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BLOWHOLE

“blows a gasket”

By Shane Scanlan

Blowhole, Docklands most audacious piece of public art, has “blown a gasket” and could present a danger to the public.

Two of the anodised aluminium cups which catch the wind have blown clean off in recent howling winds.

Yarra’s Edge resident and retired architect Ed Oribin said he first noticed one of the cups missing in early April. He said he immediately contacted the City of Melbourne but nothing was done.

And then after massive winds on May 15, he noticed another cup missing.

Mr Oribin contacted Docklands Community News because he felt the council was ignoring the threat to public safety.

“Those spheres could fly 100 yards in any direction,” Mr Oribin said. “With the children’s playground so close, they could really clobber someone.”

Sydney artist Duncan Stemler, who created the \$700,000 sculpture, was appalled when told the news by the DCN.

“That’s very serious,” he said. “Really, something should be done about that.”

He said substantial rivets were used to fix the cups to plates at the ends of the rotating arms.

But Mr Stemler didn’t construct the sculpture – that was done by fabricator Black Art.

A Black Art representative and council’s public outdoor conservator inspected the sculpture on May 26 and concluded that it did not represent “an unacceptable risk to the public in its current form”.

A council spokesperson said: “This assessment found evidence of rocks having been thrown at the cups on the artwork, which may have caused the rivets which fastened the two missing aluminium cups to come loose.”

The spokesperson said the council was not denying that the cups were blown off in the wind. Rather, he said, “other outside influences could have played a role”.

“Work will commence shortly on inspecting every fastening on the artwork an tightening those fixtures if required,” he said.



Have your say

What do Docklanders think of their part-time anti-whaling neighbours the Sea Shepherd conservation foundation? Are they enviro-pirates or heroes? Go to www.docklandsnews.com.au/shepherd and register your views with our online survey. Results next month.



The great skate debate

The survey results are in. See page 6.



Docklands Community News Celebrates 5th birthday

To celebrate we are going MONTHLY!



Search is on for Docklands Primary

The need for a primary school here in Docklands has been identified in study on the area’s community infrastructure needs.

Other priorities revealed by the study include:

- Lifelong Learning Hub (e.g. containing facilities such as a library);
- Social and Recreation Hub (e.g. indoor courts);
- Community Boating Hub;
- Neighbourhood Hub (e.g. community classes/activities); and
- Functional outdoor community meeting spaces.

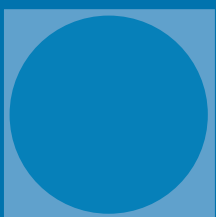
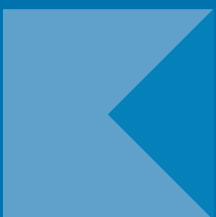
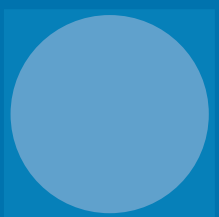
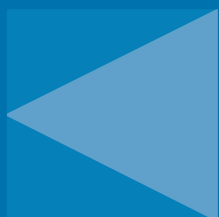
The study was conducted by Coomes Consulting on behalf of VicUrban and the City of Melbourne.

VicUrban and the council say they will now work together to identify possible locations and develop funding and delivery strategies for each of the identified priorities.

The consultants analysed demographics and projections and also sought stakeholder input. They spoke to a number of service providers to gauge their interest and commitment to providing community services in Docklands.

The final report has considered current Government policy directions and best practice case studies to inform its recommendations.

The report can be downloaded from the City of Melbourne’s website www.melbourne.vic.gov.au.



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

All words must contain the centre letter.
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Target: 31 words – Private
61 words – Sergeant
91 words – Captain

Solution to be supplied in next issue

Solution to Puzzle from last edition

aero, hero, hoer, hose, hour, howe, owse, rose, roue, shoe, show, soar, sore, sour, whoa, wore, arose, erose, horse, house, rouse, serow, shoer, shore, sower, swore, where, whose, worse, ahorse, arouse, ashore, hoarse, reshoe, reshaw, shower, rehouse, warehouse

Shape Melbourne's future online

By Shane Scanlan
Docklanders have an opportunity to shape the City of Melbourne by editing online the recently-released Future Melbourne plan.

In an experiment in public participation, the council is using internet-based Wiki technology, which allows registered users to edit the plan at futuremelbourne.com.au.

Future Melbourne will replace the council's current guiding document City Plan 2010 and looks further into the future.

- The plan contains a lot of policy positioning and few actual actions. But it does espouse 10 targets:
1. By 2020, all visitors to and residents of the city feel welcome, safe and engaged.
 2. By 2020, all residents, businesses and visitors easily and affordably access electronic information.
 3. By 2020, at least 110,000 people will live in the city.
 4. By 2020, at least 20 per cent of our housing will be affordable or social housing.
 5. By 2020, total employment in the city has exceeded 500,000.
 6. By 2020, we have zero net emissions.
 7. By 2020, we have a 40 per cent reduction in potable water use per resident and per employee (from 2000 levels) in the city.
 8. By 2020, Melbourne is ranked in the world's top 10 research centres.
 9. By 2020, Melbourne is ranked in the world's top five cities for international higher education.
 10. By 2020, 90 per cent of people to get to work in the City of Melbourne by walking, bike riding and public transport.

