessels in our eyes and kidneys are more fragile, and therefore more sensitive to high BP. The problem is that typical blood pressure is asymptomatic, and you may never know if it's high unless you get it checked. Some people with high BP do experience headaches and nosebleeds.

Now what do the actual numbers mean. An average normal reading would be 120/80. In basic terms, this means the BP is 120 as the heart contracts, and the BP is 80 as it relaxes with each beat. We call blood pressure *high* once it exceeds 140/90.

But tell me more about the Kidneys? Of course you didn't ask yourself this question but we needed to change tack. The kidneys play a major role in BP

regulation. They excrete salts and water to keep our BP normal. However, as mentioned earlier, the kidneys have fragile blood vessels that are susceptible to high BP. If they're damaged we get a snowball affect, eg A person with high BP damages their kidneys, then their kidneys don't work as well, which leads to even higher BP. Nasty eh! Bottom line is that we have to look after our kidneys! And how do I look after my Kidneys? For starters, avoid spiked drinks when traveling in Thailand (poor joke about urban legend where a traveler wakes in bath of ice after having a kidney harvested). But seriously, it's important to have minimal salt, fat and alcohol in your diet.

Another thing that you must know is that BP fluctuates. If you have a high reading it's usual to repeat it in a few weeks and perhaps get a kidney blood test. If a pattern develops where it's persistently elevated and lifestyle measures haven't helped, it may be appropriate to commence medication. Then there's a weird phenomenon called 'White Coat Hypertension'. This is where a patient's BP readings momentarily rise due to the anxiety of meeting with a doctor. For such situations we can arrange a 24hr monitor where you wear a device approximately the size of a walkman (or ipod, but they're getting ridiculously small).

A final take home message, it's wise to have your BP checked each year!

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The Docklands Lions Club

The Docklands Lions Club celebrated over 18 months existence with the recent Change-over night held at the Dragon Boat Restaurant within the Melbourne Holiday Inn. A great evening was held when 40 members and friends enjoyed a wonderful Chinese banquet.

During the night we enjoyed a great changeover celebration where three of our members accepted very important executive positions and other members thank them for accepting these roles. Past District Governor Graham Allen was a very welcome guest and he was magnificent with his induction of the following club members.

The accompanying photo shows Incoming President Nina Smithwick with Past Governor Graham Allen. Outgoing President Judith Kean is to become new Treasurer and immediate past president. Jo Priestly regrettably resigned for personal reasons as Secretary and was replaced by Chris Cordell.

The club meets twice monthly in the Docklands area for both business and social meetings, dates of these are available from Peter Kelly at Club NewQuay or on 1300 789 200 to anyone who would like to attend our 6.30 pm Tuesday meetings. We enjoy great friendships and our club aim is to be involved with charity within our own Docklands area. We are inviting residents and workers to come along and share wonderful fellowship, we are a very young club with very keen membership BUT we need more members to make our goals a reality.

Please give a little of your time and join Docklands newest club, Docklands Lions.

DOCKWORDS

How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters in this grid?

All words must contain the centre letter. No proper nouns, foreign words, or plurals ending in 's'.

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Target: 36 words – Good, 48 words – Very Good, 60 words – Excellent

Solution to be supplied in next issue

Solution to Puzzle from last edition

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With the support of VicUrban and in collaboration Kangan Batman TAFE, Docklands Ambassador is now available to all businesses in Docklands.

In just 1 day the Docklands Ambassador aims to develop your employee's skills in dealing with customers as well as providing an appreciation of what makes Docklands unique and assists your staff in keeping abreast of the changes that make Docklands the place to be.

Participants will be issued with a statement of attainment from Kangan Batman TAFE. The following provides a flavour of the areas covered:

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- Docklands Orientation – Past, Present and Future
- Fabulous Customer Service Provision
- Identifying Customer Needs
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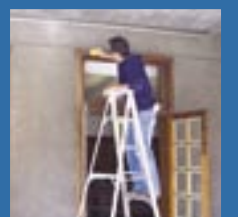
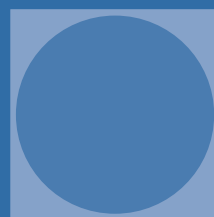
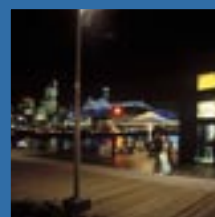
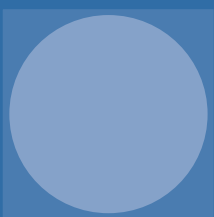
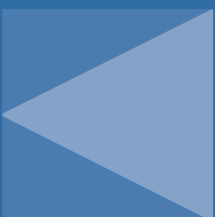
- Promoting Products and Services
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The next Docklands Ambassador Program will be on Thursday 1 December 2005. Cost per participant: \$225 (inclusive of refreshments). To reserve your place or for further details, please contact: Andrew Grimshaw, Docklands Skilling and Employment, Phone: 03 8622 4805 Email: andrew.grimshaw@horneryinstitute.com



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A selection of Australia's most highly regarded artists have been commissioned to create a lasting tribute to the nation's greatest Entertainers of the Century.

