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## 1000 more workers for Victoria Harbour

**Communications giant Ericsson is moving into its new purpose-built national headquarters at Victoria Harbour this month, four months earlier than expected.**

Owned by The GPT Group, the building will accommodate nearly 1000 Ericsson employees

and is located at 818 Bourke St – between the National@Docklands and Dock 5.

The building offers about 21,500 square metres as well as ground floor retail (around 1500 square metres), lobby and service areas, and 175 car parking spaces plus 165 bicycle spaces.

Lend Lease Development's General Manager, Victoria, Maurice Cococcia, said the building

maximized natural light and used space efficiently.

"An atrium also runs through the building and with the north south orientation on the waterfront. More than 60 per cent of workers will have views of the water," he said.

Mr Cococcia said the delivery of Ericsson House was a real collaboration of effort.

"The partnership of Lend Lease Development, Lend Lease design and Bovis Lend Lease, and strong relationships with both The GPT Group and Ericsson enabled this fantastic outcome of delivering the project well ahead of schedule," he said.

Construction started in April 2006 and was completed by October 2007 with only fit out remaining before Ericsson starts to take up occupation in December.

Once completed, Victoria Harbour will be home to around 15,000 residents and workers.



### New boutique apartments for Victoria Harbour

Lend Lease's Montage apartments at Victoria Harbour were launched on November 11.

Comprising nine floors, the building is to be surrounded by parklands with Docklands Park to the east and Victoria Green to the west and only metres from the harbour and Collins Street.

Lend Lease Development, General Manager, Victoria, Maurice Cococcia, said The Montage was an opportunity to combine Melbourne parkland living and city views right in the midst of Docklands.

"To have an apartment building with parks to the front and back, views over the city, and Collins St, the harbour plus the developing Merchant Street retail precinct only metres away, is unmatched anywhere in Melbourne," he said.

Many of the apartments offer dual aspect layouts, providing a seamless transition from indoor to outdoor space. This aspect is further enhanced by an expansive rooftop garden accessible to all occupants.

The Montage also includes only four contemporary penthouses and eight three story terrace homes.

## A citizen of Docklands is now a citizen of the nation

**November 14 was a significant day for local identity Eamon McCarthy, who on this day achieved his long-held ambition to become a citizen of Australia.**

Supported by a dozen friends and well-wishers, and accompanied by his infant daughter Grace, Eamon took his oath of citizenship at a ceremony at the Melbourne Town Hall.

Accepting his certificate and a tree from Lord Mayor John So, Eamon finally realised a long-time personal goal.

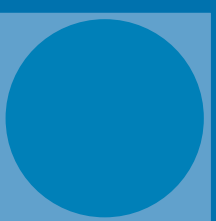
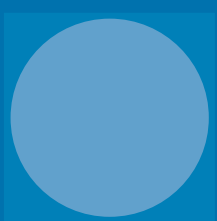
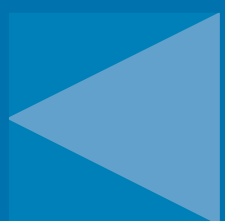
A resident in Docklands for five years, Eamon was a significant contributor to the local community, being a foundation committee member in both the Community Association and the Docklands Chamber of Commerce.

He has been a regular attendee at community events and activities and ready to

offer involvement and active support. A keen photographer, he also gave great support to this paper and to the Docklands Community Intranet, both having featured many of his images.

Eamon can also lay claim to a special piece of Docklands history. During the 2003 Rugby World Cup his now fabled McCarthy's Bar was a vibrant centre of activity in Shed 14 on Central Pier, entertaining many thousands and becoming an essential part of the World Cup experience in Docklands. It is still spoken of with reverence by rugby supporters around the globe.

*Pictured here with his citizenship certificate and daughter Grace, Eamon McCarthy is now officially a proud Australian as well as a proud Docklander.*



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

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Target: 8 words – Decent  
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Solution to be supplied in next issue

**Solution to Puzzle from last edition**

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# Chill out this summer

As the temperature soars, swap the shorts, thongs and sunnies for ice skates and head to the Docklands Ice Skating Rink to cool off!



The enormous 600 square metre Stars On Ice touring ice rink will be at Waterfront City from Sat December 22 until Sun, June 29 2008.

The Docklands Ice Skating Rink is fully supervised, ensuring a fabulous day out with family or friends.

Those looking for a new way to spend Friday and Saturday nights should try "disco skate" which will be at the Docklands Ice Skating Rink from 8pm to 9.30pm every Friday and Saturday night from Saturday, December 22. Complete with disco lights and funky tunes, night skating will be a fun night out with a difference this summer.

Ice skaters can rest weary feet while enjoying harbour-side dining and spectacular views at one of the precinct's many restaurants, bars and cafes.

The Docklands Ice Skating Rink can be hired for functions and parties, complete with facilities for a live DJ, and catering is also available.

To find out more about the Docklands Ice Skating Rink, visit [www.waterfrontcity.com.au](http://www.waterfrontcity.com.au).

## Water transport a Council priority

Promoting opportunities for transport services along Melbourne's waterways is just one key priority in the City of Melbourne's new three-year strategy for Docklands, called Delivering for Docklands.

Others priorities include reviewing traffic management arrangements to aid traffic flow and limit congestion between Spencer Street and Docklands and evolving retail opportunities in the area.

The strategy spells out the Council's vision for the Docklands residential and business communities and its vision for the area's economic wellbeing and vibrancy.

Delivering for Docklands was developed in collaboration with the Docklands community and sets out what the council and its partners, including VicUrban, hope to achieve in the area by 2010.

Visit [www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/docklands](http://www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/docklands) or call the City of Melbourne: (03)9658 9658 for more information or to request a copy of the document.