Salsa dancing in your sixties?

From a distance, Loraine Fabb looks like a grandmother in her 60s. She is divorced, lives on her own and until recently, the highlight of her week was watching dancing shows on TV with her three cats.

She was resigned to a lonely and sedentary lifestyle until she stumbled upon a free Community Latin Dancing event at Yarra's Edge.

"At first I was happy watching and enjoying the music," Loraine said. "But the teachers were so welcoming and friendly that I eventually joined in," Loraine said. "Pretty soon, I was dancing every week and before I knew it, I was enrolled in a dance competition!"

"I met this fabulous young guy, Troy Craig and we just hit it off. We would meet up each week and have fun dancing," she said. "There was nothing in it romantically. Troy is young enough to be my son. But we had a connection on the dance floor. He is cheeky and fun and it allowed me to just let go."

Loraine and Troy signed up for a six week Salsa Course with DANCE101 and spent their Sunday afternoons learning to dance Salsa.

"I thought I was too old and too fat to find a dance partner. But before I knew it, I was whizzing around the dance floor and having so much fun, I needed to pinch myself to make sure it was real!"

Loraine's teacher Paul Zaidman said: "Loraine was so timid at first. She just wanted the exercise. Then she started getting into it and whammo! Next thing you know, she's up there, dancing like she's never danced before!"

"We were so inspired by her courage and vitality. It looked like she had a new lease on life. She was alive!"

Despite Loraine's concerns, she entered into an Amateur Salsa Competition at one of Melbourne's Local Latin Clubs. She walked onto the floor as the oldest competitor and won second place.

Loraine now dances twice a week with DANCE101. See www.dance101.com.au for further details.



Loraine and Troy strut their stuff

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Artist's impression only



Docklands on display

A photographic exhibition strongly featuring panoramic photography from Docklands is on display until the end of July.

Melbourne-Scapes demonstrates the way in which photography can highlight some of Melbourne's best attributes, exploring what a city's architecture and public art says about itself and its people.

In this image, Con Hionis captures Robert Owen and Denton Corker Marshall's Web Bridge.

Melbourne-Scapes is showing at Obscura Gallery, First Floor, 285 Carlisle Street, East St Kilda.



Docklands blows out **greenhouse target**

The inclusion of Docklands within the City of Melbourne has contributed to a major blow-out in the city's targets to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

City of Melbourne community CO2 emissions have jumped 54 per cent since 2002 – seriously challenging the council's ambition of zero emissions by 2020.

In a recently-released revision on its emissions policy, the council says the emergence of Docklands as a residential, commercial and entertainment district provided a significant contribution to this emissions growth.

Last year, the Australian Conservation Foundation labelled Docklands residents as Victoria's highest greenhouse polluters.

The council paper shows that residential emissions have jumped from 3 per cent to 10 per cent of total emissions – with commercial users contributing 55 per cent of the total.

The council is planning three ways to tackle residential emissions:

- A house-to-house audit program targeting space, water heating and insulation in approximately 12,000 households;
- Commissioning retrofits on common areas in 75 per cent of all high-rise residential developments and communal hot water and space heating where feasible and appropriate; and

- A behaviour-change program to encourage resident involvement in the audit program, and provide broader energy efficiency advice and information to residents about living and working in Melbourne.

Among other strategies to curb emissions, the council is proposing a congestion charge on motor vehicles entering the municipality with funds raised to be spent on an integrated bicycle scheme in an attempt to double the number of bikes on Melbourne roads.

For further information, download the Zero Net Emissions by 2020 – Strategy Update 2008 document from www.melbourne.vic.gov.au.

We have a **WINNER**

Congratulations to our competition winners from issue 31 of DCN.

P Winberg has won a voucher for a meal for two at James Squire Brewhouse.

Gordona T, Chris, Shaun, Itaing and Laltoaldo have also won copies of the brand new Alumbra in the House CD "Verano 2008".

You can still sign up for an electronic PDF copy of the newspaper by registering at www.docklandsnews.com.au.



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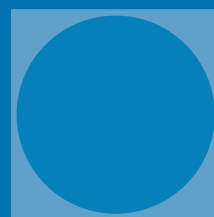
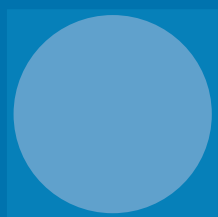
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Letters to the editor

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Headline said it all

The headline on page 5 of the last issue of DCN (no 31, April-May) said it all! "New Quay goes to the dogs..."

As a dog owner myself, I am constantly at odds with the minority (hopefully!) who do not pick up after their dogs!

The grass 'planter boxes' on the concourse by Telstra Dome are now littered with dog poo, left by lazy owners who take their dogs down from surrounding apartments and let them loose!

Do yourselves a favour. Take your dog for a decent walk along the various paths (along the Yarra?) and ensure you take bags to pick up after your pet to bin it rather than leave it!

Trevor Wakely

Some "anti-skate" ideas from above

Skateboarders are only attracted to nice smooth surfaces - so we put down nice smooth concrete or nice smooth timber boards with narrow spaces between, and then put up signs telling our young people that they can't skate there, and

now another \$10,000 for more signs and more "education"??