Led by Variety – The Children's Charity, the Variety Australian Entertainers of the Century Mural and Walk of Fame at Waterfront City will be a lasting tribute to Australia's best-loved actors, musicians and stars of the stage from yesteryear and today.

Sculptor Peter Corlett, mosaic artist David Jack and painter Jamie Cooper will together create the very first memorial to commemorate Australia's top entertainers from the past 100 years. From Dame Nellie Melba to Roy Rene to Nicole Kidman, Australia has a rich artistic tradition that will be celebrated in style with a walk of fame and a colourful mosaic-style mural.

The top 100 Australian entertainers have been decided by both a panel of entertainment industry experts and nominations from the Australian public.

Life-sized bronze sculptures will be modelled by Peter Corlett complemented by an eleven metre long mural crafted by mosaic artist David Jack. The mural will be based on an original piece of artwork by Jamie Cooper and will be permanently displayed close to the water's edge within Waterfront City's public piazza.

"The calibre of the artists chosen to create the Variety Australian Entertainers of the Century Mural and Walk of Fame reflects the high quality design of the entire development. We're confident it will be a talking point and major draw card for Melbournians and tourists alike," says Mark Broomfield, Managing Director of ING Real Estate Development.

The Mural and Walk of Fame will be unveiled at an official Variety gala event at Waterfront City in March 2006.

ART OF DOCKLANDS

"THE WAVE"



Walkers in the precinct would have noticed the installation of the new art work on the north-west corner of the V1 apartment building at Village Docklands. Artist Vashti Gonda makes the following statement about her work.

The Wave is a multi-layered montage thematically, visually and physically. It expresses the tensions between remembrance and imagination, between our attachments to the past and our need to formulate the future. For every viewer the interpretation, the memories evoked and the response will be personal and unique.

The Wave was inspired by the history of the Docklands area, past and present. Conceptually it engages with history – building on it rather than eradicating it. The iconic waving figure evokes stories transcending the circumstances of time and place; an allegorical figure celebrating the many-layered immigration that creates a port area; pioneer women; loved ones greeting and fare welling seamen and soldiers; and finally, a farewell to the past and a welcome to the future. The wave figure also refers to the figurehead of a ship that is why the figure is a woman.

Symbolically "The Wave" pays homage to the intrepid nature of the human spirit. I also enjoy the play on words "wave" the gesture and "wave" of the sea.

The outer timber layer, like the web of scaffolding around the building of a ships hull or on a building site, symbolizes support and the creation of something new. Appearing to encase the figure and the background historical montage it also represents the only too often, metaphorically speaking, barriers erected against change and as more often than not there is an opening to be found.

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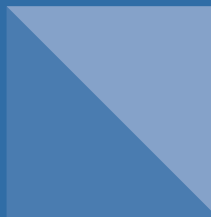
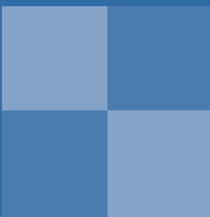
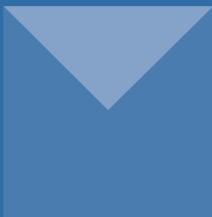
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Docklands – a ‘QUEST’ to be the best



Paul Constantinou, Chairman, Quest Serviced Apartments (left) and The Hon John Pandazopoulos MP (right) congratulate Robert Marriotti, Operations Manager for Quest Docklands - a new business to the Docklands precinct

The Docklands precinct last month hosted the launch of Quest Docklands, a 133-apartment property, officially opened by Minister for Tourism and Major Events, The Hon. John Pandazopoulos. In his opening speech, Minister Pandazopoulos congratulated Quest for its phenomenal expansion in Australia and New Zealand as a reflection of the growth of tourism in Victoria.

"Quest is a great home-grown business success story for Victoria. This property will assist to further develop the Docklands brand as a significant destination providing our many visitors with high quality accommodation. Docklands continues to be a popular destination for visitors to Melbourne with continued exposure from sporting, arts and cultural activities at Telstra Dome and surrounding areas," said Mr Pandazopoulos.

