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# Consult us, says new president

**Incoming Docklands Community Association president Liam Jones** believes representing community interests will become a key role for the group.

Mr Jones said that in the past developers had dealt with the government but in the future the Docklands community would demand to be consulted.

He defined the DCA as a "user" group comprising both residents and businesses.

"I see the DCA as the first point of call for all future development consultations" he said.

Mr Jones, his wife Summer and his step-son Jay Gleave, live in the Nolan Building at New Quay. They moved to Docklands from Yarraville about two years ago.

Mr Jones is sponsorship manager for the Master Builders Association. He said that owing to the nature of his job, lobbying had become "second nature".

### New DCA committee for 2007-08

### The following people were elected as the Association's new committee for the forthcoming year:

President - Liam Jones president@docklands.asn.au

Vice President - Howard Barnes vicepresident@docklands.asn.au

Secretary - Karen MacCallum secretary@docklands.asn.au

**Treasurer** - David Phillips treasurer@docklands.asn.au

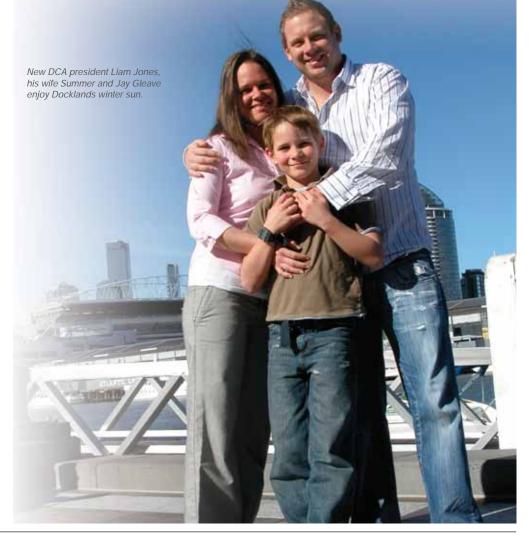
Committee - Ron O'Neil, Michelle Anderson, Paul O'Halloran, Deane Hardwick. Lisa Muscatello, Jeanette Shaw, David Wolfram, Jackie Phillips, Steven Cary, Guy Mason.

Congratulations to all.

Membership of the Association is open to anyone who lives, works or runs a business in the Docklands precinct. Membership is only \$10 per year and new members are very welcome.

The DCA meets every second Tuesday for social gatherings and guest speaker nights.

**Contact President Liam Jones** on 0403 906 570 or email president@docklands.asn.au for further information.



# The wheel rolls further along

Construction of the famed Southern Star Observation Wheel is now well underway at Waterfront City.



All six supporting columns, measuring up to 77 metres in height and 2.5 metres in diameter, have been erected and are immediately identifiable from various vantage points throughout Docklands, Footscray Road and the Bolte Bridge, offering an exciting glimpse of what's to come

As one of Victoria's most exciting new tourism projects, the Southern Star Observation Wheel will become a stunning addition to the Melbourne landscape. Equal in height to a 38 storey building and featuring 21 air-conditioned cabins large enough to walk around in, the Southern Star will offer panoramic views across the city and as far as Geelong.

The Southern Star Observation Wheel is due for completion towards the end of 2008.



### New brand for exciting future

The City of Melbourne and VicUrban have jointly developed new branding for Melbourne Docklands. One brand will now be used to promote Docklands as a destination, which includes the area's development companies.

The new logo represents the connection between Docklands and the city through reference to the Hoddle grid meeting the water. It represents the sense of energy and freshness that Docklands brings to the city.

The logo was developed to provide consistent branding of Melbourne Docklands to establish the precinct as a premier leisure and entertainment destination.

Super banners are now being produced and installed throughout Docklands with the new branding.



















### From the Editor

While it has been colder than previous years, this winter in Docklands has been livelier than ever with Docklands Winter Wonderland, The Amazing Human Body Exhibition, the AFL at Telstra Dome and new restaurants opening in recent months – yum cha, anyone?

There's more to come with Slow Sundays during August and lots of activities happening on Central Pier. Read about free parking and your chance to win a \$5000 wine cellar.

Docklands is now part of the City of Melbourne municipality and the response has been great, with the community working together with Council to develop the Delivering for Docklands strategy. In this edition, find out more about the upcoming childcare facility, valuable census data and a range of community activities.

With the weather warming up, it's time to get outside again and make the most of the many activities, restaurants and events Docklands has on offer. Enjoy!

