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## Docklands to host Australia's largest ever **cycling event**

Politicians, Olympians, AFL footballers and thousands of other keen cyclists will participate in the annual *Portfolio Partners Around The Bay In A Day* cycle challenge on Sunday 15 October 2006. This year the event aims to raise over \$400,000 towards its official charity partner, The Smith Family.

Departing and returning to Docklands, the largest number of cyclists in Australia will get together to challenge themselves, their colleagues, friends and each other in a single day ride around Port Phillip Bay.

Waterfront City Piazza will be the centre of activity at the conclusion of Australia's biggest one-day challenge bike ride, hosting the Finish Festival with live music, a cycling expo, dining offers and lots more.

Bicycle Victoria is thrilled with the level of interest in the event, now in its 14th year, which has broken records with 13,000 riders already signed up. More than 15,000 cyclists are expected on the day.

Five hundred teams, including serious cyclists, celebrities, business leaders and leisurely riders have been sponsored by family and friends. All proceeds will go to The Smith Family.

Melbourne footballer Cameron Bruce and Ben Dixon from Hawthorn will ride together.

Premier Steve Bracks, Sports Minister Justin Madden, VicHealth CEO Rob Moodie, Bicycle Victoria president Simon Crone and Jayco Herald Sun Tour race director Michael Hands will compete for Team Undiscovered.

Serious riders have booked out the 250km and 210km events, but places in the 42km Great Melbourne Bay Ride and the Classic 100km course are still available.

Entry is open to individuals or to teams that have a minimum of four riders.

The Docklands Marketing Association is a proud sponsor of Around the Bay in a Day and encourages the community to come and cheer on the riders as they return to Docklands.

For more information on "Around the Bay in a Day" or the Great Melbourne Bay Ride, visit [www.bv.com.au](http://www.bv.com.au)



## Docklands welcomes **ACE** students



**After years in the planning, the first stage of the multi-million dollar Kangan Batman TAFE's Automotive Centre of Excellence (ACE) at Docklands was opened by the Hon. Lynne Kosky, MP, Minister for Education and Training on 13 September 2006.**



*L to R: Ray Griffiths, CEO Kangan Batman TAFE, The Hon. Lynne Kosky, MP, Minister for Education and Training and Anne-Marie Corby, President of the Kangan Batman TAFE Board at the ACE Launch.*

Set to become the largest and most advanced automotive training facility in the Southern Hemisphere, the Centre has been equipped with the latest technology to enable it to support the progress of the Victorian automotive industry into the 21st century.

With its state-of-the-art technology, industry involvement and innovative approach to training, the ACE aims to create awareness of the opportunities available in the automotive trades and inspire people to consider careers in the industry. Its first body trades training students commenced classes in Docklands on 28 August 2006.

Recognising the importance of the automotive industry to the state economy, the Victorian Government provided \$20.5 million to Kangan Batman TAFE, allowing the completion of the ACE, Stage One. While the ACE will eventually offer training for all sectors of the automotive industry, Stage One currently houses, the Automotive Body Trades training group - panel beating, vehicle body making, spray painting, automotive detailing, Certificate II pre-apprenticeship program and components of the automotive diploma program.

As a result of the government support, industry organisations such as the Victorian Automotive Chamber of Commerce, PPG, Wurth and Repco have also chosen to partner with the ACE development.

In addition, the ACE Stage One has been awarded a 5 star Green Star rating, making it

one of the most sustainable offices in the State and the recipient of the first 5 star granted to an educational office project in Australia.

The building's unique design sets a benchmark for combating climate change, because it will only consume half of the average energy consumption of a typical Melbourne office building.

When all three stages of the development are complete, the ACE will house all of Kangan Batman TAFE's automotive training, research and development facilities shared with other

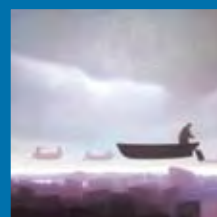
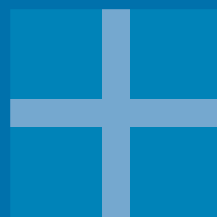
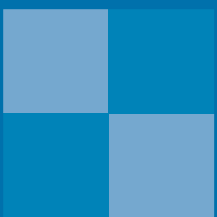
educational institutions, conference facilities, an auditorium and multi-deck car park.

Tours of the ACE are now available. Groups are limited to 12 persons and all participants are required to undertake a short OH&S induction prior to the tour. **For tour bookings, please email Sheree Tivendale at [stivendale@kangan.edu.au](mailto:stivendale@kangan.edu.au) or phone 9254 3310.**

**The Automotive Centre of Excellence is located at 1 Batman's Hill Drive, Docklands. Tel: 13 4 ACE (13 4 223), [www.aceauto.com.au](http://www.aceauto.com.au)**



New training students at the ACE





From the Editor

Spring is here again and Docklands is blooming as a thriving, vibrant and dynamic community. We welcome Kangan Batman TAFE's ACE students and teaching staff to Docklands, who are already enjoying their new state of the art facilities on Batman's Hill Drive.

The past month has seen exciting announcements by two large corporations who have committed to building new corporate offices at Docklands. National Foods Limited will build their new head office building at 737 Bourke Street by late 2008. ANZ Bank will develop its new leading edge, environmentally sustainable Melbourne accommodation on the Collins Street Extension of Victoria Harbour by late 2009. In addition, Japanese manufacturers Sanoyas Hishino Meisho Corporation has signed a contract with ING Real estate for the construction and manufacture of the Southern Star Observation Wheel in Waterfront City, for completion by late 2008.

VicUrban and the City of Melbourne have commenced working together on the pending transfer of the municipal functions of Melbourne Docklands. Many of the services you currently receive as a Docklands resident or business are already being delivered by the City of Melbourne and its contractors. An exciting events and marketing program has been planned and will now be implemented by the City of Melbourne with the aim of increasing visitation and the profile of the Docklands area. One of the first exciting initiatives will be airing of a community service announcement in Channel 9 with Lord Mayor John So and Livinia Nixon inviting Melburnians to discover Docklands.

It is a great time to head outdoors and enjoy the numerous events on offer in Docklands. From naval ships, trams and bikes to petanque, art and community activities, there's something for everyone. Check out the Bendigo Bank Events Calendar on page 7 for all the details.

Please enjoy the latest community news in this edition and all that this exciting suburb has on offer during the warm spring days.

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Past editions and the current edition of the Docklands Community News can be viewed and downloaded from [www.docklands.com](http://www.docklands.com), then follow links to Live and then Local Services.

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Onboard Your Community Intranet

Onboard, the Docklands Community Intranet has now been in full operation for 3 months. Clearly, community approval for the site is strong as there were more than 1,500 site visits each month during August and September. This represented a 15% increase on the previous months. In the same period, the number of registered site users has more than doubled.

In this, the second in a series of articles detailing the Intranet's key functions, the focus is on the **Notice Board** and **News** pages.

The **Notice Board** enables site users to post information for the interest of their fellow community members. As well as a general Notice Board this function can drill down to Notices relating to specific precincts and even specific buildings. This allows residents or workers in a specific building to have information directed at them in a targeted manner. For example, this could be notification of a temporary disruption to elevator services in a workplace building due to maintenance or an invitation to a residents' event held within an apartment complex.

The Notice Board also has a **Mailbox** where you can read electronic copies of the Docklands Community News, Melbourne News and the catalogues of several major retailers without having to extract clutter from your real mailbox. In this way Onboard supports an environmentally sound approach to information delivery.

The **News** page enables site users to post articles and stories about the activities and happenings in our suburb. Once again, Onboard permits this information to be posted very specifically to precincts and lets you read the News that relates to you.