Quest Chairman Paul Constantinou said the location of Quest in Docklands was consistent with the group's 17-year business philosophy of creating Quest properties where business dictates. "Our Docklands model is a different one for us and we are confident that we will help build not only the profile of the area but also solid relationships within the Docklands community."

The 8-level property offers studio, one- and two-bedroom fully equipped serviced apartments. All apartments feature broadband internet access, balconies (apart from the studio apartments), separate living and dining areas, self-catering kitchens and fully-equipped laundry with washer/dryer ideal for extended stay business travellers and holidaying families. Secure undercover car parking, access to an adjacent gymnasium and indoor pool, 24-hour reception and on-site retail and dining are other features of this property.



Michael Hibberd, Quest and Don Brumley, Ernst & Young exchange views on the Docklands progress and heralds Quest's arrival to Docklands



The Hon John Pandazopoulos joins Quest Chairman Paul Constantinou on a tour of the facilities at the new Quest Docklands



Telstra Dome's Jenni Lawson – Operations Manager, Medallion Club and Michelle Stamper – GM Communications, enjoy the hospitality at the opening of Quest Docklands

Dockland Serviced Apartments

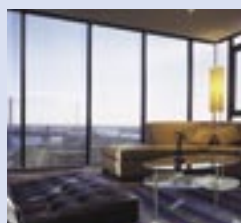
Docklands Serviced Apartments at NewQuay and Watergate is experiencing huge demands for accommodation requests and we invite all owners of properties to call us if you are considering turning your apartment into a serviced apartment.

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The Dockland's area has become Melbourne's favourite destination for both Corporate and Tourist visitors and with the introduction of the extended tram services to NewQuay it will only get better. The free City Circle Tram virtually goes past both Watergate and NewQuay and it is opening up a fabulous holiday type location for visitors to Melbourne and we invite you to join our very successful Docklands' Serviced Apartments. Become part of Docklands leading service apartment provider and reap the rewards on offer.

Visit us on www.docklandsservicedapartments.com.au and check us out with everything on offer to our guests and while there have a glance at our constantly updated news page.

Call Sonia Chamings on 1300 789 200 or email to schaming@docklandsservicedapartments.com.au to see how we can work successfully together.



docklands property update

GOOD NEWS FOR DOCKLANDS OWNERS

With short-term speculators now removed from the Docklands market, it appears that property prices in the area have stabilised and buyer confidence has improved with more reasonable medium to long-term investment expectations. A recent article published in *The Age* cites the opinion of Charter Keck Cramer research manager Robert Palpaolo being that past declines in Docklands property prices were due to "an initial blip that was created by unbridled demand in an undersupplied and immature market" with "current (pricing) adjustments (occurring) as an orderly correction rather than the calamitous collapse predicted by several pundits".



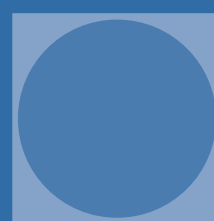
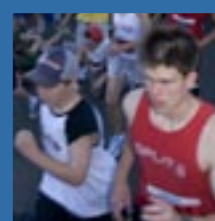
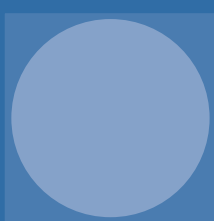
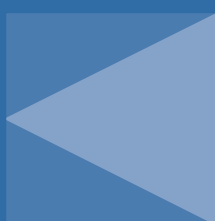
While it appears unlikely that the Docklands will experience similar rates of growth to that of the boom time when the market was undersupplied, according to *The Age*, MAB Corporation's general manager of development, Rod McDonald, "says most of their apartments have recorded double-digit growth since coming on line, while vacancy rates have been below 2 per cent for the past 18 months". This is supported by Lucas Real Estate's own statistics, having leased on average 20 apartments per month during seasonally slow periods.

The growing popularity of the Docklands will continue to increase with the launch of retail spaces at Waterfront City, while the long awaited opening of the Yarra's Edge Papillon Day Spa and a selection of other exciting retail outlets is likely to boost foot traffic to the area while enhancing the waterfront lifestyle.

Source: 'All that glitters is not sold', Cameron Houston & Aileen Keenan, *The Age* 08/10/05.

This property update has been sponsored by Lucas Real Estate in the interests of keeping the Docklands community informed on current property matters. Landlords or tenants who would like further information regarding property within the Docklands may contact Lucas Real Estate on 9640 0222.

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As You Like It

by Inouk Arnall



WATERFRONT CITY NEWS ‘BITES’



If you're a lover of food and wine then the imminent opening of Waterfront City presents an exciting opportunity. **As you Like It** loves the idea of new restaurant districts in Docklands and this new precinct comprising an open-air public Piazza, Waterfront City Marina and a string of wonderful food and drink venues, will give Docklanders, Melbournians and visitors a new reason to head down to the Harbour.