I look down from my 15th floor balcony at 60 Lorimer Street and see a nice crazy pattern of joints etched into the concrete including strips of, you guessed it, nice "smooth" tiles.

How about using the \$10,000 to cut out those nice smooth tiles and make a few more similar strips at strategic positions and filling the gaps with either very rough tiles or cobble stones or pebbles which would still be comfortable to walk on but not to skate on.

And then there are the nice stair edgings and planter box surrounds which are just the right height to practise jumping up on to, and you guessed it, smooth on top. How about some rough pebbles there?

Similar "anti-skate" strips could be retrofitted to our timber decks but let our young hotshot designers work out the details. I'm just a poor old retired architect. And don't get me started on bike riders menacing us pedestrians. I've got some red hot ideas for slowing them down too.

Ed Oribin

FREE car-share membership for readers

Flexicar has launched the first two of nine shared cars in Docklands in Victoria Harbour and Yarra's Edge. It's also offering free memberships to DCN readers until June 30.

The cars are located near the corner of Bourke and Merchant streets in Victoria Harbour and in the Lorimer Street service lane at Yarra's Edge.

Flexicar is currently available from 45 locations across Melbourne and a total of nine parking spaces in Docklands will be added to the program.

Flexicar allows members to have access to cars for rent by the hour or by the day and rental costs include petrol, insurance, cleaning, maintenance and registration.

The organisation is offering Docklands residents and businesses a green, cheap and easy alternative to car ownership, with cars available to rent by the hour or day at an all inclusive rate of \$9 - \$12.00 per hour - including petrol.

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Fiery welcome for Merchant Street

Victoria Harbour's new retail hub will be officially launched on June 26 with a fiery lunch-time street party in conjunction with the City of Melbourne's Ignite at Docklands winter spectacle of fire and light.

From 11am, Merchant Street will ignite to commemorate the arrival of many retailers including Docklands only post office and first full-line supermarket.

Lend Lease is providing the opportunity to meet the merchants of Merchant Street, taste their wares and be dazzled by fire twirlers, fire eaters, buskers, music and much more.

Maurice Cococcia, General Manager Victoria for Lend Lease Development, said the opening was a fantastic milestone for Victoria Harbour and one that the entire Docklands community had been looking forward to.

"Merchant Street opening signifies a culmination of major milestones in Victoria Harbour as it coincides with the completion of The Gauge and relocation of 200 Lend Lease staff to Victoria Harbour," he said.

Merchant Street is the retail heart of Victoria Harbour, it runs north to the harbour over Bourke Street and south to the Yarra River over Collins Street with open water views along its entire length.

It offers a unique blend of street-side cafes and fresh food specialty stores, as well as personal services and convenience stores. Retailers confirmed to the Merchant Street retail hub are:

Westpac, Kenny's Cardiology, Asian Mart on Merchant, Brown Gouge Dry Cleaners, Coffee Gauge, LUCRF Superannuation, Louis' Eastern Health, Nutshack, Breadtop, Shinsei Fish and Sushi, Degani Express, and Madonna's Pizza and Spaghetti Bar.

Parking includes 150 spaces with the first two hours free and 40 on street parking spaces available.

With the announcement of ANZ and Myer along with existing businesses and residential apartments, Victoria Harbour will accommodate more than 15,000 workers and residents by 2010.

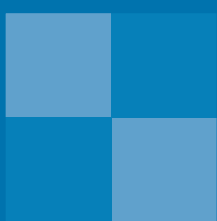
Victoria Harbour is also providing a 150 place children's hub which is under construction and due to be open by early 2009, as well as public open spaces such as Victoria Green, due to be open later on this year.

Mosaic Murals at Docklands

The artwork of 500 Melbourne children is being displayed in empty shops in Victoria Harbour.

The children created 25 murals in January as part of the Summer Fun in the City program.

Lend Lease is displaying the work in Merchant Street shop fronts until the tenancies are leased.



Post office welcomed

The announcement of a post office for Docklands has been welcomed by the Docklands Chamber of Commerce.

Chamber president Keith Rankin said businesses would benefit by being able to send bulk items and through the availability of PO boxes.

He said mail in Docklands often went astray and that the provision of PO boxes would bring more certainty to businesses.

The chamber had been lobbying for a post office for Docklands for five years.

Mr Rankin said the central location of the post office in Merchant Street, Victoria Harbour was a plus for Docklands.

"The chamber is pleased and grateful that its representations over many years have finally borne fruit," Mr Rankin said.

The post office is expected to be open for business by mid-June.

Come on baby light **my fire**

Docklands will come alive this winter with a spectacular display of fire, warmth, music, performance and lighting when the City of Melbourne presents Ignite at Docklands 2008.



Every night between June 20 and 29 residents and visitors will be treated to the luminary effects of Ignite. This visual spectacular will transform NewQuay into a magical fire garden featuring dancing embers and flickering flames, perfectly matched to music echoing real life bush fires, transitioning into the upbeat 70s dance anthem Disco Inferno. The images will be projected onto the NewQuay facades nightly from dusk until 11 pm.