Both **Notice Board** and **News** can be screened and viewed with the aid of a Category sorter which groups together items of a similar nature to help the user find information more easily.

In coming months the administrators of **Onboard** are keen to assist local businesses to become active within the site. **Onboard** offers businesses a very powerful and cost free method to inform the Docklands community of what they have to offer. Business owners please visit **Onboard** and use the "Contact" option to inform us if you would like a personal demonstration of how you can begin using the Intranet to your advantage.

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Docklands Community Association update

Thank you to the many residents and community members who attended the two successful Docklands Community Association (DCA) events.

"Brunch21" was well attended at the Victoria Harbour Bar and Restaurant at NewQuay in late August. Guest speakers included Rod Grist from VicUrban, Frank McMahon from Waterfront City, Kevin Ward from Petanque Australia and Darren McClelland from Toastmasters.

On 4 October a "Meet your Neighbours" night was hosted by Berth. This was a fun, social evening encouraging residents to meet and chat.

People often comment that they would love to attend events but are not aware of them. By being aware of where and how community messages are displayed, you can stay in touch with all the latest events.

Currently there are a number of communication channels available to the Docklands community.

**Dedicated community noticeboards**

There are 5 community notice boards located at:

- **NewQuay** - Near O'Marcho in Rakaia Way
- **NewQuay** - Near the dentist in Aquitania Way
- **Batman's Hill** - South wall of the Community Hub, 17 Waterview Walk
- **Victoria Harbour** - South wall of the NAB building in Bourke Street near the Medical Centre
- **Yarra's Edge** - On Tower 1 (50 Lorimer St) between the entrance to the Rek Dek area and Lot 50 Café.

**Intranet**

The Community Notice Board section on the Onboard Docklands website is kept up to date with events. This is an interactive website for the community. It enables you to see what's going on around the neighbourhood. It also allows you to post your own information be it a classified ad or your own event.

Visit [www.onboarddocklands.com](http://www.onboarddocklands.com)

**Publications**

There are a number of publications that focus on the Docklands area. These include: 3008 Docklands magazine, Docklands Community News and Melbourne News.

Look out for the community contact points. These communication channels were created for the community. This is your neighbourhood so let's stay in touch.

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# Thank you Victoria, we did it!

In a letter from Justin Madden, Minister from the Commonwealth Games to communities across Victoria including Melbourne Docklands, he thanks the community for its contribution and support to host the XVIII Commonwealth Games. The letter reads as shown to the right:



Nathan Deakes wins gold

The Commonwealth Games reinvigorated State pride, engaged communities across Victoria and cemented our ability to host world class events. The sports, the venues, Festival Melbourne 2006 and communities across the state all worked together to create an amazing experience - 12 emotion-filled days of sport, culture and celebration.

The event was run against a backdrop of support and participation by the whole community. The State was alive with excitement and goodwill for teams and visitors from across the Commonwealth. The overwhelming response is that Victoria delivered a personal best.

This was demonstrated by local communities. Many events were held in local neighbourhoods. Road events brought the thrill of elite sport to the doorsteps of Melburnians. Across Victoria, festival activities brought opportunities to experience cultures from all corners of the Commonwealth.

Local communities embraced the true spirit of being the perfect host. The outstanding

goodwill of local communities in cooperating with Games arrangements was a major success factor of the Games.

The Games saw unprecedented numbers of people leave their car at home and use public transport. People planned their journeys and allowed extra time to get around. Above all - people demonstrated patience and understanding as Victoria hosted the biggest event in history.

I would like to extend a personal thank you. Thank you for taking the time to plan, your patience and understanding. Thank you for playing a significant role in hosting the best Commonwealth Games ever.

The long term benefits of the Games will continue for generations. Legacies that have generated economic, environmental and social benefits for all Victorians.

Thank you for your support in making the Commonwealth Games an event that will long stand as the biggest and most successful in Victoria's history.

Justin Madden

# Melbourne community safety day

## Melbourne police are having a party and you're invited!

As part of Community Safety Month, metropolitan police are inviting everyone to attend a Community Safety Day at Waterfront City Piazza on Sunday 22 October.

Police will offer a free engraving service for mobile phones, laptops and bicycles, so these items may be traced back to owners if stolen. In addition, residents are invited to bring their cars along to have one-way screws fitted to protect number plates from theft.

Inspector Stephen Mutton said it will be a great day for all. "We'll really have something for everyone," he said. "Everybody gets a free Docklands Safety Pack and can enjoy entertainment from the Victoria Police Show Band.

"Families can also jump on board the interactive Road Safety Awareness Bus and check out our brand new mobile police station facility."

The MFB will provide fire safety information in the lead up to summer, and VICSES will be in attendance with their Road Accident Rescue Unit. Metropolitan Ambulance Service and the Flemington-Kensington Rotary Club will also attend and the VACC will offer a car safety display.

"From 10am to 4pm, come down and enjoy a great community day with us. It's a great opportunity to learn how to protect your property and teach the family about community safety in a fun environment," Inspector Mutton said.

**Venue:** Waterfront City Piazza  
Docklands Drive, Docklands  
**Date:** Sun 22 October 2006  
**Time:** 10am - 4pm  
**Cost:** Free



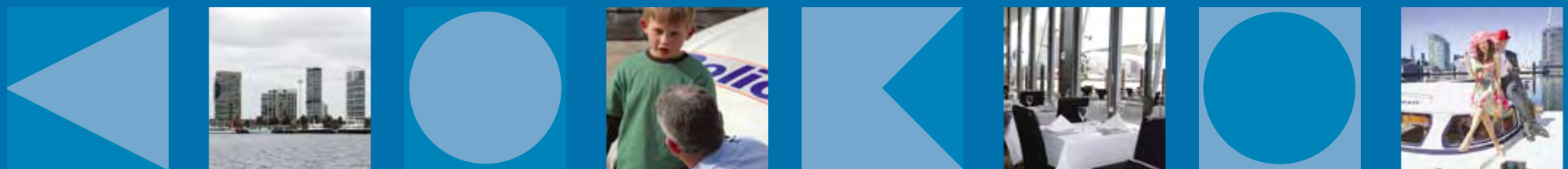
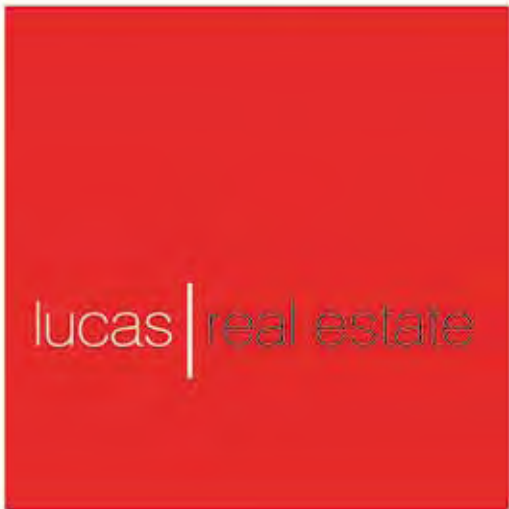
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# Sunrise 1000 post-ride celebration

Join Sunrise 1000 riders Wayne Schwass, Daniel MacPherson, Jason Dunstall, Tiffany Cherry, Ed Phillips and Emma Carney at a post-ride community celebration day on Saturday 28 October at Waterfront City.

From 1pm to 5pm kids can meet the riders, have their faces painted and join in loads of fun activities. Adults will be entertained by bands playing on the main stage, and there's a chance to win loads of cool prizes throughout the day.