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## Footscray Rd traffic changes

Traffic conditions have changed on Footscray Road to allow for construction works as part of the joint Federal-State Governments' Dynon Port Rail Link project.

Road lanes will be closed and concrete barriers will be installed, leaving three lanes operating in each direction. Roadwork speed limits will apply during construction.

The sealed bike and pedestrian path along Footscray Road will not be affected by the works.

When complete, a section of Footscray Road will be elevated to separate road traffic from two new rail lines into the Port of Melbourne.

Works will be completed in 2009. For more information, visit [www.doi.vic.gov.au](http://www.doi.vic.gov.au).

Docklands residents and others who wish to avoid the construction should note VicRoads will be resurfacing the Westgate Bridge from 18 December to 7 January 2008 and delays are expected on the bridge during this time.

## Circus Capers performs at Docklands

Ever dreamed of running away to the circus? Before you jump on that wagon, there are some basic building blocks you will need to learn and Circus Capers is just the place to start.

In these two hour Circus Oz workshops learn the basics of circus games and tricks including juggling, pyramid building and clowning. Followed by an adrenalin pumping performance by the Out of the Blue circus acrobatic troupe. Bookings not required.

**When:** Sunday 17 and 24 February

**Where:** Waterfront City Piazza  
Docklands  
Melway ref: 2E D4

**Time:** 11am to 1pm - Workshops with Circus Oz  
1.10pm to 2pm - Performance by Out of the Blue circus

Summer Fun in the City also hosts a number of the City of Melbourne's free events, entertainment and interactive activities. Refer to the Docklands Community Calendar on page 13 for more information.

For more information call the City of Melbourne on (03) 9658 9658 or visit [www.thatsmelbourne.com.au](http://www.thatsmelbourne.com.au)



## Docklands TV promotion

Docklands is the star of a new TV community service announcement featuring Lord Mayor, Cr John So, and television personality Geoff Cox, presented by the City of Melbourne.

The announcement shows the Lord Mayor and Coxy taking the short journey from the CBD to Docklands and highlights the many features of the waterfront, from dining and entertainment to relaxing on the water.

Look out for the community service announcement on Channel 7 this summer.



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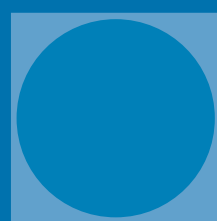
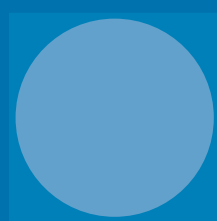
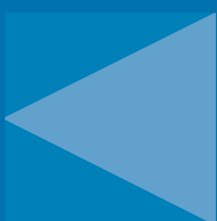
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# New Years Eve at Docklands

Welcome 2008 at the city's largest free New Year's Eve party! This New Year's, the city hosts a massive celebration taking place right along the Yarra River from Birrarung Marr through to Docklands.

Free celebrations and entertainment will kick off in the city from around 5pm and continue into the evening through to the countdown at midnight. There will be live bands, dancing, roving performers, family entertainment and children's activities right across the city at Birrarung Marr, Alexandra Gardens, Federation Square, Southgate and along the Docklands waterfront at NewQuay and Waterfront City.

**Docklands venues are:**

**NewQuay**

Dine at one of the many stylish restaurants, celebrate with friends, or simply stroll along the promenade at NewQuay this New Year's Eve. With the spectacular backdrop of the city skyline and the vibrant colour of the fireworks over the water, this New Year's will be a special night to remember.

**Waterfront City**

Waterfront City will host a variety of live performances, with family friendly entertainment on the main stage in the piazza from 6pm, followed by live bands to entertain the crowds, all leading up to the dazzling fireworks display in the middle of Victoria Harbour. Admire the show from the piazza or from one of Waterfront City's magnificent harbourside restaurants.

**Fireworks**

In 2007, the city will host not one but two spectacular fireworks displays! Located in both the city and Docklands, a special family fireworks spectacle will burst into the sky at 9.15pm, followed by the dazzling midnight fireworks show.


**No alcohol**

New Year's Eve 2007 is a no alcohol event, and this policy will be enforced in all public spaces throughout the City of Melbourne during the celebrations. Fines will apply.

**More information**

For further information including event line-ups, transport information and handy tips visit [www.thatsmelbourne.com.au](http://www.thatsmelbourne.com.au), call in to the Melbourne Visitor Centre at Federation Square or phone the City of Melbourne Hotline on 9658 9658.





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# Christmas is looking good

The Christmas in the City program has embraced Docklands, which will celebrate Christmas officially as part of the City of Melbourne municipality for the first time this year.



The 2007 City of Melbourne Christmas decoration budget allocated \$257,000 for new decorations for Docklands precinct and includes a 12-metre tall, nautically-themed Christmas tree made from life-buoys and illuminated light pillars along NewQuay and Waterfront City concourse.

The Lord Mayor, Cr John So, said: "We look forward to capturing the festive atmosphere experienced across the entire city and providing an inclusive and memorable Christmas for Docklands residents and visitors to the waterfront precinct."

Docklands decorations were installed on November 16.

PHOTO: MARTIN PLIKSH



## Docklands' choir on song

Ever feel that the Christmas hustle and bustle leaves you with no time to enjoy the festive season?

her husband Athol to the Docklands from South Africa and is excited to be a part of this year's carols.

If so, mark your calendars for the upcoming Docklands Christmas Carols on Thursday, December 20 at the Christmas tree (Waterfront City), starting at 7.30pm.

"It's going to be a great opportunity to come out, meet some new people, and just enjoy singing some of our favourite carols to help get in the spirit of Christmas," Robyn said.