Every good winter festival has a camp fire, even those by the waterfront. Warm your hands (along with your nose and toes!) in front of the spectacular Pyrophone. A Melbourne first, the 10-metre high structure is similar to that of a giant church organ and will breathe warmth along the New Quay Promenade and Victoria Harbour.

The combustion of energy and fast paced rhythms, composed by five international performance artists and musicians, will wow audiences twice nightly at 7pm and 8.30pm. A thrilling and tightly choreographed sequence exploring the essence of flame and combustion will spurt from the Pyrophone in sequence with incredible 15-metre high flames.

For further information, visit www.thatsmelbourne.com.au.

Docklands highlights of **council budget**

The City of Melbourne has released a draft budget for next year with a number of highlights for Docklands.

In particular:

- An \$11.2 million pedestrian bridge over the Yarra River to the new Convention

Centre. Funding is made up in part by \$3.15 million from the parking levy.

- Over \$2.3 million has been allocated towards installing an extra 29 security cameras across the City, Docklands and Southland although exactly where these are to be located is yet to be determined.

MCC security staff recorded more than 1500 incidents in the 2006 calendar year, leading to nearly 500 arrests.

In addition, an extra 200 child care places will be in place by the end of 2008 with the completion of the \$9.85 million children's Hub providing 150 of these places. Council has contributed \$6.95 million and the Lady Gowrie Child Care will manage the centre on

council's behalf. The overall total revenue for 2008/09 is expected to be \$308 million with a total expenditure of \$295 million.

Public submissions regarding the budget will be considered by Council's Finance and Governance Committee on 19 June and it is anticipated it will be adopted by Council on 24 June.

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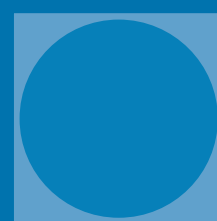
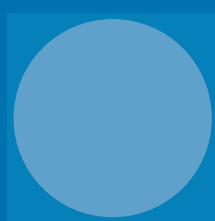
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Survey response supports **skateboarders**

Some 65 per cent of people responding to the online survey in our last issue on attitudes to skateboarding in Docklands said they did not support a ban on the activity.

There were 23 responses to the survey.

15 people said skateboarding should not be banned entirely in the precinct. Eight people said skateboarding should be banned.

Three respondents suggested skateboarding should be banned in certain areas only:

- "The open areas across from AFL House and the paths to and from Docklands."
- "Decks, walkways and promenades immediately surrounding buildings."
- "All areas where there are pedestrians and where there is a risk of damage to common property."

Some 16 respondents (70 per cent) said the City of Melbourne should build a skatepark in Docklands. Thirteen made suggestions about a suitable location:

- "In the outer parts away from the general population."

- "There are numerous locations and several were discussed very early in the development of Docklands when less than seven buildings existed. 'Non residential' areas are the prime location such as part of Docklands Park could be allocated, the northern arm of Victoria Harbour near Alumbra, near the ferris wheel. The 'MO' of these kids is that they will move to the designated area because it provides the equipment they need to test themselves. I had this discussion with a community group that Peter Crowley first established and this exact problem was tabled then and the park should have been built."

- "Across from AFL House. It's open concrete space that has not been accepted by people as a 'meeting' or eating place. Perfect spot for a dedicated street park. Also doesn't need to take up much of the entire area."

- "Near the water."

- "In a position toward the Bourke Street area. A good vert ramp and street park would be great for the kids to hone their talents. The banks ANZ and NAB could get involved in sponsoring the site and maybe a competition."

- "It is tempting to propose a location somewhere in the Harbour. The site should be near The Hub and Docklands Park."

- "Anywhere, skateboarders aren't too bothered, what you don't understand about skateboarding is they see things differently to most people. They see a block of concrete or stairs or a railing and think 'how could I grind that'. Due to Docklands' industrial and development stage nature, it has created the perfect skate environment. Docklands also provides a beautiful area to film skateboarding and is featured in MANY skate films which are distributed internationally. I think the most popular area for skating in the Docklands is in between NAB building and where NewQuay promenade begins. However, clearly that area has already been developed. Possibly somewhere near Waterfront City. This may coincide well with the new shopping centre which is going up."

- "Or, not actually a skatepark, because this space will be wasted when skaters are absent, but future public landscaping features should be designed and made to be 'skateboard-immune'. That is, not able to be damaged or show damage from skateboards. Commission artists to sculpt features that would not only look great and suit the area but can be used and 'abused' by skaters, as well as providing



usefulness when the skaters aren't about. Skateboarding promotes active living, and the talent shown by some skaters is great to watch. It should not be discouraged."

- "Wherever suits best."
- "There are plenty of skateparks in Melbourne already for these mindless morons. Don't attract the thugs to Docklands. Build one in Broadmeadows and keep them out there!"
- "Wherever. It must be in consultation with skaters."
- "Waterfront City? There will always be opposition to wherever a park is proposed. We are desperate to attract visitors to the Docklands area. Why should we start discriminating the types of people we want to visit the area."
- "Near Docklands Park."

Comment sought on **waterways strategy**

A new draft strategy for Docklands waterways will be available for review and comment this month.

The Docklands Waterways Strategic Plan 2008-2018 will be available on the City of Melbourne website www.melbourne.vic.gov.au from Monday, June 9. The deadline for submissions will be Friday, June 27.