From smooth European style or super-fresh Asian, to innovative new concepts making the most of their exciting new home, Waterfront City is set to offer a strong selection of dining options, all sharing a breathtaking harbourside position. I can hardly wait.

In this issue, **As You Like It** takes a break from reviewing a single venue to present a snapshot of the cafes, bars and restaurants in this exciting new precinct.

"Sausalito" has a prime central position overlooking the harbour and will operate over two levels. The top level will be a fine dining restaurant, with an exciting menu created by Head Chef David Spanner, who comes with significant Australian

and international experience. The focus will be on excellent food, service and a contemporary sense of style with opulent overtones evident throughout the restaurant design. The lower level of Sausalito will have a relaxed vibe with a stylish bar area and tapas style menu – one of my favourite options for a relaxing waterside lunch.

The successful team of Damian Trytell and Cath Claringbold have decided that Waterfront City is the ideal location for their newest venture, a stunning retail outlet to be called **"The Wine & Cheese Providore"**. Located alongside the main piazza, it will become a destination for lovers of fine wine, artisan cheeses and produce. Central to the store will be a walk through humidity controlled

cheese room with premium cheese sourced from all around the world and a special cheddar maturation area. Rare and fine wines will be available for purchase, or you can sit and enjoy a casual lunch and coffee. If you love your wine and cheese like me, **"The Wine & Cheese Providore"** will be a must!

Synonymous with Melbourne hospitality, Lou Jovanovski plans to re-brand his popular **"BlueFire Churrascaria Grill & Bar"** at NewQuay, moving the original namesake and concept to its new location at Waterfront City. BlueFire's iconic Brazilian styled Churrasco grill seats 230 people and will continue the tradition of serving large sword-like skewers of pork, chicken, beef and calamari right at your table. The BlueFire concept is in such great demand it has already hit the Gold Coast and will soon to open at Melbourne Central. If you're really hungry or a big eater, Bluefire is guaranteed to please.

With big expectations for Waterfront City, Lou will also open **"Fish Seafood Grill & Restaurant"**, a large modern seafood concept that will not only consist of a fabulous waterfront dining area with an expansive seafood menu, **"Flying Fish"** is an extension of the concept that provides take away fish and chips and a fresh seafood market.

However, Lou's skills do not only pertain to creatures of the sea. His coffee, chocolate and dessert bar is sure to rival Willy Wonka's Chocolate Factory. **"Hot Chocolate"** will provide Waterfront City with a sweet-lover's paradise. Boasting a chocolate waterfall and specializing in exquisite deserts, hot chocolate and coffee this venue will be wall to wall with visitors who are passionate about chocolate of any taste, shape or style. I can hardly wait.

Two years in the planning **"COCAMO"**, is influenced by the cool trends and modern finishes of Milan, and will offer the ultimate in smart Italian



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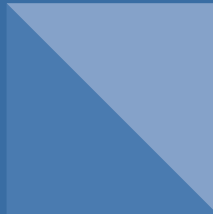
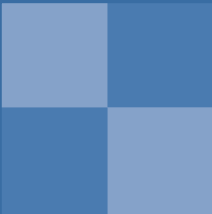
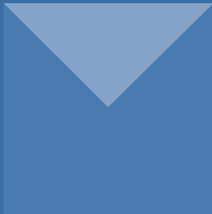
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cuisine with a wine list to match. The intimate environs of the adjoining “**Bocca Bar**” provide the perfect setting for a pre-dinner drink or celebratory gathering with friends. Both COCAMO and Bocca Bar share a simple commitment to quality in food, wine and service – the very things that I seek to identify in **As You Like It** reviews.

Also moving into Waterfront City’s Piazza is “**Mamma Woks**”. Destined to become a favourite, Mamma Woks seats 120 people and is the place to visit for informal dining in vibrant, eye-catching decor; where orders are placed at the counter and delivered to the table by staff. Its menu of modern Eurasian flavours including fast, wok-tossed dishes combines with an atmosphere of fun and outdoor seating with views to the bay.

I’m looking forward to visiting “**Kobe Jones**”, a Japanese restaurant with a Californian heritage and influence. First established in California USA, Kobe Jones proved immediately popular with diners craving fresh produce-driven, creative Japanese cuisine complete with an international drinks menu. The concept quickly spread to Hawaii and King Street Wharf Sydney, with Waterfront City to be Kobe Jones’ first Melbourne base.