It will be a great night to get outside with family, friends and neighbours to sing along to your favourite Christmas carols. The Christmas carols are being hosted by the Docklands Community Choir in conjunction with Docklands Church and Melbourne City Council.

"Singing carols is a great way to bring the community together and usher in the Christmas season. All are welcome, young and old, whether you know the words of every carol by heart or just like hearing others around you singing, come out for a fun night of Christmas songs and good cheer to liven up the last work week before the Christmas holiday," she said.

The director of the Docklands Community Choir, Robyn Hill, has recently moved with



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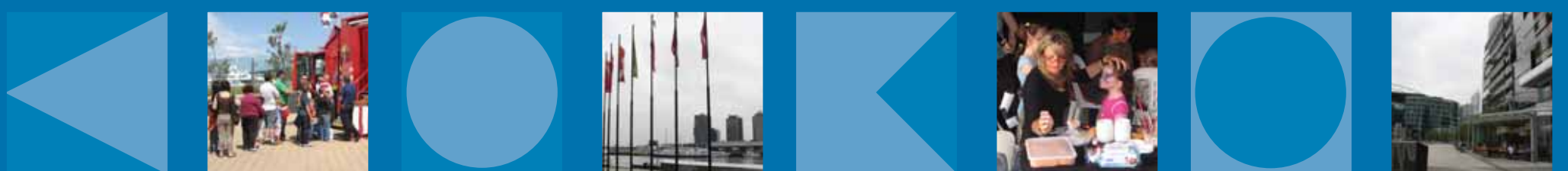


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# Owners corporation update

New legislation to affect bodies corporate

By Sarah Murray

**The boom in apartment living in recent years has also led to a boom in bodies corporate. This in turn has highlighted just how inadequate the laws that govern bodies corporate are.**

Things are about to change, with new regulations soon to be mandatory for bodies corporate over 100 lots, or as they'll now be known, owners corporations. All owners should be aware of how this may affect them.

According to Consumer Affairs Victoria (CAV), as recently as 1988 most bodies corporate were under five lots and were self-managed. Today, there are over 65,000 bodies corporate providing services estimated between 10 per cent and 25 per cent of all residential housing in Victoria – with large tower developments and medium size developments increasingly expanding throughout the state.

The Valuer General has estimated the worth of strata title apartments to be around \$48 billion, which represents approximately seven per cent of the total of all property in Victoria.

Given the important role bodies corporate play in the rapidly expanding apartment market, a review was undertaken in 2003 to look at how to better address the changing needs and demands of this sector.

Following a three-year public consultation to clarify the issues and identify the gaps in the exiting laws, in September 2006 the Victorian Government's new Owners Corporations Act 2006 was passed while, the finalised Owners Corporations Regulations 2007 will come into effect on 31 December 2007.

The process dealt with a range of issues relating to governance, information and dispute resolution.

Melbourne City Councillor, David Wilson, said the new rules would make apartment ownership and living "easier to manage and better places to live ... Bodies corporate will now be called owners corporations to better represent owners and so they may better manage their resources."

The new act incorporates and builds on sections of the current Subdivision (Body Corporate) Regulations 20001 and *Subdivision Act 1988*.

The implementation and oversighting of the new regulations will be undertaken by CAV and, according to Dr Michael Kennedy of the Department of Justice, they will "empower owners and managers to work cooperatively, with an emphasis on self government. The new Act spells out the roles and responsibilities of all parties."

Owners corporations can either be self-managed or have paid managers, but these must now be registered with the Business Licensing Authority and will need professional indemnity insurance of at least \$1.5 million.

Other areas to be affected by the new legislation and regulations are:

- Clarification of the powers of the owners corporation. This includes how meetings are structured and run, including having agendas, taking minutes and who may call and run meetings.
- Information keeping and dissemination: The new Act requires that owners corporations keep records, or information registers, of its activities and that these be available to all current and new owners.

- Dispute resolution. Until now there has been no formal dispute resolution process for owners apart from through the Magistrate's Court or the Supreme Court, both time consuming and costly processes. Now owners corporations will be required to have an internal dispute resolution process in place. In cases where either party is not satisfied, they will have the option of contacting CAV to mediate, and beyond that they will have access to the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal.

In addition, owners corporations will have to prepare and have audited financial statements, a maintenance plan including a maintenance sinking fund and regular valuations undertaken of common property.

Within the regulations there are model rules to guide owners corporations and these can be adopted as they are or modified to suit individual owners corporations.

For blocks with less than 100 lots it is not mandatory to adopt the new regulations, Dr Kennedy said. "Well run small owners corporations should not be over burdened with regulations, but they can if they want, and we do encourage them to look at doing so," he said.

Dr Kennedy advised that due to the extent of the changes, the new regulations would be reviewed in two years time.

For more information about the Owners Corporation Regulations 2007 contact the CAV on 1300 558 181.

## Owners corporations reception lukewarm

Although not everyone is enthusiastic about the new Owners Corporations Regulations that are to be introduced on 31 December 2007, most agree it had to happen.

Nolan Tower representative, Michele Anderson said: "(The new regulations) will create a lot more work for committees ... some property management groups are not set up for it, some of the smaller companies will struggle with it."

"We are currently revisiting all our rules, so it will cost more. But it has to change, it was too archaic," she said.

The onus within the new regulations is on fostering self-management while reducing the opportunity for mismanagement. According to Consumer Affairs Victoria (CAV) which is overseeing the changes,

this will be achieved through the implementation of procedures and mechanisms designed to introduce higher professional standards.

At a recent information night organised and supported by Residents 3000, questions from the floor were generally supportive of the need for change, although there was confusion over aspects of the new regulations.

Questions touched on aspects such as meeting structures, the mandatory threshold of 100 lots, committee responsibilities versus those of professional managers.