Submissions should be sent to berthing@melbourne.vic.gov.au or by mail to City of Melbourne, Level 1, Suite 109, 425 Docklands Drive, Docklands, 3008.

The draft plan is the work of the Docklands Waterways Working Group, comprising representatives of the City of Melbourne, VicUrban and Parks Victoria.

It was established to review VicUrban's *Melbourne Docklands Water Plan 2001* and

the *Melbourne Docklands Active Boating Draft Strategy, July 2005* with the view to establishing a revised 10 year strategic plan, and to develop an associated infrastructure plan.

The infrastructure plan will identify the civil infrastructure required for the area.

Groups consulted in the process include: residents, berth owners, government agencies (City of Melbourne, Parks Victoria,

VicUrban, Marine Safety Victoria, EPA, Port of Melbourne) industry representatives (BIA, Yachting Victoria, Rowing Victoria), Docklands property developers (MIRVAC, ING Real Estate and Lend Lease), waterways users (Docklands Sailing Club, charter and commercial boat operators, brokers, Docklands marina managers), Docklands Marketing Association, Chamber of Commerce, boat brokers and other businesses.

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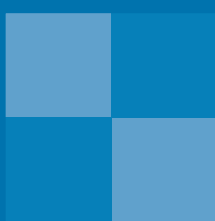
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Bronze-level reunion

Flamboyant entertainer John Michael Howson visited the bronze version of his old mate Graham Kennedy when he visited Docklands recently.

The former Hollywood entertainment correspondent wrote comedy for Kennedy, the crowned king of Australian television.

Mr Howson was in Docklands on a filming assignment with Melbourne TV.



Freeway on-ramp closed for 18 months

Docklands residents have been advised to use alternative east-bound access to the West Gate Freeway for the next 18 months while the Montague Street on-ramp is rebuilt.

The ramp was closed last month as part of the \$1.39 billion Monash-CityLink-West Gate upgrade project which will improve safety and traffic flow along the M1 corridor.

M1 Project Director, John Cunningham, said that when completed the project would have benefits for all users of the Freeway and the surrounding network, including Docklands residents.

"By untangling the freeway and removing the need for drivers to negotiate lane changes, the result will be a safer, more reliable and more free-flowing freeway," he said.

"The new lanes and ramps that are being built will eliminate traffic weaving between the Bolte Bridge and Montague Street, as motorists will be able to choose their desired lane clear of merging traffic."

Docklands residents who frequently use Lorimer Street and the Montague Street interchange will be familiar with the volumes of traffic that use the area. Improvements to this location are also part

of the Freeway upgrade project. In coming months the design of the interchange will be finalised. Keep an eye on the mcwupgrade.com.au website for all the news.

Montague Street

Of major note has been the recent closure of the city-bound ramp to the West Gate Freeway heading towards the Burnley tunnel from Montague Street.

The closure will be in place for 18 months while the ramp is demolished and a new one built. The closure means that drivers must find an alternative route to get on to the Freeway.

A signed detour route to CityLink is via Normanby Road, Clarendon Street, City Road and Power Street. Drivers can continue along Power Street and via Sturt Street to access Kings Way.

Details of other suggested detour routes can be found on the project website mcwupgrade.com.au.

Calling all artists

To help celebrate 'Melbourne Day' the City of Melbourne and Docklands' Zephyr Gallery invite all artists to submit images of one or two works for the Melbourne on Canvas Contemporary Art Prize. Finalists will be included in a two-week exhibition at Zephyr Gallery, commencing on 30 August.

Visit www.zephyrgallery.com.au for more information on how to enter.

And the City of Melbourne staff at The Hub are looking for artistic Docklanders to participate in an "art experience".

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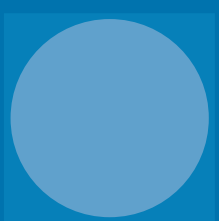
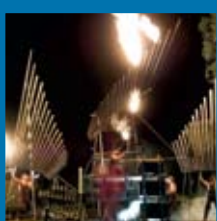
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South-East stadium development announced



Plans have been announced for the final piece of land to be sold in Docklands' stadium precinct.

The State Government has revealed details of a \$700 million development for the south east corner of the precinct to be known as Bourke Junction. Planning Minister Justin Madden had previously announced plans for the \$300 million Lacrosse Docklands at the north-eastern corner of the precinct.

"These two multi-million dollar developments will present an entry point into Docklands, enhancing the links to the CBD and breathing new life into this part of town," Mr Madden said.

Bourke Junction will also include a new pathway between the Bourke Street pedestrian concourse and Telstra Dome's Gate 5.

VicUrban has entered into a development agreement with a consortium comprising of ISPT, Cbus Property and EPC Partners to develop the south east stadium site.

"*Bourke Junction* will feature a 29-level tower and a 21-level tower on the north-eastern and south-western corners of the site, as well as three lower-rise buildings housing a 250 room hotel, a pub, medical centre, retail facilities, a business club and a two-level gymnasium," the Minister said.

Mr Madden said like *Lacrosse Docklands*, *Bourke Junction*, would also receive the

VicUrban Ecologically Sustainable Design (ESD) Award of Merit. It is also registered with the Green Building Council of Australia for Green Star Certification, to try and achieve a 5 Star rating.