Sydneysider Ken Suzuki will bring the beach to Waterfront City with his introduction of “**Beachclub**”, a modern Australian restaurant with a Euro-Asian twist with a capacity to hold up to 450 people. Beachclub is all about the

bar. Already proving popular in Hong Kong, the Beachclub is set to arrive in perfect time for a Melbourne summer complete with the Volvo Ocean Race and a host of other outdoor activities.

And to wash it all down, “**James Squire Brewhouse**” will provide Waterfront City with a two-storey micro-brewery and bar/bistro. Adopting a maritime and brewing focus the venue is set to continue the tremendous success enjoyed by its Sydney-based counterpart.

As You Like It looks forward to reviewing these many exciting venues in forthcoming issues. Meanwhile, look out for our February edition when I will be reviewing the great new Italian restaurant “**Berth**” at NewQuay.

Waterfront City’s restaurants will open in stages through December and January.



Task: Inouk and her dad Bruce share a bottle of wine from Dock on The Rocks.

Plonk: WCV Pinot Saignee, 2004 RRP \$19.99

Background: Willow Creek Vineyard, situated on the picturesque Mornington Peninsula produces many high quality wines under both the Tullum and WCV labels. This wine is all pinot noir, the fruit was macerated on skins for a whole day before bleeding (the Saignee process of draining off the juice), followed by settling and cooling fermentation.

Conversation:

- B: It has a lovely delicate colour, almost blackberry-like.
- I: Quite fruity on the nose and straight away on the palate.
- B: Yes there’s a nice balance of fruit with a good intensity of flavour, which is not always the case with rose styles.
- I: I agree, many are also too sweet but this is a drier style and it gets better with a little time out of the fridge.
- B: It does open up in the glass, so I wouldn’t serve this ice cold. It’s also low in tannins, so easy on the digestion.
- I: Really? That’s not usually something I consider when choosing a wine, but if it’s ‘user-friendly’ as well as delicate and fruity, then I’m happy to drink more of this over the warmer months.
- B: It’s the perfect accompaniment to light summer foods, or perhaps with pre-meal nibbles?
- I: Definitely and I might add that rose is a great way to make the transition from heavier winter reds to lighter summer drinking wines.
- B: If you’re new to rose, then give this one a go. It’s bound to please and good value too.

You’ll find this wine at **Docks On The Rocks**, which specializes in boutique and smaller wine producers, particularly from around Victoria.

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

As You Like It Competitions

Next edition competition:
Win dinner for two at BlueFire Churrascaria Grill at Waterfront City. The prize will include:

Churrascaria for 2 people, 2 Glasses of Rivers wine and 2 Desserts

To win dinner for two, with a glass of wine, please answer the following question to help me plan my New Years Eve party:

What is the best ‘themed’ party you ever been to and why did it work so well?

OR, to win a bottle of **WCV Pinot Saignee, 2004** valued at \$20, please answer the following question:

What makes Christmas so special for you?

All entries to: inouk.m@bigpond.net.au (by Jan 6th)

To all my *As You Like It* readers, thank you for all your feedback and positive comments during the year. It’s been a very big year for the development of Docklands and I look forward to reviewing more exciting quality venues for you in 2006. Have a very Merry Christmas (be sure to eat too much) and a fantastic New Year! Cheers, Inouk

This edition’s competition winners

Congratulations to the winner of dinner for two at Curry On The Docks, **Tracey Webster**. Tracey told me that the Docklands restaurant she would most like to see reviewed is the new venue to take over Cargo, “**Berth**”. New venues in general seemed to be a popular choice amongst entrants but as promised, I shall review **Berth** for the next issue of *As You Like It*.

The winner of the bottle of Lost Valley Winery, Hazy Mountain Merlot, 2003 is **Diana Crvenkovic**. She said she would like to see “a good rose” reviewed for the Christmas Edition, “to start off the Christmas lunch!” So did many other A.Y.L.I. readers and far be it for me to ignore the wishes of my valued readers (see review this page).



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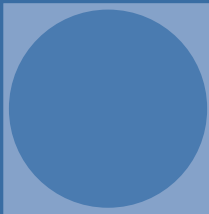
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\$600,000	\$875	\$897	\$921	\$944	\$968
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\$700,000	\$1,020	\$1,047	\$1,074	\$1,101	\$1,129

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VOLVO OCEAN RACE START SIGNALS COUNTDOWN TO MELBOURNE STOPOVER



The start of the Volvo Ocean Race in Vigo, Spain, on November 12 has signalled the countdown to the Melbourne Stopover, with the city gearing up to welcome the sensational yachts to Waterfront City, Docklands, in January 2006.

Speaking at the launch of the Melbourne Stopover of the Volvo Ocean Race on November 10, Justin Madden, Minister for Sport and Recreation announced that the Melbourne Stopover will be “a fantastic combination of sporting spectacle and community celebrations”.