#### About Sunrise Foundation

The Sunrise Foundation is a non profit organisation created to educate athletes, coaches, administrators and codes about depression.

By tackling depression at an elite level and drawing attention to the fact that depression can affect anyone, even famous sportspeople, the Foundation aims to positively influence the community regarding awareness and attitudes towards mental illness.

To help achieve this, the Foundation is holding its inaugural 'Sunrise 1000' ride from Sydney to Melbourne in October 2006.

Twenty three riders are pedalling from the Opera House to Waterfront City over ten days, taking in many regional cities in between and participating in community forums organised by Rotary Australia to raise awareness of depression.

The 1100 kilometre journey will include nine stopovers in Mittagong, Goulburn, Canberra, Yass, Gundagai, Wagga Wagga, Albury Wodonga, Benalla and Seymour before arriving in Melbourne at Waterfront City on Friday, 27 October.

**Venue:** Waterfront City,  
Docklands Drive, Docklands  
**Date:** Sat 28 October 2006  
**Time:** 1pm – 5pm  
**Cost:** Free

**For more information visit**  
[www.sunrisefoundation.org.au](http://www.sunrisefoundation.org.au)



Sunrise 1000 riders from left to right: Peter Robinson, Wayne Schwass and Emma Carney

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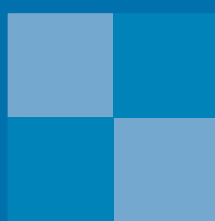
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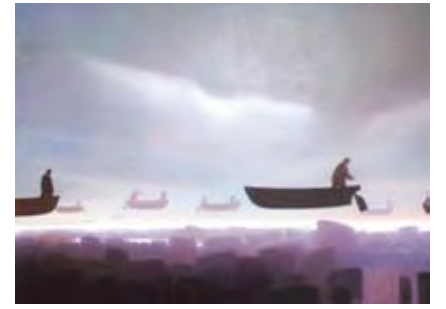
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# Mission to Seafarers hosts Maritime Art Exhibition



*Caught in a Low Tide* - 2005 ANL Maritime Art Prize winner, Graeme Altman

## A Collector's Exhibition – raising funds to care for seafarers in Victorian Ports.

The ANL Maritime Art Prize and Exhibition is a great opportunity to enjoy a superb range of maritime art on your doorstep, and an exciting chance for collectors to purchase with 30% of the sale price contributing to the work of The Mission to Seafarers Victoria.

## Celebrating 150 years of caring for seafarers around the world.

Early in the nineteenth century a young Anglican clergyman, John Ashley, became aware of the plight of seafarers in the Bristol Channel. He was so moved by their harsh and dangerous conditions and lonely lives that he devoted the next fifteen years to their welfare. The Mission to Seaman (now Mission to Seafarers) was formally established in the United Kingdom in 1856 and now operates in hundreds of ports worldwide. The work began in the Victorian port of Melbourne, Australia in 1857 and continues to this day.

## Last year alone, over 17,000 seafarers visited Mission Centres in the ports of Melbourne, Geelong, Portland and Hastings.

This involved more than 11,000 hours of volunteer time. At the Melbourne Centre alone over 800 seafarers are cared for each month. Seafarers of all races and creeds are made welcome and Chaplains and volunteers work tirelessly to deliver a variety of services and support to meet their needs. Transport to and from ships is provided, foreign exchange, telephone cards and internet services to contact home along with multi language television are available. Pastoral care, hospital visits, emergency relief and when requested, dealing with social justice and welfare issues on their behalf.

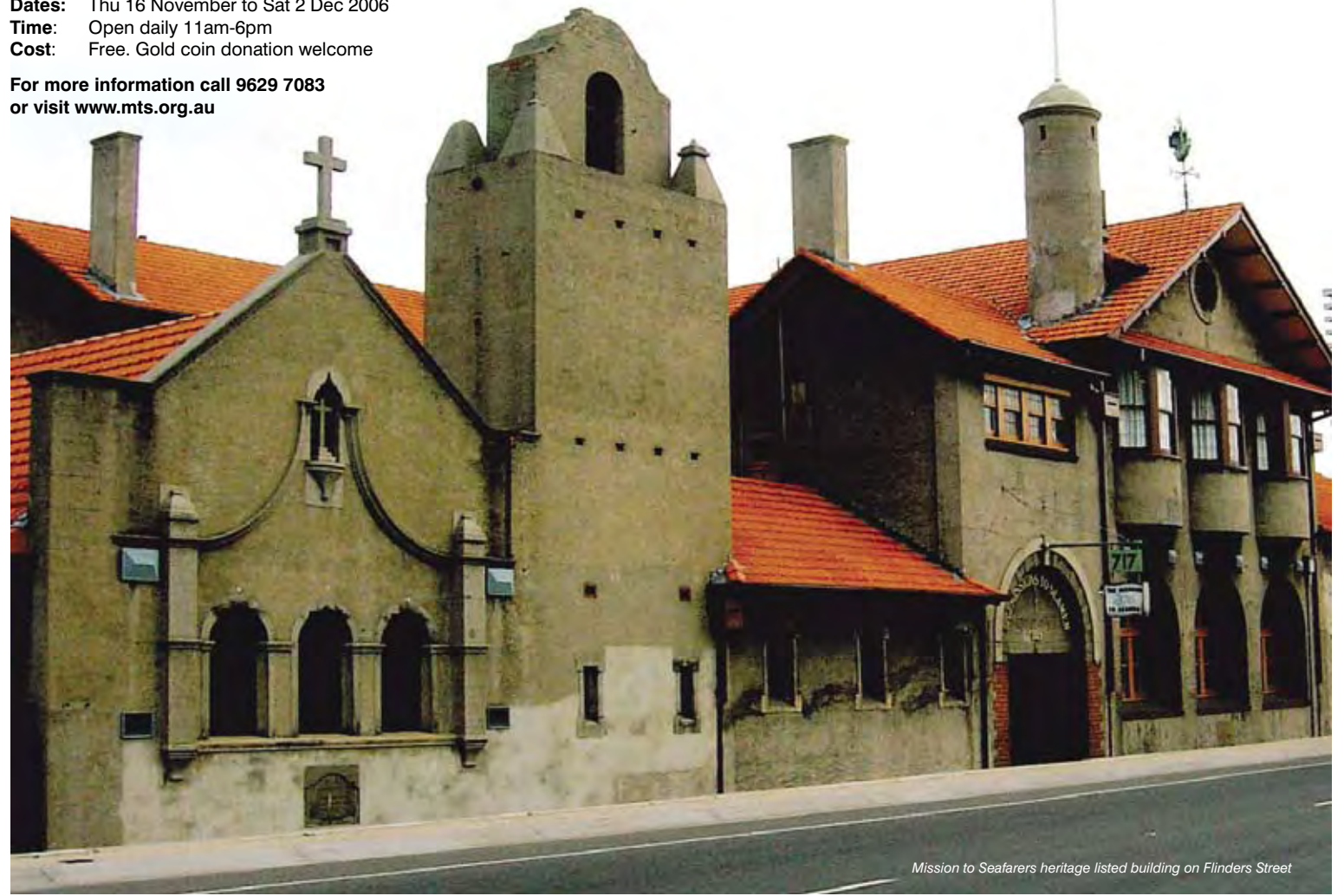
## Purchase art and contribute to the work of the Mission

Held in the historic Mission to Seafarers heritage listed building in Docklands, the art on display will range from contemporary to traditional, all with a maritime theme. The ANL Maritime Art Prize will be awarded at the gala launch on 15 November and following this the exhibition is open to the public

daily from 16 November to 2 December 2006. We are very grateful to our local Docklands sponsors, VicUrban and Victoria Harbour News and Pharmacy, for their ongoing support of this event.