Features will include:

- A Blackwater treatment plan; and
- Solar hot water systems and extensive cyclist facilities.

"*Bourke Junction's* sustainable design makes great use of a premium site and I congratulate VicUrban on achieving their vision for Dockland's stadium precinct," Mr Madden said.

VicUrban CEO Pru Sanderson said banking and insurance giant Suncorp Metway was the first tenant to commit to the site, further cementing Docklands' reputation as a growing financial-services hub.

"*Bourke Junction* will also serve to better cater for the large crowds attending stadium events as well as further strengthen the diversity of the Docklands wider community and attracting additional workers and visitors," Ms Sanderson said.

Construction for the south east stadium development is scheduled to begin in the second half of 2008. It will be delivered in stages and is expected to be fully completed in 2012.

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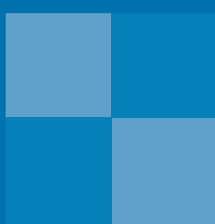
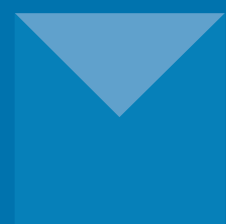


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Lend Lease's **award winning green home**

As the developers of Victoria Harbour it is not surprising that Lend Lease will soon be calling it home, as it prepares to move this month into The Gauge, its impressively "green" Victorian headquarters on Bourke St.

Lend Lease aspires to be a sustainable organisation on an international scale and according to Project Director, Ellie Schwab at a recent Docklands community presentation, their new home reflects this.

"The name 'The Gauge' has many connotations but we also see it as being a measure against our green credentials," she said.

It would seem they are not the only ones to see it this way. The Green Building Council of Australia (GNCA) recently awarded The Gauge a 6 Star Green Star – Office Design Certified Rating, making it the first private sector-completed building to achieve this rating.

At six stories, The Gauge's Ecologically Sustainable Design (ESD) includes features such as a gas-fired co-generation system for heating and a passive chilled beam system for cooling.

Ms Schwab said: "There is a sleeve around the building which acts as a natural plenum to ventilate the building. Hot air rises and is

expelled throughout the building naturally, so you don't need electrical heating.

"The chilled beam technology is also very efficient and very effective, with low carbon emissions. It also significantly improves the indoor environment quality."

Another feature is the black water recycling plant with a capacity to treat 10,000 litres of office wastewater per day. Gravity is used to eliminate the need for electro-mechanical or chemical water processing and a newly developed design will improve water quality.

Indoor amenity focusing on individual comfort was also a vital factor in the ESD design. Ms Schwab said: "It will bring as much natural light into the building as possible, and no one will sit more than 11 metres from a light source.

"We've also provided bike space to encourage staff to ride into work. We'll have change room facilities that can accommodate 77 people, while we'll only have 54 car parking spaces."



Take the 'Off-Ramp Cafe' out of

the fast lane

We all need to pull over from the fast lane once in a while and contemplate our lives and get to know others in a meaningful way.

The Off-Ramp Cafe social group at The Hub is a place to do just that. The "Cafe" takes place on the second and fourth Wednesday of every month at 10.30am. Morning tea is available for a nominal fee.

Two members of Docklands Church, Roslyn Harper and Heather Crow, host the

discussion group. Building relationships is the focus of Off Ramp Cafe.

Each meeting focuses on a topic for discussion. Coming up in the next few months are discussions on: home, character, community, hope, family and trust.



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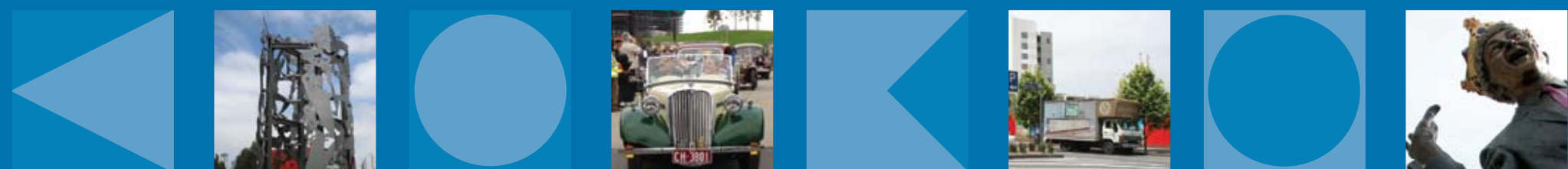
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GOODS SHED N^o.2...

BY AMBER WITTEN

THE GOODS SHED NO 2 HAS FEATURED SEVERAL NAMES IN ITS LONG HISTORY, FORMERLY NO.3 OR OCCASIONALLY REFERRED TO AS GOODS SHED 'A'. IT WAS COMPLETED FROM 1889 TO 1890 FOR THE TERMINUS AT SPENCER ST AS IT EXPANDED AND INADEQUATE FACILITIES WERE REPLACED.



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Its close proximity to the docks and the 19th century's reliance on shipping and rail for transport of imports and exports explains why the goods shed is the largest and most architecturally elaborate to be constructed in Victoria.