Ms Anderson said: "It will increase professionalism but the committees will have to know what to expect. There has to be a lot better understanding."

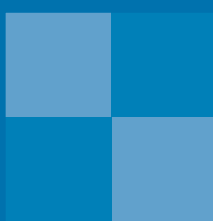


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# Community Safety



Story and photos by Bart Strzebonski

**Windy weather did not prevent an impressive turnout for this year's Community Safety Day, held in Docklands on Sunday, October 28. The event was organised in conjunction with Children's Week festivities, which commenced on October 20 and ended with a grand finale at Docklands.**

Present at the event were representatives from the Metropolitan Fire Brigade, Australian Customs, Life Saving Victoria, Victoria Police, Metropolitan Ambulance Service, Australian Red Cross, Powercor Children's Helicopter, State Emergency Service and St.John's First Aid.

The event allowed residents to meet the people who work tirelessly to make the community safe. With the Police Band playing music throughout the day, kids and adults alike had the opportunity to get close to helicopters, boats, fire trucks and other technological devices used in rescues and emergencies throughout Melbourne.

Although the day's activities were aimed at people of all ages, the primary focus was on educating the younger generation about safety, accident prevention and how to act in the case of an emergency. Kids were able to collect a Passport to Safety document at the main pavilion by following the instructions in the passport and answering a series of questions about safety. All participants were entered into a draw to win a bike as well as safety gear.

One of the most popular exhibits on the day was the Australian Customs patrol boat. The queue for a tour of the vessel and its array of machinery and weapons grew longer and

longer as the day progressed. The windy conditions seemed to add to the experience by emulating what life at sea must be like for the crew, with the boat swaying in the strong winds.

The Australian Customs detector dog demonstration was a hit. The skill of the trainers was clearly visible however custom's officers were overshadowed by the intelligent behaviour of the canines that wowed the crowds with their ability to perform various tasks and duties.

The arrival of the Powercor Children's Helicopter gave children and adults the chance to examine the flight controls of the

helicopter and the emergency equipment stored onboard of the aircraft. Crew members were on hand to explain in detail the complex nature of the helicopter operations and share their personal on-the-job experiences.

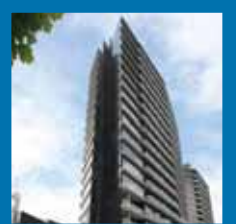
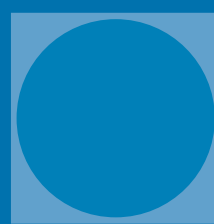
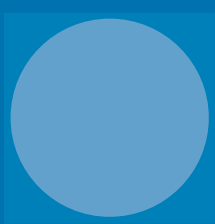
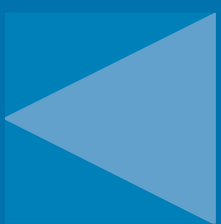
The Metropolitan Fire Brigade drew large crowds with its range of fire trucks, rescue equipment and even motorbikes. Residents were allowed to sit inside the fire trucks, examine the impressive array of rescue equipment and have their photos taken with MFB firemen.

Unfortunately, due to strong winds experienced on the day, several planned activities on the harbour had to be cancelled.





# Day at Docklands a hit



# Docklands gets a high-level connection



By Bart Strzebonski

October 28 signalled an exciting beginning for Docklands worshippers with the inaugural service of the Docklands Church, an initiative introduced by Anglican Minister Guy Mason.

The venue was the James Squire Brewhouse, a location that provided a friendly atmosphere and magnificent views.

Mr Mason led the proceedings with a prayer that was supported by the church band.

The opening attracted residents of all ages and backgrounds as well the Lord Mayor, Cr John So, who gave his upmost approval for the new concept.

"Today's church needs to be relevant and cater to the needs and lifestyles of people



within the community. This is a wonderful idea," he said. "The concept brings the church to the people and the community."

Mr Mason has been overwhelmed by the support and encouragement he has received from the residents of Docklands, as well as the surrounding suburbs.

"The reaction has been really positive, and from a wide range of residents, including young families and career-orientated people," Mr Mason said.

Mr Mason added that the reaction from the community was reflected in the atmosphere created at the functions organised by the church.

"The positive reaction that the Dockland's Church has received has resulted in creating a great energetic atmosphere for all those who attend each Sunday."

The Docklands Church is not only a single service once a week, but rather an organisation of people who meet on a regular basis to worship and simply have fun as a community.

Mr Mason is in the process of creating a cycling club for all members as well as any outside residents interested in the recreational activity.

Any inquiries regarding the group's activities should be directed to Minister Guy Mason on 0413 456 278 or see [www.docklandschurch.org.au](http://www.docklandschurch.org.au).



Kylie sits alongside other renowned Australian entertainers including Graham Kennedy, Dame Nellie Melba and John Farnham in a permanent display celebrating Australia's most renowned performers of the century.

PHOTO: MARTIN PLIKSH

## Kylie comes to Docklands

**Kylie Minogue has been immortalised as the latest addition to the Variety Entertainers of the Century art installation at Waterfront City.**

The Peter Corlett statue was unveiled on November 23.

The pint-sized songstress has been immortalised wearing a stretch lace body stocking that flatters her figure to

full effect, whilst striking her famous showgirl pose.

A blooming red rose pinned in her flowing ponytail and striking red heels complete the vivacious look of Australia's foremost female entertainer.

"I was inspired by the Showgirl tour to create a sculpture that showcases the ultimate Kylie. With arms flung high in the air and back arched in a trademark pose, I have worked closely with her management to craft a unique artwork that aims to capture her radiant inner and outer beauty," the artist said.