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#### Deadline for Oct/Nov 07 edition: 12 Sept 07

Past editions and the current edition of Docklands Community News can be viewed and downloaded from www.docklands.com, then follow the Quicklink to Docklands Community Updates.

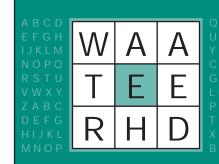
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# **DOCKWORDS**

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'.



Target: 40 words - Passenger 75 words - Crew 102 words - Captain

Solution to be supplied in next issue

### **Community Notice**

St. Augustine's Catholic Church welcomes Docklands residents.

Where: 631 Bourke St, Docklands Mass Times: 1:05pm Monday to Friday, 10:30am & 8:00pm Sunday.

### Solution to Puzzle from last edition

aero, aloe, alow, alto, earl, fare, farl, faro, fate, fear, feat, feta, flat, flaw, flea, foal, fora, late, leaf, lear, loaf, oral, raft, rale, rate, real, rota, tale, tare, taro, teal, tear, tora, waft, wale, ware, wart, wear, after, alert, aloft, alter, feral, fetal, flare, float, flora, later, orate, tawer, trawl, wafer, water, falter, foetal, folate, loafer, wafter, floater, refloat, waterfowl.



VicUrban is currently conducting a review of Harbour Esplanade to enhance the area over the next few years. The review aims to

identify how experiences can be improved for those living, visiting and working in Docklands.

This will complement the accelerated delivery of works on the waterfront section of Harbour Esplanade that the Victorian Government announced in October 2006.

Michael Hynes, VicUrban's General Manager for Docklands and Major Projects, said part of the review process included keeping the community and key stakeholders within Docklands informed and seeking their input.

"As the project progresses, up-to-date information and opportunities for community feedback will be provided through the VicUrban website, newsletters and displays at The Hub.

"An independent market research company has already randomly selected community members to attend one of several focus group sessions, but everyone can have their say via a survey on the VicUrban website," said Mr Hynes.

In addition to ensuring balanced access for pedestrians, cyclists, trams and vehicles, options could include:

- Lawn and lowered wharf areas, playgrounds, walking paths, court areas;
- Open areas for performance, festivals, events;
- Facilities, shelters, seating, barbecues, public amenities;
- Commercial facilities with restaurants, cafes, food vendors, cycle hire; and
- Quiet seating and viewing areas.

To learn more about this project or to provide initial feedback, please visit www.vicurban.com/harbouresplanade

### Council announces \$6.95m for childcare facility in Docklands

The City of Melbourne has announced it will set aside \$6.95m for a new childcare facility in Docklands in its Annual Plan and Budget 2007-08.

Research has shown that between 2001 and 2011 the number of children living in the City of Melbourne will nearly double, from 2,760 children to 5,362, (including children in Docklands).

In preparation for this future growth, the City of Melbourne is committed to ensuring local residents and workers have access to affordable, quality childcare, and the Docklands community is no exception.

The move to establish a new childcare facility comes shortly after the opening of the new Maternal and Child Health centre at The Hub, 17 Waterview Walk, Docklands. Services at this centre include regular check-ups for babies and toddlers, young parents groups and family counselling.





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The Census of Land Use and Employment (CLUE) is conducted every two years by the City of Melbourne. Together with a residents' profile based on the Australian **Bureau of Statistics Census** of Population and Housing, **CLUE** creates a clear picture of how the city is changing and evolving.

CLUE data is analysed by city researchers to provide a unique insight into the city economy. The City of Melbourne then uses this information in decision making and planning.

CLUE data can also be customised to suit the needs of individual businesses and can be invaluable for strategic decision making. Property developers and businesses in particular find CLUE an important and useful resource.

For more information on CLUE please visit www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/CLUE

### Melbourne's booming!

The 2006 Census of Land Use and Employment (CLUE) shows strong growth for the city between 2004 and 2006 including:

- Employment growth of 35,000 jobs (or 10.6 per cent), compared with two per cent in the previous CLUE (2004);
- More than half these new jobs were full time jobs, turning around the decline in full time jobs identified in the previous CLUE (2004);
- Business establishment numbers grew by more than 10 per cent to almost 14,000;
- The number of residential apartments grew by 6,000; and
- The strongest business growth was in the finance, business services and education sectors.

According to CLUE, the transformation and growth of Docklands is continuing with triple the number of businesses and four times the number of jobs since 2002.