The economic boom of the 1880s and the construction of the Victoria Wharf meant an increase in the goods and cargo needing storage and transport in a close proximity to the docklands.

In order to increase freight efficiency, a rail terminus was needed closer to Hobson's Bay and Queen's Wharf. Batman's Hill and the surrounding swamplands were major obstacles to any construction by competing rail companies. The Melbourne and Hobson's Bay Railway Co had established a main terminus at Flinders St, and the Melbourne and Suburban Railway Co at Princes Bridge.

The Government purchased the property of the Mt Alexander Co and erected Batman's Hill Station, later to become Spencer St in 1858. Its goods yard was constructed a year later to the north of Batman's Hill itself. Unlike private rail companies who built with bluestone, the Government constructed mainly with timber and iron.

With Batman's Hill as an obstacle, this original location proved inappropriate, as goods trains were forced to reverse and manoeuvre in order to load cargo. In 1863, major excavation works took place to extend the terminus into Batman's Hill by Robb & Co, however funds for the this project were severely lacking and in 1867 the Government Railways Department was forced to turn commercial business away due to the inefficiency of the goods station. Engineer-in-Chief Thomas Higginbotham described the situation on two separate occasions.

'The goods traffic was more than once nearly brought to a deadlock, it being only by unremitting labour, night and day, and the co-operation of the Customs Department that such a result was avoided.' Engineer-in-chief Thomas Higginbotham, Victorian Railways, 'Report of the Board of Land and Works,' 31ST DECEMBER 1867, PG 4.

'In connection with the high cost of handling goods at Melbourne, which has been noticed in previous reports, I have to inform your Lordship that a contract for the erection of a substantial goods shed at Melbourne was gazetted on the 5th September 1870. This contract amount is £47,572 2s 8d., and when complete there will be ample accommodation for the traffic of the present system of lines, as also the traffic of the line to Essendon and Albury.' Engineer-in-chief Thomas Higginbotham, Victorian Railways, 'Report of the Board of Land and Works,' 31 JULY 1869, PG 4.

Various contracts and orders for its supplies were recorded in the Victorian Railways records reports for 1869. The contract for construction was awarded to Mr John Thomas to erect the new No 1 Goods Shed in 1870.

Featured in the Illustrated Australian News, the Grand Opening took place in Feb. 1872.

However plans to rearrange the Spencer St terminus saw the goods shed removed in favour of a new engine shed to accompany the new country and suburban rail platforms at Spencer St.

Batman's Hill was completely excavated, and the swamp lands drained and filled with the soil from the excavation of the Victoria Dock. A new goods yard was also established. On March 2 1888, the contract was let to AP Tozer and Co for the construction of a new goods sheds at a total cost of £90,000. The new shed, Shed 'A' at the time, and Shed No 2 today, is still standing.

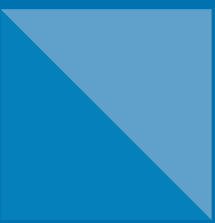
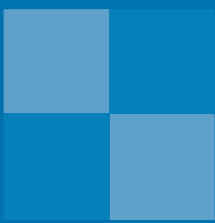
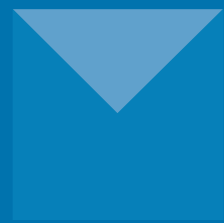
It was described in The Builder and Contractors' News as, 'A rectangular building 694 ft 6in long by 205 ft 3 in wide and differs from the old type of shed in having its tracks arranged on the circular or radial plan. Under the old arrangements engines entered the shed a one end and ran forward to the turntable. In the new sheds there are three spider web plans, each having a turntable and from each centre lines run in all directions...Men coming from off a journey have hot or cold baths at their command, as well as the usual lavatory appliances. Etc.'

The shed feature the clock tower at the front entrance and was the longest constructed in the Southern Hemisphere at the time. Funded by the operating surplus of the Railways Department, the plans had been prepared by John Lunt, engineer for existing lines.

It was used for the distribution of goods from Melbourne to Country Victoria, mainly furniture, building materials, foodstuffs and small parcels. It employed up to 1500 men.

The gatekeeper oversaw deliveries to the shed, directing road vehicles to a particular loading bay and one of the 54 arched doorways. The goods were unloaded from drays and carts by hand onto external platforms running the length of both sides of the shed and stored on parallel platforms inside.

Containerisation eventually rendered this goods shed inadequate.



THE STORY SO FAR

THE NORTHERN PART OF DOCKLANDS' HISTORIC RAILWAY GOODS SHED IS TO GET A NEW LEASE OF LIFE UNDER REDEVELOPMENT PLANS ANNOUNCED LAST MONTH.

VicUrban, the Building Commission and the Plumbing Industry Commission will relocate to the renovated building late next year.

The refurbishment will achieve a 5 Star Green Star rating and will be carried out by Equiset, a Grollo Group Company, and will also include retail and café frontage along Village Street.

"The mix of commercial and retail facilities introduced will create a village-like atmosphere in this key Docklands site," Mr Lorenz Grollo said. "We also expect it will further cement the growing sense of community in Docklands."

"We see the village as the ideal link between old and new, emphasizing the continuity of community use on the site and ensuring the flow of people that brings an area to life," he said.