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# Serviced apartments ... love 'em or hate 'em

As a mixed-use area it is not surprising that serviced apartments are as much a part of the Docklands make-up as are residents, restaurants and great city views. But, like most elements in the mix they can create as much friction as they do benefits for the local area.

By Sarah Murray

At a rough estimate there are between 350-400 serviced apartments offering short and long-term accommodation throughout the Docklands precinct at any one time. But as the number of apartments the half dozen or so operators manage can vary over time, it's anyone's guess how many there really are.

Nolan Tower body corporate chairperson Michele Anderson said: "There are issues. Of course, not all serviced apartments create problems. It's really the ones with a short-term turnover that can create extra wear and tear and maintenance issues without extra contributions to the body corporate maintenance plans."

"With suitcases and cleaning trolleys coming and going at the same time everyday, it can also be disruptive to permanent residents."

Docklands Apartments Grand Mercure run 160 apartments throughout Docklands and General Manager, Sonia Chamings, admits there can be problems, but says: "The majority of time, things run very smoothly."

"Problems tend to be resolved very quickly, and as an owner occupier myself, I realise that there is wear and tear as people come and

go, but I think at times we can be a bit of a scapegoat," she said.

"We're all in this together. Tourism is so important, and (serviced apartments) are one element helping to put Docklands on the map. There are lots of great reasons to have them here, but with any mixed-use area getting the balance right with so much happening, is all part of the growing process."

Other issues associated with serviced apartments can involve operators sub-leasing from owners and not advising them of how they intend to use the apartment. This can create problems regarding security and safety issues within the buildings, with managers not having the apartment's resident details or, in some

instances, the management group details for emergency contact.

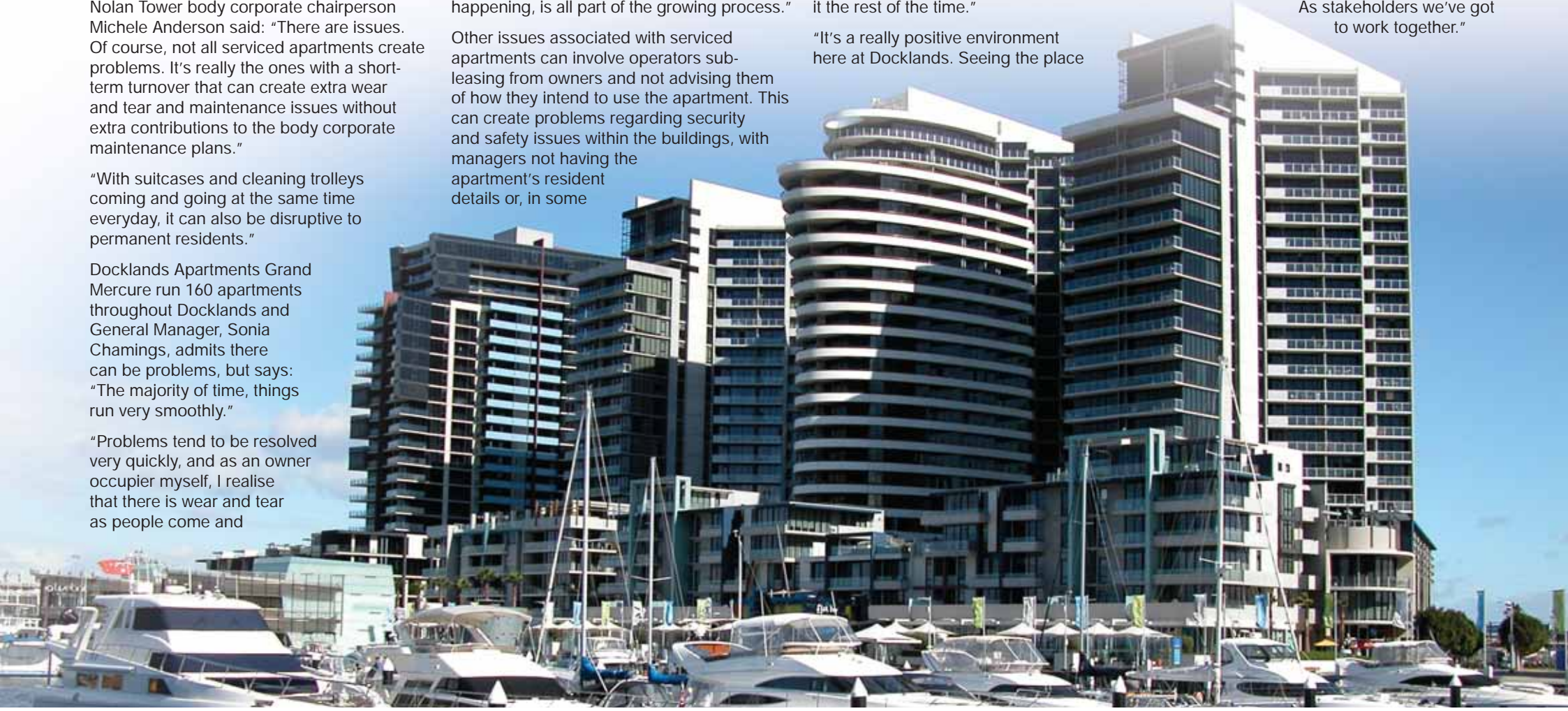
Ms Chamings said: "We only manage apartments on behalf of owners, we don't sub-let at all. Many owners are investors who may be from overseas or interstate or regional Victoria who will use the apartment when in town but want to make money out of it the rest of the time."

"It's a really positive environment here at Docklands. Seeing the place

crawling with visitors and spending money is really great, but it can only exist if there are investors as well."

Ms Chamings added: "We are happy to work with all stakeholders and encourage and invite all property and building managers to talk to us about any issue that may arise, but the issues are not exclusive to any one user.