### **Delivering** for Docklands

The City of Melbourne has developed a draft three-year strategy to guide its activities in the Docklands precinct. Called 'Delivering for Docklands', the strategy identifies three key areas for action including;

- Developing a unique sense of character and style for Docklands and its precincts;
- Promoting Docklands as a lively, liveable and vibrant part of the city; and
- Positioning Docklands as a global centre of significance in tourism, events, business, retail and sustainable design.

The Docklands community had opportunities to comment on the draft strategy either via the City of Melbourne website, or at two community consultation sessions. Community members attending these sessions shared their suggestions

and recommendations with Cr Peter Clarke (Chair of the Melbourne City Council's Docklands and Major Projects Committee) and City of Melbourne officers.

Parking availability, nightclub and patron noise and childcare were high on most people's agendas. Feedback and suggestions from consultation will be used in developing the final Delivering for Docklands strategy, due for release late August. Visit www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/docklands for further information.

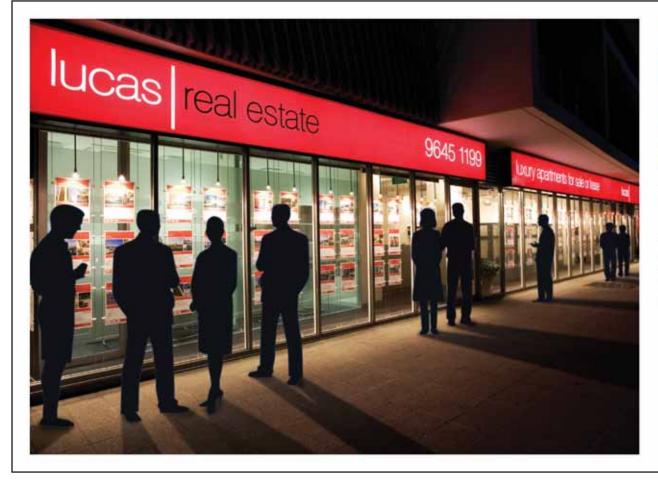
### Win a winter wine cellar

It's good news all round for Docklands this month with a \$5000 wine cellar up for grabs; to enter, simply enjoy a dining experience at any of the licensed bars, restaurants or cafes at NewQuay and Waterfront City throughout August and September.

The impressive prize package is a magnificent collection of wine from renowned food mecca The Wine & Cheese Providore. Wines to be won include Penfold Grange, Holly's Garden, Fox River, Cullen and Henschke, which will be on display at the Providore throughout winter.

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Well here is your chance – Bollywood (the name given to the Indian film industry which boasts more films per year than Hollywood) has taken the world by storm. Jhanak Dance Company brings the authentic Bollywood

flavour to Alumbra in Docklands for this exclusive course.

For confirmed dates and times please contact The Centre on 9328 1126.

# **Park** yourself in Docklands

Telstra Dome has new parking rates for weekends. Visit www.telstradome.com.au

The exciting news for winter though, is NewQuay is offering free parking until 28 September 2007. This is valid for:

- Noon to 3pm, Monday to Friday
- 7pm to midnight, Monday to Thursday

# Slow Sundays back in Docklands



The successful wining and dining event, Slow Sundays, is returning to Docklands in August to warm up those lazy winter days.

Perfect for those who enjoy the finer things in life, Slow Sundays presents an opportunity to experience a tantalizingly large range of dishes in NewQuay and Waterfront City, for a fraction of the normal cost.

Diners can let their tastebuds take them on a tour of one award-winning restaurant after the other, and also enjoy a delicious assortment of beautifully matched wines. Live performances by roving jazz entertainers Parisienne Swing and Martin Campbell will also add a distinctly European touch to the afternoon.

Slow Sundays will run each Sunday throughout August from noon to 5pm. The cost per chef selection, inclusive of a glass of wine, is \$15. Patrons are encouraged to 'slow down' and graze their way through the Docklands day.





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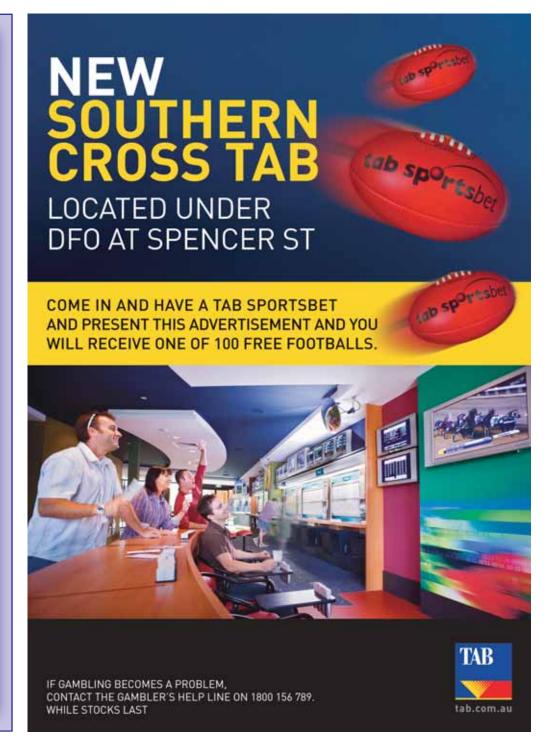
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# **Community space** available for use