“I’m sure that in a year when Victoria is hosting

some of the world’s biggest events that the Volvo Ocean Race in January will be greeted with a wave of enthusiasm,” Mr Madden said.

Hundreds of thousands of spectators are expected to enjoy the Melbourne Stopover celebrations at Waterfront City over four weekends from January 21 to February 12, including an extensive free program of public entertainment, presented by the City of Melbourne.

The spectacular Volvo Open 70 yachts, including the all-Australian entry Sun Energy & Friends, headed by Melbourne’s master yachtsman Grant Wharington, will be in action on Port Phillip Bay.

“The excitement of having a Melbourne-based entry with Grant Wharington’s Premier Challenge crew will certainly add to the excitement and strong support, both locally and nationally,” Mr Madden said.



Spectators will be able to see the yachts up-close from Station Pier, Port Melbourne, during the in-port race on February 4, with hundreds of pleasure boats expected to line the course.

The fleet is expected to arrive from January 17, sailing along the Mornington Peninsula to the finish line at Williamstown, then “ducking” under the Bolte Bridge to the Race Village at Waterfront City.

“The Melbourne Stopover will be a unique opportunity to experience a new and exciting event,” said Mr Madden, “and I encourage everybody to take up the opportunity to be a part of it.”

Also announced at the launch, model and super-fit ironman triathlete Grace McClure will be the first competitor in the Celebrity Sail to be held on February 3 as part of the Melbourne Stopover.



McClure will be the honorary “skipper” of up to 15 celebrities invited to compete in a day of sailing fun and competition on Victoria Harbour.

“I’d love to have a chance to sail around the world, but I think this is as close as I’m going to get,” McClure said.

“I feel very privileged to be a part of the Melbourne Stopover of the world’s premier ocean race.

“It’s a whole new sporting world that I’m fascinated to find out about.”

The Volvo Ocean Race comprises seven teams – Sun Energy & Friends (Australia), Movistar (Spain), Ericsson (Sweden), Pirates of the Caribbean (USA) and ABN AMRO 1 and 2 (Holland), on an eight-month, 31,250 nautical mile voyage around the world. For more information visit www.melbournestopover.com.au

December in Docklands

Walk around our new suburb now and you can’t avoid picking up the sense of vibrancy and excitement as Docklands approaches summer. New developments continue to extend the Docklands skyline while landscaping and improvement works around Central Pier have giving the area a smart new look.

Many Docklanders have already observed the clean and more open look of the harbour now that sheds 10 and 11 have been removed. The new and spacious area at the end of the pier will become a focus for activity in Docklands, commencing with that lovable and large reptile, Dorothy the Dinasauro on December 10. The view back toward the city from Central Pier is now looking very polished as the final works are completed to the towering Victoria Point building. This attractive building with its gilded upper levels will begin to fill in February and the business activity in the lower floors will add an entire new dimension to Docklands as a destination.

Meanwhile, in the Victoria Harbour precinct, the Dock 5 tower has already attained a height of some 15 stories and is beginning to impose



itself on the Docklands sky line. Over on the corner of Collins Street and Batman’s Hill Drive construction on the new AXA building is changing the complexion of what will become a prominent corner in Docklands. NewQuay residents will be aware of the commencement of construction on the stylish Aquavista complex along Caravel Lane.

As this paper hits the streets the formal opening of Waterfront City will be imminent. Anyone who attended the Warming Up for the Games event at Waterfront City will know how vast and exciting this new precinct is. Look to the regular ‘As You Like It’ reviews for a sneak preview of what to expect from the new and eclectic dining options at Waterfront City.

Docklands Park is emerging as the new spot to visit within Melbourne. If you doubt that statement, wander by the colourful new playground area in the south of the park on a Sunday morning and you’ll be astounded by the number of people congregating around the new play elements. Like me you’ll probably wonder just where all the people have come from. The engaging art kinetic work ‘Blowhole’ has locals and visitors so enthralled that for once we are actually hoping it will be windy.


In all, Docklanders are entering a summer like none that have gone before – a summer that will firmly plant Docklands into the psyche of all of Melbourne.