As stakeholders we've got to work together."



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Docklands Church Minister Guy Mason begins a regular column in the Docklands Community News with a timely question ...



By Guy

## What would Jesus want for Christmas?

**The Christmas season is my favourite time of year.**

I love the endless parties, cricket on the beach, heading into town to see the Myer windows, singing a few carols, and time off with family in 34-degree heat while we tuck into a hot Christmas day lunch!

Oh, and of course the presents. I'm a big kid when it comes to gifts, I can't get enough. But trying to find that special gift for friends, work colleagues, neighbours, second cousins, aunts and pets is a whole other story. Standing in DFO surrounded by thousands of shoppers and spruikers I can never seem to find the right gift. Will this fit her? Do you think he's already got one? Is this really worth \$149? And on it goes ...

All this made me think, in the season when many celebrate the birth of Jesus some 2000 years ago, what kind of gift would he would like today? Back then myrrh, frankincense and gold were all the rage, but I'm not sure if Myer has any deals on those anymore.

To add to my problem, Jesus already has everything! He is king over the universe and owns all that is in it, so what can we possibly give that would make Him smile like my daughter does when she opens her gifts?

Well you might recall some of His famous words in the bible. Jesus said: *"I have come that you may have life and have it abundantly."*

So Jesus' aim in coming to earth and reigning as king is not about what he can get. Rather, what Jesus wants most of all, especially at Christmas, is that we would receive His gift of life. A life of eternal friendship with the all-satisfying creator of heaven and earth. A life of joy, love, hope, peace and assurance in Christ.

This Christmas, let me encourage you to take some time to look and indeed unwrap the gift of life that Jesus has waiting for you under the Christmas tree.

Docklands Church will run a special Christmas Service at 10.30am on Sunday, December 23 (James Squire Restaurant) – visit [docklandschurch.org.au](http://docklandschurch.org.au) or contact Guy Mason on 0413 456 278 for more info.

If you have a topic or question that you would like Guy Mason (Minister, Docklands Church) to discuss in our next issue please drop us an email to [news@docklandsnews.com.au](mailto:news@docklandsnews.com.au)

# MAB reveals The Avenues precinct



## MAB Corporation is comparing its latest housing development at NewQuay with Sydney Harbour at its finest.

MAB Chief Operating Officer, Guy Pahor, said: "We believe The Avenues at NewQuay will rival any Sydney harbourside development, offering Melburnians the promise of city living without compromising their desire for space, luxury and quality. The Avenues will be a tranquil low-rise, premium waterfront residential precinct on the edge of Melbourne's CBD."

The three storey town residences will be flanked by water and a major urban park, offering residents' open city views across Victoria Harbour and front row seats in Melbourne's newest urban park. The first stage of development will see nine exclusive waterfront residences released to the market. A further 20 homes will complete the development.

The starting price for the town residences on the waterfront will be upwards of \$3.5 million and for the residences facing the park upwards of \$2.5 million. The expected

value of the first stage of development once completed will be around \$60 million.

Each town residence will have a four car garage, cellar, home theatre, home office, elevators and three or four bedrooms as well as large entertaining terraces.

Behind the waterfront, will be Quay Park, Melbourne's newest urban park. The parkside residences will have front row north facing views across the park. Quay Park and the adjacent waterfront will be seamlessly integrated via a network of public paths and promenades.

"Quay Park will become a destination for both locals and visitors alike and be a home for vibrant public art works including dramatic outdoor sculptures, murals and water sculptures," added Mr Pahor.

Two renowned Australian designers have been commissioned by MAB Corporation to design the town residences because of their experience in developing individual, premium homes. The award winning design team, BBP Architects and Plus Architecture, will collaborate on the project and work individually to design each town residence with its own distinctive design.

# Docklands Community Christmas party

**You are invited to meet your neighbours in a fun and friendly environment at the Community Association's Christmas party.**

The event will be held at 6.30 pm on Tuesday, December 11 at The Hub, 17 Waterview Walk, Cnr Bourke St and Harbour Esplanade.

A spit roast dinner and salads, door prize and raffles are offered within the \$20 per person cost. BYO drink.

Bookings are essential to assist with catering (if you want to be fed!). Pay on the night.

RSVP by December 4 to [DocklandsChristmas@live.com.au](mailto:DocklandsChristmas@live.com.au) or phone 0414 658 041.



# Another piece in the Docklands jigsaw

## VicUrban has announced a joint venture development for the south-west corner of Bourke St and Wurundjeri Way - one of the last parcels of uncontracted land in Docklands.

International investment firm Babcock & Brown has partnered with Melbourne architect Metier3 and education provider Global Campus Management to develop the 7970sqm site at 717 Bourke St.

The development will comprise a 17 level office tower and a separate 294 room Travelodge Hotel. Both buildings will be

complemented by ground floor and podium level retail and 471 car spaces.

The first tenant in the office tower will be an education facility which will feature ESMOD, an internationally acclaimed fashion school and a design school offering courses in multimedia, interior design, fine arts and photography.

VicUrban's General Manager - Docklands and Major Projects, Michael Hynes, said this key site would deliver a mixed use development with a high educational focus to complement existing education services in Docklands.

"The development will deliver the first hotel of this type to Docklands catering for increased market demand from major new tenants

and visitors with the imminent arrival of attractions such as the Observation Wheel," he said.

Mr Hynes said attractors for the site included its proximity to Southern Cross Station, Telstra Dome and its Bourke Street address.

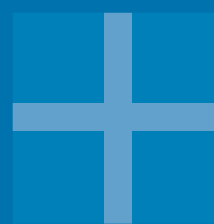
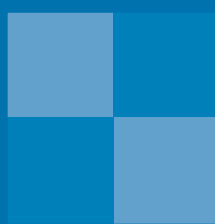
The building, designed by architect firm Metier3, aims to achieve a 5 Star Green Star rating.