Have you been to The Hub at 17 Waterview Walk, Docklands? If not, it's time for you to check it out.

The Hub was recently acquired by the City of Melbourne for community use. So if there is a new skill you'd like to learn, if you'd like to join or start a discussion group, or you need a space for a one-off event, The Hub could be the place for you.

Alternatively, your community group might be looking for a place to meet, or you may be a community tutor seeking space to run classes. The Hub has a variety of rooms available on weekdays and weekends.

For bookings, costs and more information contact The Hub on (03) 8622 4822 or email seamus.magee@melbourne.vic.gov.au







### Students living in Docklands - join us for a night of fun and laughs

Take a break from your studies and join us for a relaxing night meeting other students currently living and studying in Docklands.

Come along and share your stories of study in Australia and abroad. Also hear about activities, events and programs you can become involved with in Docklands and the rest of the city.

A light supper will be provided!

When: Thursday, 30 August 2007

Time: 7pm

Where: Alumbra, Shed 9 Central Pier 161 Harbour Esplanade

Please RSVP for catering purposes

to 9658 8020 or email kara.abakumenko@melbourne.vic.gov.au

### Celebrate the city with exclusive Melbourne Day offers

To celebrate the founding of one of the world's most liveable cities, the City of Melbourne invites everyone to take advantage of various free events and discount offers available on Melbourne Day.

Thursday, 30 August is Melbourne Day, marking 172 years since the first European settlers landed on the north banks of the Yarra River.

Activities and offers in Docklands will include:

- Enterprize Open Day A replica of the Enterprize will be open to the public at Waterfront City, Docklands. Take advantage of this free tour and learn what life was like aboard the famous schooner. Tours available 10am to 5pm.
- The Amazing Human Body Exhibition -2 for 1 entry at this amazing exhibition at the Waterfront City Pavilion. Purchase one full priced ticket and receive the second at the same or lesser value free.

Many more offers are available throughout the rest of the city.

Melburnians are invited to join the Lord Mayor at Enterprize Park on Melbourne Day at 10am for the official Flag Raising Ceremony. The free public festivities will include live entertainment, morning tea and a rifle volley by the Historical Re-enactment Society.



Day 2007 and special Melbourne Day offers, visit www.thatsmelbourne.com.au or call the City of Melbourne (03) 9658 9658

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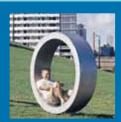












# A touch of Royale for Central Pier

TLC for kids has a mission to bring smiles and create distraction for all sick children, first through the TLC for kids Rapid TLC program, and secondly via the National TLC for kids Distraction Boxes.

TLC for kids relies solely on corporate support and community generosity to fund these amazing projects that touch the lives of hundreds of thousands of sick children each year.

The TLC Ball is the organisation's signature social event in Melbourne and the funds raised from the 2007 'Touch of Royale' event will go directly towards the National TLC Distraction Box program. The program is making a very real difference to the lives of children in hospitals around Australia.

The popularity and reputation of the TLC for kids Ball has been steadily growing and tickets to previous Balls were in high demand. MCs for the evening will be Brad McEwan from Channel 10's Sports Tonight and model Grace McClure.

Studded with celebrities and high quality, non-stop entertainment, the TLC Ball is an event you should not miss.

#### What's happening?

A night of extravagance and surprises featuring non-stop entertainment, all with a touch of Casino Royale.

Date: Saturday, 25 August Cost: \$175 per person

Venue: Peninsula, Shed 14, Central Pier

### Fight for cancer while having a ball

The Daffodil Ball is the premier youth event for Daffodil Day, organised by the Young People's Committee on behalf of The **Cancer Council Victoria.** 

All proceeds raised on the night go towards cancer research, education and support programs.

The Daffodil Ball will be held on Saturday 1 September at the new Atlantic Group Venue - The Peninsula, Shed 14, Central Pier.