Trams in Docklands


Tram services have returned to normal in Docklands after the completion of works in Spencer Street and Flinders Street. Tram services which now operate in Docklands are:

Tram Service	Route	Schedule
30	via Latrobe St. to Docklands Drive	Mon – Fri 6am – 6.30pm
31	via Collins St. to Docklands	7 days a week 10am – 6.30pm
48	via Flinders St. to Harbour Esplanade	7 days a week
70	via Flinders St to Bourke St Docklands	7 days a week
86	via Bourke Street to Telstra Dome	7 days a week
City Circle	Flinders St., Harbour Esp. and Latrobe St.	7 days a week

Details and timetables for the routes can be found at www.yarratrams.com.au/images/pdfs/network_map_1105.pdf




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Bendigo Bank Community Calendar

Date	Event	Location	Time	Description
Fri 2, 9, 16, 23 December	Christmas Waterfront Entertainment	Waterfront City, NewQuay, Victoria Harbour and Yarra's Edge Promenades	6pm – 9pm	Rock on to roving performances by the Barbershop Boys, Christmas Dixies, Jingle Belles and Scuba Dive Jive while you enjoy some Christmas cheer in the Docklands restaurants, cafes and bars
Sat 10 December	Santa by the Sea	Central Pier, off Harbour Esplanade	10.30am – 4pm	Celebrate Christmas in true Aussie style when Santa pays a visit to Victoria Harbour! Dorothy the Dinosaur and her friends drop by for a Dance Party (shows: 11am & 2pm) Children are invited to dress up and bring an unwrapped gift for the Salvation Army.
Sun 11 December	Docklands Cup	Victoria Harbour, Waterfront City marina	TBA	This is the inaugural Dragon Boat challenge in Docklands as a precursor to the Melbourne International Dragon Boat Festival on Australia Day next year.
Fri 9 December – Sun 19 February	Waterfront City International Circus Spectacular	Waterfront City Pavilion, Tickets available at the door and at Ticketek	Shows 2pm (26 Dec – 29 Jan), 4pm, 8pm	Be inspired by the best of European and Australian circus entertainment in this stunning spectacle staged daily (except Mondays).
9 December – 15 January	Christmas and New Year's Eve Celebrations @ Waterfront City	Waterfront City Piazza Stage	From 5pm	'Tis the season to be jolly and Docklands has a jolly good line up of music this Christmas and New Year's Eve.
Sat 31 December	Melbourne Alive – New Year's Eve 2005	NewQuay Promenade, Waterfront City Piazza and Victoria Harbour	5pm – 1am (Fireworks at 9.15pm and midnight)	See in 2006 in style! Dine in one of Docklands' 40 restaurants, cafes and bars before lining the waterfront promenades to enjoy top entertainment and see the spectacular fireworks light up the sky over Victoria Harbour
Sun 8 January	Jayco Bay Cycling Classic	Harbour Esplanade,	Sun 8 January	See some of Australia's finest male and female cyclists and European-based professionals compete on the 'electrifyingly fast' Docklands circuit
Fri 13, 20 January & 3 February	VB One day Series	Telstra Dome, Tickets from Ticketmaster		Australia play three day-night games of the VB One-Day Series against Sri Lanka and South Africa
Tue 17 January – Sun 12 February	Melbourne Stopover of the Volvo Ocean Race 2005-06	Waterfront City,	Race Village open daily 10am – 8pm	The world's premier ocean race is docking at Docklands! For four festive weekends Waterfront City Race Village will be where you can view the Volvo Open 70s, meet the sailors, see the displays and celebrate this extreme sporting challenge.
Sat 21 January	Official Race Village Opening Celebration	Waterfront City Piazza,	5.30pm – 10pm	Give a warm welcome to the Volvo Ocean Race at the official opening of the Race Village. Visit the village during the day then settle in for evening entertainment, including fabulous fireworks, to mark the start of the month-long celebrations
Sat 21 & Sun 22 January	Tastes of the Sea	Waterfront City,	From 10am	Sample the best of Melbourne's seafood on the opening weekend of the Melbourne Stopover. Top local chefs and UK legend Rick Stein will showcase their skills and offer you tastes from the deep
Wed 18, 25, Sat 28, Jan, Wed 1, 8 Feb. Sun 29 Jan 5 Feb.	Dancing on the Docks	Waterfront City Piazza,	From 6pm – 8pm From 2pm – 4pm,	Trip the light fantastic ... or simply learn some steps. Qualified dance instructors are running dance classes at Docklands! Salsa, Swing, Tango, Brazilian and Bollywood styles are bound to get you moving and grooving
Thu 26 – Sun 29 January	Medibank Private Australia Day Fun Run	Waterfront City Piazza,	All Day Fun Run 8am, Dragon Boat Festival 9.30 am, Concert and Fireworks from 7.30pm	Featuring, Melbourne International Dragon Boat Festival, Australia Day Concert, Off Shore Power Boat Show, Australian Defence Force Display, (entry fee for the Fun Run.)