**Venue:** The Mission to Seafarers' Melbourne  
717 Flinders Street, Docklands  
**Dates:** Thu 16 November to Sat 2 Dec 2006  
**Time:** Open daily 11am-6pm  
**Cost:** Free. Gold coin donation welcome

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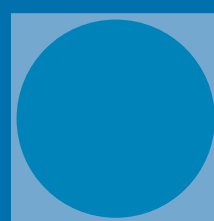
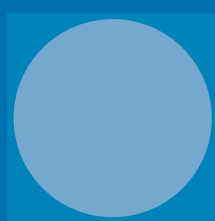
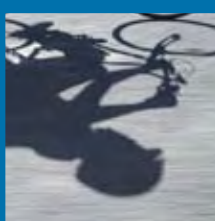
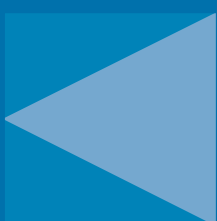
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# New Businesses in Docklands

Docklands continues to grow at a rapid rate and this month we report further new business openings through recent months. The Docklands Community News acknowledges new business openings as an information service to the local community. Docklands-based businesses wishing to be included in this segment should e-mail: [docklands.communitynews@vicurban.vic.gov.au](mailto:docklands.communitynews@vicurban.vic.gov.au)

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### Scooters – Gelati & Juice

Let your taste buds indulge on a taste adventure!  
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## 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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D	I	T
D	C	E

Target: 21 words – Good  
35 words - Very Good  
52 words – Excellent  
Solution to be supplied in next issue

### Solution to Puzzle from last edition

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## Toastmasters arrives at Docklands

Would you like to develop your public speaking and leadership skills in a fun and supportive environment? If so, then Toastmasters is for you!

Toastmasters is presenting a free meeting at Telstra Dome to demonstrate how it helps people to improve their abilities. The meeting will be held at **The Locker Room, Telstra Dome on Monday 9 October at 7.30pm.** The Locker Room is conveniently located just inside Gate 2 at Telstra Dome.

To RSVP e-mail Darren McClelland at [docklandstoastmasters@yahoo.com.au](mailto:docklandstoastmasters@yahoo.com.au) or Tel: 9275 4865.

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# Bendigo Bank Community Calendar

Date	Event	Time	Location	Description
8 October 2006	Tram It 2006: A Celebration of Melbourne's Iconic Trams	11am – 4pm	Grand Plaza and Harbour Esplanade	This year marks the 100th anniversary of continuous service of electric trams in Melbourne. To celebrate, Yarra Trams is hosting the <i>Tram It 2006</i> Family Fun Day at Docklands. It is a family-friendly event that will feature a display of trams from Melbourne's past and present, with a range of entertainment for people of all ages. The tram featured in the Australian cult movie classic <i>Malcolm</i> will be on show as will the Centenary Art Tram, tramway memorabilia, roving performers, children's rides, prizes and stalls. There will also be giveaways for children who present a valid Metcard at the event. <i>Tram It 2006</i> is directly accessible via Yarra Trams routes 48, 70 & 86. The City Circle tram will operate along Spencer St on the day of the event. For more information visit: <a href="http://www.yarratrams.com.au">www.yarratrams.com.au</a>
14 & 15 October 2006	HMAS Ararat Commissioning and Public Viewing	Sun, 1pm – 4pm	Waterfront City Marina	Come and view the commission the HMAS Ararat on Sat 14 October. The public can come board to view the naval ship on Sun 15 October.
15 October 2006	Portfolio Partners Around the Bay in a Day	All day	Departs from Harbour Esplanade and returns to Waterfront City	The 2006 Portfolio Partners Around the Bay in a Day is Australia's largest cycling participation event. This year, the event expands to include the Legend 250km, designed to challenge the committed cyclist, with a new course starting at Docklands, to Queenscliff, Portarlington, Sorrento and back to Docklands. Other courses include the ATB Challenge 210km, Classic 100km and the new 42 km Great Melbourne Bay Ride. The Finish Festival will be held in Waterfront City Piazza with fun and relaxing activities for cyclists, their families and friends. For more information visit: <a href="http://www.bv.com.au">www.bv.com.au</a> or <a href="http://www.greatrides.com.au">www.greatrides.com.au</a>
21 October 2006	Tri-Nations Rugby League Match 2	Starts at 8pm	Telstra Dome	Watch the Australian Kangaroos and New Zealand Kiwis battle it out at an exciting match as part of the Tri-Nations Rugby League tournament. For more information visit: <a href="http://www.telstradome.com.au">www.telstradome.com.au</a> or <a href="http://www.rleague.com">www.rleague.com</a>
22 October 2006	Melbourne Community Safety Day	10am – 4pm	Waterfront City	Police will offer free engraving service for mobile phones, laptops and bicycles, so these items may be traced back to owners if stolen. Bring your car along and have one-way screws fitted to protect number plates. There is something for everyone with a free Docklands Safety Pack and entertainment from the Victoria Police Show Band. Jump onboard the Road Safety Awareness Bus, view the new mobile police station and displays by the Melbourne Fire Brigade and Metropolitan Ambulance Service. For more information visit: <a href="http://www.docklands.com">www.docklands.com</a>
28 October 2006	Sunrise 1000 Foundation Post-Ride Celebrations	1pm – 5pm	Waterfront City	Join Sunrise 1000 riders Wayne Schwass, Daniel MacPherson, Jason Dunstall, Tiffany Cherry, Ed Phillips and Emma Carney at a post-ride community celebration day on Sat 28 October at Waterfront City. Kids can meet the riders, have their faces painted and join in loads of fun activities. Adults will be entertained by bands playing on the main stage, and there's a chance to win loads of cool prizes throughout the day. For more information visit: <a href="http://www.sunrisefoundation.org.au">www.sunrisefoundation.org.au</a>
16 November – 2 December 2006	ANL Maritime Art Prize and Exhibition 2006 for The Mission to Seafarers Victoria	11am – 6pm daily	The Mission to Seafarers Victoria, 717 Flinders St, Docklands (Tram 48)	An opportunity to enjoy a superb range of maritime art in the historic Mission to Seafarers heritage listed building and also to learn about the work and history of the Mission in its 150th year. The art on display will range from contemporary to traditional, all with a maritime theme. The ANL Maritime Art Prize will be awarded at the gala launch on 15 November. The exhibition opens to the public on 16 November. An exciting opportunity for enthusiasts to purchase art with 30% of the sale price contributing to the work of the Mission in Victorian ports. For more information telephone: (03) 9629 7499
18 & 19 November 2006	U2 Vertigo Tour	Evening	Telstra Dome	U2, the world's biggest rock band, and Australian tour promoter Michael Coppel Presents have confirmed new show dates for the previously postponed U2 Vertigo Tour. The new show dates are Sat 18 and Sun 19 November 2006. Existing tickets for the first postponed show on Fri 24 March remain valid and will directly transfer to the Sat 18 November show. Existing tickets for the second postponed show on Sat 25 March remain valid and will directly transfer to the Sun 19 November show. For more information visit: <a href="http://www.telstradome.com">www.telstradome.com</a>
23-25 November 2006	Great Victorian Bike Ride	All day	North Wharf Road	Preparation for participants involved in the Great Victorian Bike Ride, including loading and unloading bikes and equipment for the ride. For more information visit: <a href="http://www.bv.com.au">www.bv.com.au</a>
25 & 26 November 2006	14th Australian Corporate Games – Dragon Boat, Outrigger and Triathlon Championship	Sat – All day Sun – From 8am	NewQuay and Victoria Harbour	The Corporate Games is a community-based event set up to encourage companies to support employees' pursuit of a more active, healthier lifestyle. Each year more than 20,000 Australians compete in Corporate Games nationally, with over 9,000 in Melbourne alone. This is a tribute to companies that have recognized the benefits of participating in the Games, where both the company and employees benefit from getting together as part of a sporting team. Twenty sports are offered, including the Dragon Boat and Outrigger Canoe championship in Victoria Harbour. The second day of the Corporate Games includes a Triathlon Championship with a 400m swim, 15km cycle and 4km run. For more information visit: <a href="http://www.corporategames.net.au">www.corporategames.net.au</a>
Wed - Sun, until early December 2006	Fairley Mowat (flagship of Sea Shepherd Conservation Society)	9am – 6pm	Pier 15, Victoria Harbour (In front of Telstra Dome)	The Fairly Mowat aims to enforce international conservation law. Last year, the ship sailed to the Southern Ocean Whale Sanctuary in the waters of Antarctica to engage the Japanese whaling fleet. This year, they aim to intervene and stop illegal whaling operations again. Come down to view the ship and learn more about the plight of marine wildlife. For more information visit: <a href="http://www.seashepherd.org">www.seashepherd.org</a>