Tickets are \$120, which includes all drinks, canapes and entertainment, and are now available online at www.cancervic.org.au or by calling the Supporters Hotline on 1300 65 65 85.

The Daffodil Ball remains one of the most popular balls on the social calendar; tickets sell out well in advance, so make sure you get in early.

# Silver Ribbon Exposure Gala

Australian Gourmet Traveller and Champagne Devaux present the 2007 Ovarian Cancer Research Foundation (OCRF) Silver Ribbon Exposure Gala - proudly supported by Mercedes-Benz.In its fifth year, the Gala on 20 October will be a night to remember.

Renowned Channel 9 Getaway presenter, Catriona Rowntree, will host the evening's proceedings. The menu will be specially designed by the Australian Gourmet Traveller food team, to synchronise perfectly with the smooth tastes of Devaux Champagne and wine selection from Yering Station, premium beer provided by St Arnou and refreshing sparkling drinks from Splitrock and Tiro.

In Australia, ovarian cancer claims the life of one woman every ten hours.

To find out more about this event at Peninsula, Central Pier, or to reserve your table, contact the OCRF on 1300 OVARIAN.

"Today is my 38th birthday and for me it is a great day, because today, I am still alive." Katia - OCRF Ambassador and Ovarian Cancer Sufferer.





From left to right: Liz Heliotis, CEO & CoFounder OCRF, Ahmed Fahour, Executive Director & CEO Australia NAB and Associate Professor Tom Jobling, Chairman OCRF.



Have your say on the election process.

The Melbourne City Council is interested to hear from City of Melbourne residents, businesses and ratepayers about their views on the Melbourne City Council election process.

Specifically, views are sought on the following election elements:

- the method of voting (postal or attendance);
- the electoral model (two simultaneous elections); and
- municipal boundaries.

To have your say on any of these topics you are invited to attend a Public Forum - 6pm on Wednesday, 15 August 2007.

To be held in the Council Meeting Room, Level 2, Melbourne Town Hall Administration Building, 90 Swanston Street, Melbourne.

To register your interest in attending please phone 9658 9658 or email enquiries@melbourne.vic.gov.au.

You can also send us your views by 16 August 2007 to:

Email: enquiries@melbourne.vic.gov.au Post: The Chief Executive Officer City of Melbourne PO Box 1603 Melbourne 3001

For more information about the Melbourne City Council elections or consultation process please refer to Council's website at www.melbourne. vic.gov.au or call 9658 9658.

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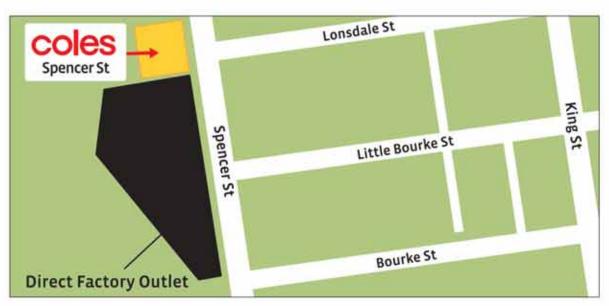


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# Have we met?

Alumbra hosts ongoing residents' nights



New waterfront cocktail bar Alumbra held its first Docklands residents' night during July to introduce those in Yarra's Edge to the bar's unique surroundings and the Alumbra team.

It was the first of many unique 'meet and greet' residents' nights for the coming

months, heralded by an invitation asking, "Have we met?". Residents sipped champagne and enjoyed canapés in the relaxed atmosphere of the bar located at

The owners of the newly relocated Alumbra say they want the venue to be an extension of someone's lounge room, while helping to foster friendship and networking opportunities for Docklands residents.

Alumbra Director Simon Digby said, "We held our first residents' night five years ago when Alumbra opened at South Wharf. It was such a success that we wanted to continue the tradition at Central Pier and involve the whole Docklands community."

**Docklands Chamber of Commerce President** Brian Tanti added, "Residents in the Docklands area need community resources to build relationships. These nights are a great catalyst for this."

In designing Alumbra its owners were sympathetic to the natural fabric of Shed 9, given its heritage listing, and also took particular care to soundproof the interior and minimise noise disruption for nearby residents.

Over the coming months, Alumbra will be developing membership cards with great offers attached, as well as holding a host of functions in coordination with the City of Melbourne, VicUrban and local building and body corporate managers.

Alumbra organisers want to play a big part in making Docklands a vibrant, fun place for residents. This will include everything from networking and social events to the bar's legendary Latino nights. Consider droping by on a Friday, and enjoy complimentary dumplings from 6pm to 8pm!