Construction is anticipated to commence later this year and completion is expected in 2010.

While Docklands is currently one third complete or under construction, approximately 95 per cent of its land has been contracted for development.

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# Docklands Community Calendar

Date and Time	Event	Venue and Location	Description & Contact details
Mon 3 & 10 December 10.30am to 11am	It's Toddler Time!	The Hub, 17 Waterview Walk Docklands	Join in a fun filled six-week program for toddlers aged one to two years (and their parents), sharing songs, music, laughter and great books! For more information contact Seamus at The Hub on 8622 4822.
Fri 7 & 21 December 4pm to 8pm	Waterfront City Twilight Market	Waterfront City Piazza and Promenade Docklands Drive, Docklands	Visitors will be able to peruse the 100 stall open-air market while soaking up Melbourne's picturesque city skyline. The Twilight Market will sell a variety of fresh seasonal produce, great gifts and accessories – all home-made and great value. More information visit <a href="http://www.waterfrontcity.com.au">www.waterfrontcity.com.au</a> / 03 8628 6000
Sat 8 & 16 December, 11 January at various times	Hyundai A-League	Telstra Dome	Come and support the Melbourne Victory when they take on Adelaide United (8 Dec, 7pm); Newcastle Jets (16 Dec, 5pm) and Wellington Phoenix (11 Jan, 8pm). More information visit <a href="http://www.telstradome.com.au">www.telstradome.com.au</a>
Mon 17 December 6.30pm to 7.30pm	Christmas Bedtime Storytime	The Hub, 17 Waterview Walk Docklands	You and your family are warmly invited to Christmas bedtime storytime. This special end-of-year event will include Christmas stories, songs and music. Come and enjoy some light refreshments and merriment. And ho ho ho guess what? There will be a special guest appearance from Santa! Reindeer food will be provided.
Every Sun, 6 January to 10 February 2pm to 3pm	Kidzdance at Waterfront City (Part of Summer Fun in the City)	Waterfront City Piazza Docklands Drive, Docklands	Love to dance? Now's the chance to learn an array of different dance styles throughout Summer including Bollywood, ice dancing, disco and traditional African dance. Kids of all ages are invited to join in this diverse range of dance genres and learn a range of movement styles and rhythm at Kidzdance at Waterfront City. More information visit <a href="http://www.thatsmelbourne.com.au">www.thatsmelbourne.com.au</a>
Sat 12 & 26 January, 9 & 23 February 11am to 4pm	Waterfront City Market	Waterfront City Piazza Docklands Drive, Docklands	Find great gift ideas, fresh seasonal produce, lifestyle accessories and live entertainment. Something for everyone - all Australian designed and made. More information visit <a href="http://www.waterfrontcity.com.au">www.waterfrontcity.com.au</a>
Mon 14 to Fri 18 January Daily 10am to 2pm	Mosaic Mural (Part of Summer Fun in the City)	Victoria Harbour, Docklands (Mel ref: 2E D7)	During Summer Docklands see the creation of an amazing giant mural created entirely by Melbourne's kids! Guided by professional artists, children are invited to paint and sign their own masterpiece on a timber tile, which will then be featured as a piece of art in the Victoria Harbour precinct. For 4 to 15 year olds. More information visit <a href="http://www.thatsmelbourne.com.au">www.thatsmelbourne.com.au</a>
Mon 21 to Wed 23 January 9.30am, 11am, 1pm and 2.30pm	Set Sail	Shed 2, North Wharf Road (extension of Bourke St) Docklands (Mel ref: 2E B6)	Experience Melbourne from a fresh perspective! Learn about our marvellous waterways at the Docklands and learn how to sail in this safe, hands-on workshop. Suitable for all age groups (5+) and abilities. Participants from 5 to 18 years must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Bring a hat, waterproof jacket or change of clothes. Bookings essential. Please call City of Melbourne Hotline on 9658 9658.

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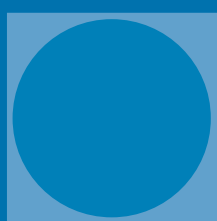
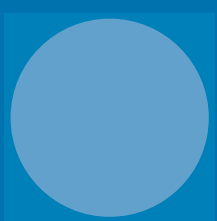
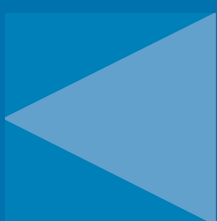
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## Wine reviews

### Hahn Barossa – Yanyarrie Shiraz 05

This wine is an unwooded, distinctly fresh style made from Eden Valley and selected central Barossa vineyards.

It has a pale green colour and aromas of tropical fruit with a distinctive citrus freshness. The palate shows typical ripe peach fruit from the central Barossa with a tangy lemon/lime lifted flavour from the notably cooler High Eden Ridge.

Arguably, one of the best seasons for white wines that we will see in our lifetime! The critical ripening months of January, February and March were cooler than average and have a significant contribution to the lean, steely and mineral qualities of this wine

**Colour** - Yellow with soft pale green throughout

**Nose** - Aromas of tropical fruit and a distinctive citrus freshness.

**Palate** - The palate portrays ripe peach fruit with a tangy citrus (lemon/lime) flavour.

**Drink** - Now - 2010

### Di Giorgio Shiraz

The Di Giorgio Shiraz and Cabernet Sauvignon vines date back to 1963 with the other varieties planted in 1979. These mature vines make a dramatic statement about the key location of the winery. This highlights their intrinsic value as a source of premium fruit in the heart of Coonawarra.