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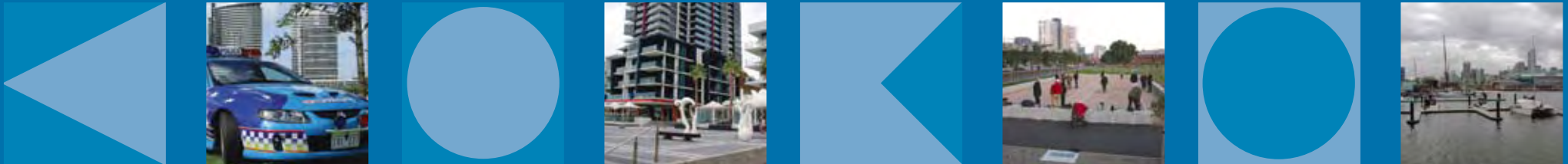
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# VicUrban and City of Melbourne

– Working together to grow Docklands



VicUrban and Melbourne City Council are already working together on the pending transfer of the municipal functions.

On 1 July 2007 municipal activities such as rate collection, street maintenance and cleaning will be the responsibility of MCC.

The municipal transfer will bring local democracy to Melbourne Docklands. It will enable more than 6,000 residents currently living in the area to take part in the next local government elections, in November 2008.

Melbourne Docklands residents will continue to benefit from the City of Melbourne's expertise in managing and delivering key local government services. All municipal services will continue without disruption.

A number of activities which are planned to be officially transferred in July next year are already being coordinated to ensure there is a smooth transition.

VicUrban and Melbourne City Council will continue working together to develop a range of strategies and plans for the ongoing support to grow Melbourne Docklands.

Events, marketing, tourism and infrastructure plans for the precinct have been developed by the City of Melbourne. These initiatives will ensure the continued growth of Melbourne Docklands as a thriving community for residents and businesses.

A comprehensive marketing plan for the area has already been developed. It incorporates a number of the successful programs and events already delivered such as Summer on the Docks, New Year's Eve, Australia Day and Melbourne's Blue Park @ Docklands.

As part of the transfer, VicUrban is proud to be handing over approximately \$200m of new assets to Melbourne City Council which

includes public infrastructure such as the Charles Grime Bridge, \$15 million worth of urban art and the Latrobe and Collins Streets extensions just to name a few.

VicUrban has made a significant investment in the provision of municipal services throughout the formative years of Melbourne Docklands.

Pru Sanderson, VicUrban CEO said, "We have confidence that the Melbourne City Council will apply the high standards for which they are renowned, in maintaining and managing Melbourne Docklands."

VicUrban is looking forward to the contributions Melbourne City Council will make as Melbourne Docklands grows into a strong addition to our great city.

VicUrban will continue developing and being the planning referral authority for Melbourne Docklands.

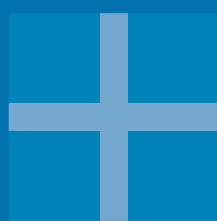
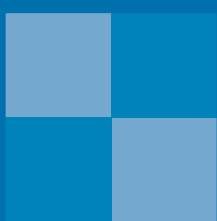
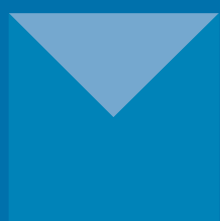
## MARKETING DOCKLANDS

During this transition phase, the City of Melbourne is excited to be taking a lead role in the marketing of Docklands under contract to VicUrban, and ensuring that Docklands is positioned as an accessible and engaging extension to the City's current offer.

Over the next few months, the City of Melbourne will be delivering a campaign that will aim to increase visitation as well as increasing consumer awareness and confidence.

Some of the campaign initiatives that you'll notice over the coming months include:

- A new 30 second Community Service Announcement on GTV 9 featuring Lord Mayor John So and Livinia Nixon positioning Docklands as easily accessible from the City;







- A Channel 9 Postcards half hour TV special airing in January promoting the entire Docklands summer offer:
- A magazine style guide, "Summer in the City" targeted at 18-35 year olds featuring a strong focus on Docklands events, bars, restaurants and retail
- A new brochure promoting Docklands to tourists which will be distributed via the Melbourne Visitor Centre, tourist information booths and hotels as well as at business events (conventions, conferences)
- An extensive PR & promotions campaign delivered by City of Melbourne focussing entirely on Docklands
- A specific marketing program including dedicated collateral and advertising promoting Melbourne's Blue Park at Docklands.

Alongside the delivery of this campaign, the City of Melbourne will also be undertaking market research in early 2007. The research will test drivers and deterrents to visitation, both perceived and real, and provide an understanding of the Docklands concept in relation to outputs by the various development companies.

This is an exciting time for both Docklands and the City of Melbourne and we will keep you updated.

### EVENTS @ DOCKLANDS

The picturesque promenades of Docklands have already attracted a variety of local and major international events to the precinct. City of Melbourne has a dedicated Events team who are committed to growing the number of events in Docklands with the aim of increasing visitation and the profile of the Docklands area.

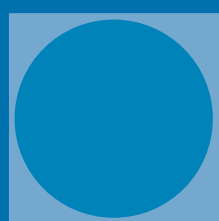
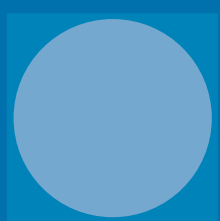
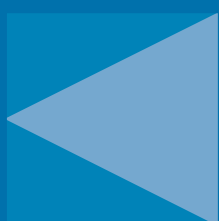
Positioning Melbourne as a waterfront city, Docklands and the waterfront experience will be integrated in to the overall City of Melbourne's Events Program. Links will be created between water and land based activities. A year round annual calendar of events will be strategically expanded to balance stakeholder needs, and bring energy and visitors to the city's most exciting waterfront development ever!

City of Melbourne will support the establishment of 2 major events annually that will endeavour to attract at least 10,000 people. They are working with existing Docklands event organisers to maximise the value of their events to the precinct, and investigate the opportunity to incorporate elements of existing major Melbourne events into the Docklands event program. For example, there are a number of major City of Melbourne events which Docklands either

produce complimentary activity around or have a potential to develop such as Summer Fun in the City, Moomba Waterfest activity and Motorola Melbourne Spring Fashion Week fashion parades.