Interested in knowing more about Alumbra membership and its residents' nights? Go to www.alumbra.com.au or call (03) 8623 9669.

### Low rates and big works program

**Drought-relief initiatives for** Melbourne's world famous parks and gardens, major improvements to roads and paths, and a low rate rise are the key highlights of the City of Melbourne's 2007-2008 budget.

The Melbourne City Council has agreed to a rate rise of CPI only - 3.2 per cent - which again makes the rise one of the lowest in Victoria. The City of Melbourne is committed to reducing its reliance on rates as a source of revenue, while ensuring residents, businesses and visitors continue to enjoy the quality services and facilities available throughout the city.

Total revenue has increased by \$14.9m to \$286m, while spending has increased by \$18.8m to \$279m.

The 2007-08 budget is particularly significant as it reflects for the first time the impact of the Docklands transition, and includes \$6.95m for a childcare facility in Docklands.

The Melbourne City Council considered public submissions before the budget was endorsed on 26 June 2007.

For more information, visit www.melbourne.vic.gov.au

# Serving up safely



Food businesses in Docklands have an opportunity to ensure their staff know how to handle food safely.

The City of Melbourne has developed a staff induction kit, including a booklet, A Guide to Food Hygiene, to help cafe and restaurant owners educate their staff. The kit will help raise awareness about why hygiene is so important when handling food.

Docklands has many wonderful restaurants, cafes and bars and a great reputation for fabulous dining. The City of Melbourne is committed to working with all its local food businesses to help protect our reputation as one of the country's best dining destinations.

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Date and Time	Event	Location	Description & Contact details
30 March to 2 September	2007 Toyota AFL Premiership Season	MCG and Telstra Dome	AFL, Australia's elite football competition, is the ultimate Melbourne experience. While a national league, nine of the 16 teams are located in Melbourne. Both Telstra Dome and the MCG host AFL matches every weekend between March and August.  Visit afl.com.au or phone 13 61 00
Until Monday 1 October  9.30am to 5pm daily – open until 8pm on Fridays	The Amazing Human Body Exhibition	Waterfront City Pavilion	An educational exhibit providing audiences with a unique perspective on the body by viewing real human specimens, preserved through a method called 'plastination'. The exhibition presents around 400 real human specimens, including 18 whole bodies and individual organs. \$15 / \$23.  Visit www.amazinghumanbody.com.au or phone 13 61 00
Every Sunday in August Noon to 5pm	Slow Sundays	NewQuay and Waterfront City	Slow down in Docklands and taste your way through the day. Tour one award-winning restaurant after the other, and also enjoy a delicious assortment of beautifully matched wines. Live performances by roving jazz entertainers Parisienne Swing and Martin Campbell. Cost per chef selection, inclusive of a glass of wine: \$15.  Visit www.waterfrontcity.com.au
12 August	Melbourne Specialist Cheese Show	Crown Towers Hotel, Southbank	The sight, smell and above all taste of 300 of Australia's specialist cheeses will thrill cheese lovers at the eleventh annual Melbourne Specialist Cheese Show. Representing the Wine and Cheese Providore, Cath Claringbold will be a judge to help decide the Grand Champion Cheese of the Show. \$35 per day, includes unlimited cheese tastings and five wine and/or beer tastings. Children under 15 admitted free.  Visit www.australiancheese.org or phone 9381 1777
19 August 11am to 3pm	Victory Family Fun Day	Waterfront City Piazza	Join Melbourne Victory at this Family Day – all Victory players will be there with activities aplenty. Memberships will also be available for purchase on the day. Free event.  Visit www.waterfrontcity.com.au
21 August 7.30pm	Onboard Intranet Information Evening	The Hub, 17 Waterview Walk	During June 2007, the Docklands Community Intranet site, Onboard, recorded an average of more than 100 visits per day and also celebrated its first anniversary. More and more community groups and local businesses are recognising this free resource is a great way to convey information to the local community. If you're new to Docklands or you'd like to become more familiar with the functions and uses of Onboard, come along to this information evening.
25 August	TLC Ball – A Touch of Royale	Peninsula, Shed 14, Central Pier, 161 Harbour Esplanade	Visit www.onboarddocklands.com  Proceeds go to TLC for kids. MCs for the evening will be Brad McEwan from Channel 10's Sports Tonight and model Grace McClure. A night of extravagance and surprises featuring non-stop entertainment, all with a touch of Casino Royale. \$175 per person.  Visit www.tlcforkids.org.au
26 August 10am to 4pm	North American Travel Show	Shed 14, Central Pier, 161 Harbour Esplanade	Fight Centre will bring together leading airlines, travel wholesalers and cruise companies specialising in Canada, Alaska and the United States, to create one super sized North American Travel Show. Visitors can expect exclusive offers, great savings and expert advice on the day. Consultants from Flight Centre, Escape Travel and Student Flights will be on hand to help customers book their trip. Admission is free.  Visit www.flightcentre.com.au
30 August	Melbourne Day in Docklands	Waterfront City	A replica of the Enterprize will be open to the public. Free admission for adults and children. Also enjoy special offers from The Amazing Human Body Exhibition.  Visit www.thatsmelbourne.com.au or phone 9658 9658
1 September	The Daffodil Ball	The Peninsula, Shed 14, Central Pier, 161 Harbour Esplanade	All proceeds raised on the night go toward cancer research, education and support programs. Tickets are \$120.  Visit www.cancervic.org.au or phone 1300 65 65 85
Exhibition open to the public 4 to 30 September Noon to 5pm Opening night 4 September 6pm to 9pm	Melbourne Milliners at Zephyr Gallery	Zephyr Gallery, 60 River Esplanade, Yarra's Edge	With Melbourne's world famous Spring Racing Carnival just around the corner, Zephyr Gallery is proud to present Art A Head, a collection of artistic headwear by some of Melbourne's leading Milliners. This flamboyant exhibition includes works for sale by top milliners such as Wendy Stone, Richard Nylon, Marilena Romeo, Carolyn Shoo & Luci Giblin. These handmade, colourful pieces are made from a variety of materials sourced from all over the world.  Visit www.zephyrgallery.com.au
27 September 7pm	Deck of Secrets evening	Alumbra, Shed 9, Central Pier, 161 Harbour Esplanade	Where are the best kept secrets revealed? The Deck of Secrets Guides! From Bar Secrets to Spa Secrets, Michelle Matthews knows them all, and is going to share them with Docklands residents. \$15, including a Deck of Secrets pack to take home (value \$9.95). Light Supper provided.  RSVP to 9658 8020 or email kara.abakumenko@melbourne.vic.gov.au



