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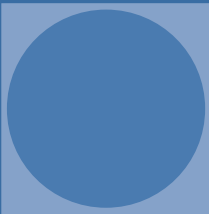
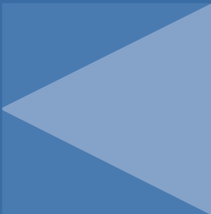
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Patience and Planning the Key to Games Travel

As hosting the Commonwealth Games will be like holding the AFL Grand Final, Formula 1 Grand Prix and Melbourne `Cup every day for 11 days straight, the State Government is urging Melburnians to prepare for the Games.

Minister for the Commonwealth Games, Justin Madden said, "Spectators, regular commuters, road users and inner city residents will need to be patient and plan carefully to get around Melbourne and to venues during the Games."

All Victorians are being urged to leave the car at home and use Public Transport during the Commonwealth Games which will be held 15 – 26 March 2006.

Mr Madden said a number of traffic and transport initiatives to be introduced for the Games included:

- No public parking at major Games venues
- Free public transport on Melbourne's trams, trains and buses for Games ticket holders on the day of their event (Metcard Services only), and
- More than 28,000 additional tram, train and bus services including extended late night services.

Changed traffic conditions in and around Melbourne and around venues and Games locations will assist in managing pedestrian and

vehicle movements and contribute to the safe running of events for competitors and spectators alike. These arrangements will include parking restrictions, road closures and tow-away zones on road event courses.

Exclusive Games Lanes

The State Government has announced exclusive Games traffic lanes will be established from the Athletes Village to the MCG precinct and the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre (MSAC) to ensure athletes and officials arrive promptly at events.

The route for both destinations will be from the Village into Flemington Road travelling towards the city, then Abbotsford Street into Queensberry Street.

For MSAC the route then turns into Swanston Street and into St Kilda Road. The final route between the St Kilda Road / Albert Road intersection and the southern end of Aughtie Drive is still to be finalised. The return route will be similar.

For the MCG the route will continue on Queensberry Street then into Rathdowne Street and Exhibition Street. The return route will be the same.

Authorised vehicles will also have a 'priority' arrangement between Tullamarine Airport and the Athletes Village.

Detailed information regarding Exclusive Games Lane operations will be available closer to the Games. Visit www.melbourne2006.com.au for more Games information.



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Harbour Esplanade will be closed from midnight (all the other roads closed from 2am) until approximately 4pm on event days (Monday March 20 and Friday March 24).

Also, on Sunday March 19, the Men's and Women's Marathon course skirts the Docklands travelling down La Trobe Street, along Harbour Esplanade (and the bike track) to Batman Drive south of Collins Street and then left into Wurundjeri Way and Flinders Street. These roads will be closed from early Sunday until late morning.

For more event details visit www.melbourne2006.com.au, click on Sports and Venues and then Road Events. or visit www.business.vic.gov.au

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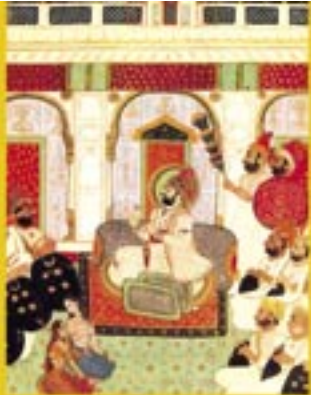


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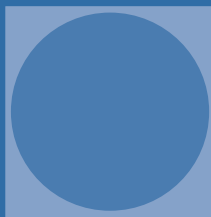
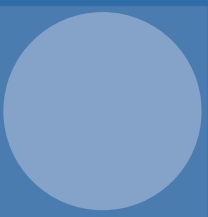
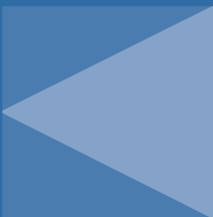
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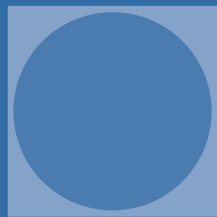
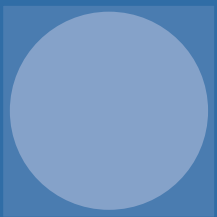
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Community Flocks to **Park Opening**

More than 400 people attended the opening of the new Play Journey and the Blowhole art work in Docklands Park on November 13.

Artist Duncan Stemmler spoke about the inspirations behind the arresting new art piece, Blowhole. This kinetic work has already become a local favourite and a must-see attraction in the inner city. The Hon. Bruce Mildenhall declared the Play Journey and park amenities open to much community acclaim.

In a colourful program, community members enjoyed the music of a string ensemble from the Elsternwick campus of Wesley College, roving entertainment from Pirate Pete and Crumpette the Clown, plus a free barbecue operated by the Whitten Foundation. The accompanying pictures, plus those used in the page footers elsewhere in this paper, show the colour and activity of the day.



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