City of Melbourne receives hundreds of approaches each year from event organisers seeking advice and/or support for events, so are in a position to identify suitable events and to introduce them to Docklands venue managers.

The opportunities that the Docklands precinct presents as an event destination for Melbourne are exciting.....with City of Melbourne at the helm, look out for Melbourne's status as the 'Events Capital' to get even stronger!





# Docklands new home for **ANZ** and **National Foods Ltd**

**ANZ will move to Melbourne Docklands as part of the largest office development in the State's history. The announcement was made by the Premier Steve Bracks, Treasurer John Brumby and ANZ Chief Executive Officer John McFarlane at the Victoria Harbour Centre on 27 September 2006.**

The new ANZ building will be located on the extension of Collins Street at Docklands, on the shores of the Yarra River overlooking Docklands Park.

The new world-class building, which will be purchased by ANZ, will provide 83,550 square metres of modern office accommodation over 10 floors for 5,500 ANZ staff.

ANZ will partner with Lend Lease to develop the \$478 million project. This major building will become a new focal point for Melbourne and the Docklands precinct, and for ANZ's growing businesses in Australia, New Zealand and the Asia Pacific. The project is due to be completed in the second half of 2009.

The high specification building will have a minimum 5-star Green Star rating. Environmentally-efficient features will include rainwater collection, greater use of fresh air and light, a landscaped

roof and improved energy efficiency to reduce greenhouse impacts.

The building is specifically designed to align with ANZ's progressive culture and values, and will include dedicated facilities for ANZ staff including a crèche, gymnasium, car and bicycle parking and a variety of retail and food outlets.

ANZ CEO Mr John McFarlane said: "ANZ has set itself a vision to be a very different bank. We are very excited about this very different building and what it can bring to ANZ's future in Melbourne."

"It will be an inspiring, environmentally-efficient workplace that will help us build on our leading levels of staff engagement. It is close to the CBD, and easily accessed by road and public transport. By late 2009, Docklands will be among the most vibrant in Melbourne with a working population of at least 15,000 people," McFarlane said".

**National Foods Limited recently announced its intention to construct a new head office building at 737 Bourke Street, Docklands. The company expects to move into its new premises late in 2008.**

The developer, Equity Pacific Capital Partners, has submitted for planning approval a proposal for a new 12 storey building comprising 16,000 sq m of office space. National Foods has committed to 12,000 sq m for an initial term of 12 years. The proposed building will also include car parking and retail space.

National Foods currently leases office space in Pura House at 5 Queens Road, Melbourne, and in four buildings in Mulgrave.

National Foods Managing Director Ashley Waugh said the company needed to consolidate its head office functions into one location to reduce costs and increase operating efficiency.

"We have decided to move to the Docklands because it best meets our long term requirements and we have a desire to accommodate all our head office functions in one location. National Foods employees

had the opportunity to complete a survey and have their say on what they want the new workplace to be.”



*Concept vision of proposed head office for National Foods Ltd*

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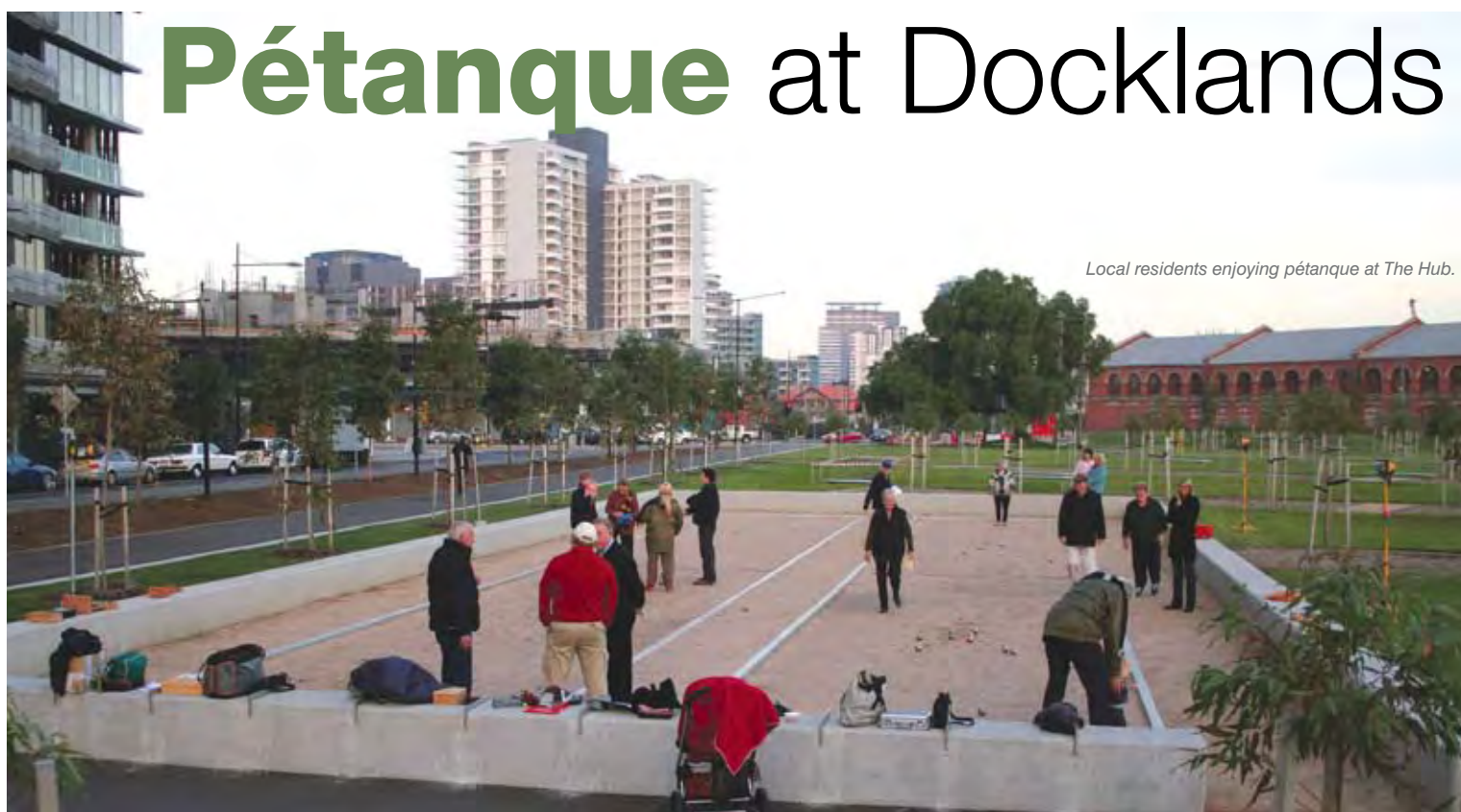
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# Pétanque at Docklands



*Local residents enjoying pétanque at The Hub.*

**The Docklands Community Association is pleased to announce the newly formed Docklands Petanque Club. This outdoor community sporting activity is available to all Docklands residents.**

Petanque is a French sport played with boules, shiny steel balls about the size of cricket balls, rolled along gravel or hard sandy surfaces. It is often a sport associated with food and wine; many Victorian wineries have petanque playing areas (pistes) where you can take your boules and have a game.

The sport is a great way of bringing people together and it can be played at either a social or competitive level, by the young and not so young.

In Docklands, pétanque can be played at The Hub on Waterview Walk and at Point Park off Lorimer Street. The Docklands Petanque Club will enable members to play other clubs as well as participate in fortnightly tournaments held around the state. Alternatively, club members can play on a casual basis without participating in competitions.