# As You Like It

# MAN MC

It was with some trepidation that I conducted this food review. Not because of the venue – that part I was looking forward to – but because I had become a first time mum just four weeks prior and had no option for babysitting. Taking a baby to a restaurant is daunting at the best of times, let alone when you're working and having to concentrate on the details as well.

Yet from the moment we walked in, my bleary world of nappies and easy-to-prepare meals completely dissipated, replaced by impeccable service and a stunning menu of Chinese and Malaysian dishes. Man Mo's tasteful venue, with its red, white and dark-wood theme and subtle down-lights, creates an intimate atmosphere in which to dine. A central bar divides the space and a lounge area, perfect for a pre-dinner drink, is situated in one corner. Staff are professional and efficient – you never want for anything; drinks are topped up, meals are prompt and questions about dishes are happily answered.

We started by perusing the plentiful list of wines by the glass and opted for a lovely De Bortoli Yarra Valley Chardonnay (\$9) while we trawled the menu. When eating Asian I love to taste lots of things, so we chose one of the four banquets available, ours \$55p.p. for six courses. Overall, we both enjoyed the variety they offered, but my three favourite dishes were particularly delicious.

First, the Seafood Lettuce Cup Delight, Man Mo's take on San Choi Bao, was indeed delightful. With the texture of finely chopped greens and the delicate flavour of diced fresh calamari, scallops and prawns, this is a simple but fabulous dish.

Second, the Tasmanian Grain Fed Eye Fillet, with a light seeded mustard sauce was tender, perfectly medium-rare and generous in size. This appetising dish was served with a flavoursome fried rice that was an ideal match. However, my absolute favourite for the evening was the Peking duck. Succulent pieces of duck meat came beautifully presented and were then prepared at our table, wrapped in a mandarin pancake with cucumber, spring onion and a delicate plum sauce. Quite sensational!

There are endless Chinese restaurants in Melbourne so finding the better ones can sometimes be a minefield. Through its longevity in Docklands and favourable reputation with locals and visitors alike, Man Mo has proven it's one of the leaders. Man Mo also offers a comprehensive take-away menu, so if the winter weather is keeping you indoors, it's good to know you can still dine in style from the comfort of your living room.