This is a generous wine giving masses of ripe shiraz character. Cellaring will see the development of cedar and savoury characters. It will remain a great example of Coonawarra Shiraz for up to a decade.

**Colour** - Deep purple red colour

**Nose** - Ripe raspberry and mulberry mingled with black pepper and spice. With a hint of charry oak.

**Palate** - Smokey oak and forest berry fruits create a full-bodied palate, which leads to a soft and juicy finish.

**Drink** - Now - 2019

Wine reviews thanks to Ross Smith of The Wineryard [www.wineyard.com.au](http://www.wineyard.com.au)



# Award winning Docklands beer

Waterfront Wheat – Silver Medal, Australian International Beer Awards 2007



The Waterfront Wheat is based on a classic Witbier style with added lemon myrtle rather than coriander and orange peel, as is traditionally associated with the Belgian style.

This “evolving” beer from the Docklands Brewhouse, contains pale wheat malt that gives the classic banana and fruit aromas expected of this style, whilst the lemon myrtle gives a refreshing citrus finish which is not challenged by an abundance of hops.

This is a great summer beer which is a perfect accompaniment for Asian stir fries, or fresh prawns.



## Reshuffle for Waterfront Venues

The second anniversary of popular restaurants Beachclub and Kobe Jones Melbourne and Waterfront Room, overlooking Victoria Harbour will mark the launch of Waterfront Venues.

Waterfront Venues unites four venues that can be utilised as one large space or four individual settings comprising two unique restaurants, one bar and a versatile function space. The launch also celebrates the renaming of Beachclub bar to BCM Bar and

Balcony. Beachclub Restaurant will also be renamed as Moored.

Venue details and menus are available online at [www.waterfrontvenues.com.au](http://www.waterfrontvenues.com.au) or contact Melissa Cairns on 03 9329 2360



## Central Pier update

Some \$20 million has been spent to redevelop Shed 14 at Central Pier, transforming the heritage-listed shed into a cultural and events centre that will bring up to 15,000 visitors a week into the area.

Shed 9 is still predominately under construction, but due for completion in May 2008, by which time it will be home to a community centre for use by Docklands residents and an exhibition space for emerging artists.

Quay Initiatives Australia, a not-for-profit organisation specialising in lifestyle coaching, education and life balance, will also operate from Shed 9 as will Atlantic Group [V], the venue, catering and event management company responsible for the development of Shed 14.

## In the dark on tennis?

Macquarie News reports that Australia's first “night tennis” is due to hit Docklands next month.

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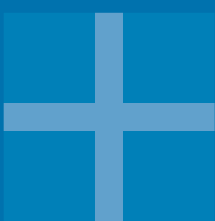
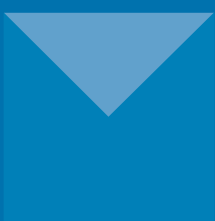
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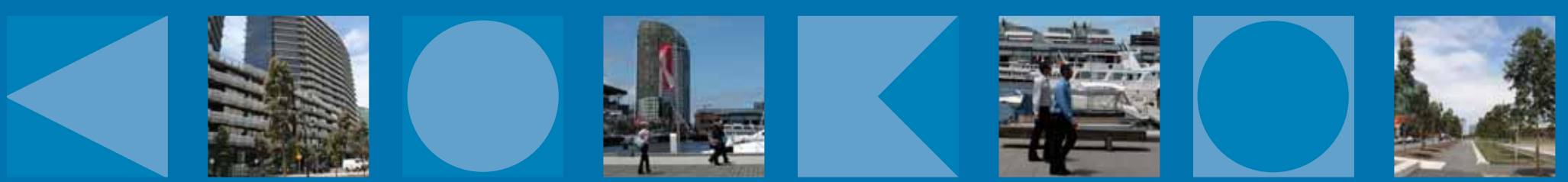
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# Docklands Community Sports Page

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## Skandia Docklands Invitational

The Skandia Docklands Invitational will combine world class yacht racing with a wide range of shore-based activities and a host of social events next month.

The fleet will assemble at Waterfront City from Friday, January 18. Activity will start from Saturday, January 19 to Sunday, January 20.

The "invitation only" event will see some of Australia's best yachts gather at Waterfront City for a five-race series. The 20-strong

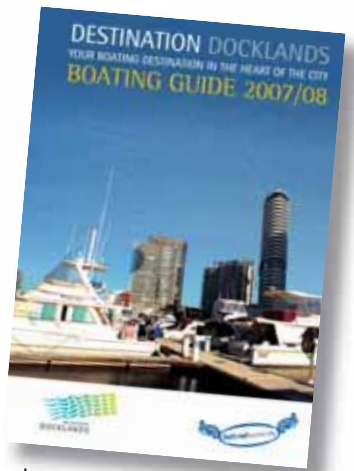
invited fleet is expected to include some of the best performed IRC yachts from Australia and beyond, with a vast majority likely to be returning from the Rolex Sydney to Hobart.

For all the details visit [www.docklandsinvitational.com](http://www.docklandsinvitational.com)



## New boating guide released

A new edition of the popular Destination Docklands Boating Guide has been released for 2007-08.



It follows the proven formula of last year's pocket-sized guide and is available free from boat clubs around Victoria.

It highlights the attractions of visiting Docklands by boat, with short-term public berthing from just \$30 overnight.

Handy features include way-finding maps, details of the four Docklands marinas and their colour coding of berths, plus a calendar of events around Docklands.

A splash-proof finish makes it ideal to keep by the helm for ready reference.

Look for your free copy of the Destination Docklands Boating Guide at your boating club or contact Melbourne Docklands Marine on (03) 9658 8738 or [berthing@melbourne.vic.gov.au](mailto:berthing@melbourne.vic.gov.au).

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