The Docklands Petanque Club has experienced players who can teach you how to play the sport and organise activities (current club members

include the President of Petanque Australia, the State Coach and the Victorian Development Officer).

The club intends to hold regular social days, organised tournaments and possibly national and international events within the precinct. New games will be starting soon at The Hub, 17 Waterview Walk, Docklands (diagonally opposite NAB).

**For information regarding membership of the Docklands Petanque Club, contact Lisa Muscatello, email: [lisa@staffconnect.com.au](mailto:lisa@staffconnect.com.au).**

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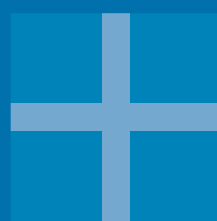
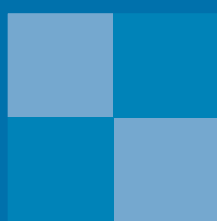
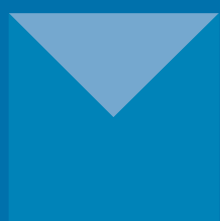

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# The art journey expands

Walking and driving around Docklands, you may have noticed several new pieces of urban art have been developed and installed around our unique waterfront location. Below are brief statements from the artists of three new urban artworks that form part of the Art Journey – Melbourne Docklands Public Art Walk.

**IOU, Mikala Dwyer**  
Waterview Walk, Batman's Hill

IOU is back in Docklands having being relocated to the parkland on Waterview Walk.

According to the artist Mikala Dwyer, "the IOU is something that promises another presence: that stands for something else. Here in its sculptural form, the premise stays suspended. The object leads us from one thing to another ... for all its formal shiny blockiness, the mirrored object disappears into its surrounds ..." IOU questions material reality.



**ANCHOR, Neil Dawson**  
Suspended in the air, Victoria Point

Anchor is a tribute to the maritime crafts of the past using the maritime technologies of the present. It is a symbol for Docklands which can be viewed from the podium plaza, the buildings and from the approach to Telstra Dome.

Anchor references the decorative rope work of the maritime days of old. The work is approximately 33 metres from the ground and is secured by almost invisible cables appearing to float in the sky.

An ever-changing object/image, the sculpture will alter in appearance in relation to the changing skies and light conditions. At night the work is illuminated by lights on the roof of the adjacent apartments, highlighting the lace pattern of the edges.

Copies of the 2006 Art Journey – Melbourne Docklands Public Art Walk are now available from The Hub, 17 Waterview Walk, Docklands.



**AURORA, Geoff Bartlett**  
Corner of Bourke Street and Harbour Esplanade, Victoria Point

Aurora is a major sculptural work in which the open and net-like structure makes a visual reference to the form of an inverted cargo net and a symbolic connections to the history of Docklands as a place of transit for goods and people.

The main body of the work consists of a circular cage-like form constructed of stainless steel and aluminium. This sits on three legs that curve and taper upwards. The work encourages you to walk through it but the three vertical elements also draw the viewer's attention up to the main body of the sculpture which is an open and transparent form.

The stainless steel surface is highly reflective and responsive to changes in natural light during the day. At night, the main element is lit internally and creates the impression of a glowing circular shape floating above street level.



## Victoria Harbour's Dock 5 ties up large sales

Lend Lease has announced the recent sale of two apartments totaling \$5 million at Dock 5, their signature apartment tower on the water at Victoria Harbour. The multi-million dollar sales were to a local Melbourne resident and to an Australian architect based off-shore.



Upper levels of Dock 5 nearly completed

Commenting on the sales, Lend Lease's Victoria Harbour Project Director Maurice Cococcia points out that sales at the signature apartment tower have accelerated steadily as the building nears completion.

Says Cococcia: "Buyers are realizing that Dock 5 offers unparalleled individuality, size and choice when compared to other apartments on the market.

"With only three months until the first settlements, the building reaching full height and the external facade largely complete, we expect interest and

sales to remain strong for the remaining 23 apartments.

"Furthermore, visitors can now inspect our Dock 5 display apartment and witness design that breaks the typical mould of apartment living. When viewing the apartments, buyers and prospects have regularly commented that the quality of workmanship surpasses anything they have seen on the local apartment market.

"Dock 5 truly offers an unparalleled lifestyle choice as far as Melbourne apartment living goes. It is a signature building in every way at a landmark address.

"Owners have the added attraction of securing a marina berth outside their front door with many able to view their boats from their apartment.

"For wine connoisseurs there is a large 12,000 bottle, temperature-controlled wine cellar in the basement.

"In addition, residents will be able to step out of their front door and choose from a mouthwatering array of restaurants or a multitude of great retail outlets all within a short stroll from their home."

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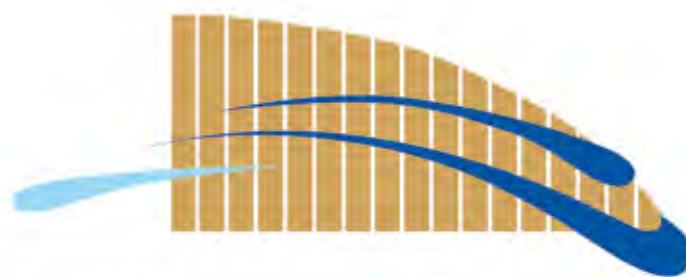
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# VICTORIA POINT

## THE HEART AND SOUL OF DOCKLANDS

The impressive changes in Bourke Street in Docklands are continuing. You will have noticed that a number of new businesses are nearing completion. L'amore pizzeria and restaurant is expected to be finished in the next two weeks, and the shop fitouts for De Gusto sandwich delight and Flight Centre have already started.

The busy street provides a welcome addition to the Docklands area with services and food outlets enabling visitors and workers to not only deal with their errands and business, but also take a walk during the day and relax while enjoying breakfast, morning tea, lunch or afternoon tea at Cento Celli café and shortly De Gusto and L'amore. This enjoyment will be further enhanced when an outside area with glass screens, umbrellas and tables and chairs is available in the near future. Imagine sitting on Bourke Street enjoying a coffee in the sunshine and watching the world go by. This is what Docklands is all about.

Some of the exciting things that are happening:

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- **Flight Centre:** You will soon be able to make all your travel arrangements at Flight Centre in Bourke Street. Take advantage of cheap domestic and international airfares, hotels and accommodation hot deals, car hire, tours and travel insurance, all at your convenience.

- **De Gusto Sandwich Delight:** Opening shortly, De Gusto will provide more variety in the types of food you can enjoy during your lunchtime. Call in for a gourmet sandwich, which can be enjoyed at the sidewalk tables.

- **L'amore Pizza and Restaurant** will offer casual dining at its best. Pick up a pizza on the way home from work, or call in for an Italian dinner with friends. L'amore will be open for breakfast, lunch and dinner. The owners are committed to providing you with good quality Italian food at reasonable prices. Enjoy!



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# As You Like It

by Inouk Arnall

## BLUEFIRE

Just like when you're preparing to go on a diet, you 'OD' on chocolate as a last hurrah to junk food, I too prepared for my visit to BlueFire. Knowing I was in for more than my daily dose of iron from a variety of meat offerings, I purposely avoided meat for nearly two days before my visit. This, combined with arriving on an empty stomach, was the ideal way to eat here and when I tasted how good the flamed grilled food was, my vegetarian fasting became a distant memory.



The BlueFire "Churrascaria" concept is based on the Brazilian custom of cooking meat and seafood over an open fire. It's not the only way to dine here, there's also a separate menu for those not quite so enthusiastic to graze the night away. However it's a fantastic way to enjoy a variety of deliciously marinated delights, have a bit of fun and eat till the cows come home (sorry probably an inappropriate expression). To avoid being questioned as to when you've had your fill, a double-sided coaster sits at your place setting; green to keep the dishes coming & red says I'm full up to pussy's bow.