Overall rating: 8/10 Décor: 7.5/10 9/10 Food: 8/10 Variety: Wine List: 8/10 Value: 9/10 Entrées: \$10.00 - \$14.50 Price Range: Mains: \$22.00 - \$30.00

### **SNAPSHOT**

Venue: Man Mo

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# Talking Plonk

Inouk and her dad Bruce share a bottle of wine from Docks on the Rocks.

RRP. \$23.99 Plonk: Brand's of Coonawarra Cabernet Sauvignon

Background: Brand's of Coonawarra is located in Coonawarra's famous terra rossa heartland, situated within the Limestone Coast region of South Australia. Known for producing wines of excellent quality, as evidenced by their consistent wine show success.

- I: It's got a lovely mulberry colour to it.
- B: Yes, it's almost garnet. It's quite clear with very little sign of browning
- There are definite mint aromas and perhaps a little vanilla too
- B: The oak is not dominant, but there's plenty of nice ripe fruit in this vintage.
- With nearly four years on it, this is a great drink-now wine, but it will last a good few years as well.
- B: I'd buy three one for now and two for later.
- That's very specific. I suppose you've also got something tasty in mind to match it with?
- B: Funny you should ask; I was thinking something savoury like grilled lamb chops, or even a roast?
- Like a nice eye fillet? This wine will certainly stand up to anything rich and meaty, which in this winter weather is ideal. B: Winemaker Eric Brand has done well with this one, and this price for a good Coonawarra red is well worth your while.

You'll find this wine at Docks on the Rocks, which specialises in boutique and smaller wine producers, particularly from around Victoria. Shop 23-25 Rakaia Way, Docklands Tel: 9642 3070



### June edition winners:

The winner of the dinner for two at Mecca Bah is Mark Kolpin. He correctly answered that most of the world's coffee comes from Brazil. Congrats and enjoy

The winner of the Yering Station 2004 Yarra Valley Merlot is Emily Marshall. She correctly answered that vanilla comes from Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean and is the product of the vanilla bean (which are the seed pods - Inouk).

### **August Competition:**

Win Dinner for Two at Man Mo!

For your chance to win dinner for two at Man Mo to the value of \$100, simply answer the following question:

Where does the name Man Mo come from?

Or for your chance to win a bottle of Brand's of Coonawarra Cabernet Sauvignon, 2003, share with me the following:

With what meal would you match a bottle of this lovely Brand's wine?

All entries to: inouk.m@bigpond.net.au by 4 September 2007.











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## Retail opportunities strongest in Docklands report

Melbourne's Docklands is an unmatched Australian retail opportunity, particularly Lend Lease's Merchant Street (Victoria Harbour) development, according to a new report by economic forecaster Tony Dimasi.

The report forecasts retail expenditure across Docklands to reach \$682 million by the year 2010, increasing at an average of 10 per cent per annum to reach an estimated \$1.7 billion by 2019.

The report concludes that by the time Docklands is fully developed, the general precinct will offer a retail opportunity unmatched in Australia in its mix of residents, workers and visitors

The strong retail environment will be underpinned by:

 Strong population growth in the area – by 2010 the Docklands development will attract over 31,000 workers and almost 8,000 residents, increasing annually for the next 14 years;

- Four thousand students studying at the nearby Kangan Batman TAFE by 2010;
- Three million visitors attending the nearby Telstra Dome each year; and
- An estimated 20 million visitors per year by the time Docklands is completed.

"Victoria Harbour, and in particular the Merchant Street retail precinct, is particularly well placed to take advantage of these projections because the combination of customer segments within a relatively small geographic area, each of which is growing very rapidly, is creating scale and concentration of retail demand," said Mr Dimasi.

According to Maurice Cococcia, Lend Lease's Victoria Harbour Development Director, it is estimated the entire central sector population of the Docklands precinct is less than seven minutes walk from the proposed Merchant Street retail facilities.

"It will offer new, modern retail space made up of boutiques, homeware and lifestyle stores, street-side cafes and fresh food speciality stores, as well as personal services and convenience stores all within a waterfront





# Victory in Docklands: community invited for family day

The champions of the Hyundai A-League 2006-07 season, Melbourne Victory, will kick off its assault on the new season with a Family Day at Waterfront City on Sunday 19 August.

All Victory players will be in attendance, as fans young and old get the chance to rub

shoulders with their heroes and participate in a host of activities from 11am to 3pm.

Fans can have their photo taken with the Hyundai A-League championship trophy, go for goal in the human football table, and leap for joy in the jumping castle (for the kids only)! Memberships will also be available for purchase on the day.

This is a free event and all are welcome. Proudly sponsored by Samsung.

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