The standard \$49 price includes grilled flat bread, 3 dips (my favourite was the potato and fetta), marinated olives and a spicy tomato salsa bruschetta. After that, various meats, sausages and succulent seafood are cooked on giant skewers and carved at your table by the 'passador', a meat waiter who is nifty with a knife and obliging to your particular tastes of how you like your meat.

We tried some succulent peppery beef, smoky tender pork, wonderful lemon and herb R\ rockling, garlic laden lamb, a classic mini chorizo and melt in your mouth calamari. This all came served with grilled vegetables (browned potatoes, pumpkin and corn) as well as 3 different condiments to experiment with. It really is great value.

As only a dedicated food reviewer would do after such a feast, I ordered a dessert to share. The classic Crème Caramel atop a compote of tropical fruit and fresh berries (\$15) was very good. Even better was the divine scoop of homemade pecan ice cream we got on the side as a worthy compromise to ordering just the one dessert.

The staff are friendly and informative and the venue is modern and seats up to 250. The open kitchen allows you to watch the chefs in action if you wish, but if you're used to arm chair viewing, then you can always just watch them being beamed 'live' on the plasma screens.

The wine list is also quite good with quality varieties available by the glass so you can try a few to match different foods as you like. There's a good-sized outdoor eating area and standard Docklands picturesque views. But somehow I wasn't looking outside; I was too distracted with the plethora of scrumptious offerings and wondering whether these pants have always been this tight?



Overall rating:	4/5	Décor:	4/5
Food:	4/5	Variety:	4/5
Wine List:	4/5	Value:	4.5/5
Price Range:	Entrées: \$9.00 - \$16.00		
	Mains: \$28.00 - \$38.00		
	Churrascaria: \$49.00pp		

### WIN As You Like It Competitions

**August Edition Winner:**  
The winner of the dinner for two at Salt bar-restaurant is Geordie McDowell. He correctly answered that the popular Italian dessert *tiramisu* literally translates as b) pick me up. Enjoy your dinner Geordie.

**October Edition's competition:**  
**Win Dinner for Two at Bluefire!**  
For your chance to win dinner for two at Bluefire, including a Churrascaria for two and a bottle of Rivers wine (valued at \$123), simply answer the following question:

**What type of cheese is Gruyere and where did it originate from?**  
Also, to win a bottle of **Cape Mentelle 'Trinders' Cabernet Merlot 2004**, simply answer:

**Who do you think consumes the largest quantity of chestnuts in the world?**  
a) Italians b) Americans or c) Chinese  
All entries to: [inouk.m@bigpond.net.au](mailto:inouk.m@bigpond.net.au) by 9 Nov

### Talking Plonk

**Task:** Inouk and her dad Bruce share a bottle of wine to evaluate

**Plonk:** Cape Mentelle, 'Trinders' Cabernet Merlot, 2004 **RRP: \$28.99**

**Background:** The 'Trinders' blend takes inspiration from the classic wines of Bordeaux. It seeks to capture all the qualities of long-lived Cabernet and create a well rounded, earlier drinking style with the addition of Merlot and a little Cabernet Franc.

**Conversation:**

B: The colour screams all the dark fruits like blackcurrants, blackberries, plums and cherries.  
I: The nose is full of the same; you get this intense dark-fruited fragrance.  
B: It's a wonderfully balanced wine, with lots of mid palate tannins and ripe fruit flavours.  
I: It's smooth and a little bit oaky and I love the clean slightly spicy finish.  
B: It's what I'd call a powerful wine, with plenty of layers making it quite delightful to drink.  
I: I agree it's a lovely wine, so the big question is what shall we eat with it?  
B: It's a big wine, so I'd serve it with a heavier dish. A lovely char-grilled eye fillet like we're having is perfect, or perhaps a lamb ragu would be another suggestion.  
I: Vegetarians will shudder at the thought I'm sure, so might I also suggest that something like a rich roasted vegetable lasagne would go just as well.  
D: You can do that, and you can also suggest that this will cellar for up to 10 years, but I'll have my eye fillet & this wine right now thanks!

### SNAPSHOT

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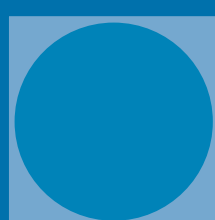
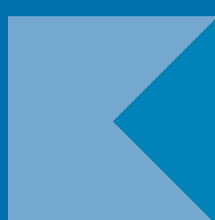
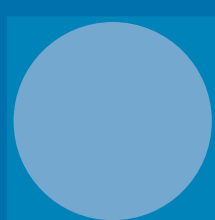
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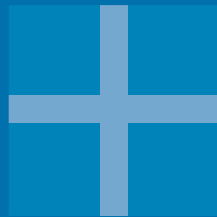
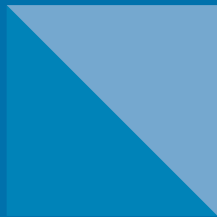
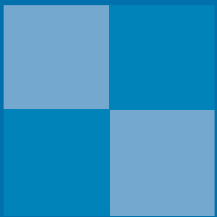
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## The wheel rolls further along

Development of Australia's only observation wheel is well underway with Japanese manufacturers Sanoyas Hishino Meisho Corporation officially signing construction and manufacturing contracts with ING Real Estate on 25 September 2006.

The Southern Star Observation Wheel at Waterfront City will be the largest of its kind in the Southern Hemisphere, offering incredible views stretching as far as Geelong.

Reaching 120 metres into the Melbourne skyline, the Wheel features a unique star design with seven spokes representing the seven points of the Southern Cross.

The wheel will consist of 21 air-conditioned cabins that will accommodate up to 20 people each and allow room to either sit down or move around whilst enjoying spectacular 360 degree views.

Other unique details of the Wheel unveiled at today's milestone event include:

- 1200 tonnes of steel will be used in construction
- Wheel structure will be manufactured in Melbourne
- Wheel features two unique asymmetric support columns weighing 100 tonnes each
- The columns are 80 metres in length and 2.5 metres wide
- Cabins, hubs and spindle will be manufactured in Japan
- Features 3.7 kilometres of state-of-the-art LED lighting

ING Real Estate also announced that well-known Melbourne construction company Alfasi Steel Constructions have been appointed to fabricate and erect the wheel. Hansen Yuncken will construct the wheel support building and manage the overall project

"We're all extremely excited about the impact the Southern Star Observation Wheel will have on Melbourne's skyline and the large volume of tourism numbers it's sure to attract," said Greg Boyd, Chief Executive Officer of ING Real Estate Development Australia.

Mr Yasunobu Nakamichi, Managing Director of Sanoyas Hishino Meisho Corporation believes his organisation's involvement in the project will ensure it is world class, "As the largest designer and manufacturer of amusement park wheels and rides in the world, it is our special privilege to be creating such a landmark tourist attraction for Melbourne. This city's wheel will be truly unique and very beautiful."

Fabrication of the wheel structure will commence shortly, with onsite construction due to commence in the coming weeks. Erection will commence by mid-2007.

The Southern Star Observation Wheel is scheduled to open to the public in 2008. Over 1.5 million passengers are anticipated to visit the wheel annually, which will make it one of Australia's most popular tourist attractions.



1-3. Concept visions of the Southern Star Observation Wheel  
4. Greg Boyd, CEO of ING Real Estate Development Australia and Mr Yasunobu Nakamichi, Managing Director of Sanoyas Hishino Meisho Corporation sign the contract



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