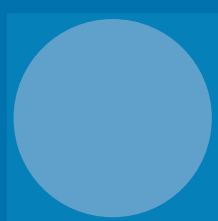
"While most of the exterior will be brought back to its original state, the interior will be contemporary, with state-of-the-art technology and a range of ecologically sustainable design initiatives," he said.

"An open plan, central bay with 12 metre high ceilings will be surrounded by mezzanine side bays."

"Features such as underfloor displacement air-conditioning, sustainable material selection and solar hot water supplementation will mean future tenants will be able to minimise their environmental impact and reduce operating costs while enjoying a prime Docklands location fronting both Collins and Bourke Street," Mr Grollo said.

VicUrban CEO Pru Sanderson said she was confident the design by Elenberg Fraser Architects would complement and enhance plans for both the southern shed, and the neighbouring Village Docklands site.

"The design even has the potential to effectively knit the northern and southern ends of the historic shed back together, with the use of a transparent 'lantern building' intended to create the illusion of a continuous building where the Collins Street extension currently divides the shed into two," Ms Sanderson said.



facebook - Connecting in an age of disconnection



By Guy Mason, Docklands Church Minister

Who would have thought that a simple online social networking page, known as Facebook, would be so popular? Clearly, founder Mark Zuckerberg did. Originally developed exclusively for students at Harvard College, the website now has a global reach with over 70 million members!

I have been using facebook for nearly six months now and I love it! The free website is simple enough for people like me with half a computer brain to get around and there are plenty of features and interaction to keep me coming back. However, clearly a few fancy features are not what have sent the world Facebook-mad.

The success lies in the opportunity it provides for us to "connect". We can connect with old high school buddies and previous work colleagues. We can stay connected with friends and family, some of whom may be traveling overseas. And perhaps even more exciting, we can make new connections with people with similar interests and hobbies.

It therefore doesn't surprise me that Facebook is so popular. We live in an age where people are feeling more and more disconnected from one another. In a busy and bustling city like Melbourne this is especially true. Inner city apartment living and high pressured jobs can leave us with a great sense loneliness and, at times, even depression.

This sense of 'disconnection' is not easy to bear. Why? Because we were made to "connect". In the beginning of the Bible we see that God created us to have a healthy and loving connection with the environment, each other and God himself. And even though we chose to break that relationship, in Christ we see that God was willing to pay the ultimate price that we might be reconnected.

At Docklands Church our dream is to see our community connected. Connected to the environment, connected to each other (in a far more authentic and tangible than any online forum and, most importantly, connected to God.

If you have any questions on how you can to "connect" or would like to help us help our community "connect" than please drop me a line (guymason@docklandschurch.org.au).

I look forward to connecting with you soon!

Small stories on the **BIG** screen

Eight home-made documentaries by eight Docklands residents are screening at Digital Harbour from June 9 to 15.

Known as Talking Docklands, the Open Channel project looks at what Docklands means to a cross-section of residents.

The selected residents were armed with a camera, given basic instruction and set loose.

Featured in Talking Docklands are:

- Brian Tanti, curator of the Fox Classic Car Museum;
- Ted Fowler, former wharfie;
- Guy Mason, Docklands Church;

- Ojas Viosli, interested in the sociology of the Docklands;
- Sarah van Oosterom, who lives on a boat;
- Camilla Orr-Thomson;
- Alister Jhon Emerson, former seaman; and
- Renzo Mammolito, owner and operator of Renzo's Bar.

An exhibition screening of the results is showing between 10am and 5pm from June 9 to 15 at Digital Harbour Theatrette, Innovation Building, 1010 Latrobe St, Docklands. Entry is free.

Community invitation from **Alumbra**

Docklands nightclub Alumbra will celebrate its first birthday next month with a special invitation to the local community join in the fun at a cocktail party on July 24.

To receive an invitation or express interest please email Mia at mia@alumbra.com.au or phone during office hours on 8623 9669.

In other Alumbra news, the launch of the highly anticipated summer CD "Verano 2008" has been a big success across Australia for the local venue, and Alumbra is already looking to release a second instalment in November.

The idea for the CD stems from a visit by Simon Dunmore to DJ at Alumbra last November.

So impressed was this highly influential mover and shaker in the dance music world that he decided to release a CD with Alumbra. The idea was simple. Twice a year, Defected Records would release a compilation exclusive to Australia featuring a disc mixed by a DJ from Defected's hugely talented stable and one disc mixed by one of Alumbra's residents.

At the beginning of April, 'Alumbra In The House - Verano 2008' was released around Australia. Verano, in Spanish means summer, and the compilation was intended to showcase some of the major slices of house music that made an impact over the summer of 2007 and 2008.



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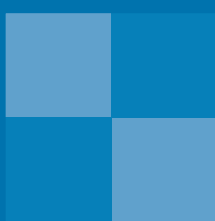
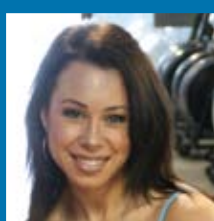
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Docklands Community Association **update**

Docklands Community Association has a busy couple of months ahead and hope people can join it at its upcoming events.

- June 5 at 7.30 pm - Westgate/Monash Freeway Upgrade - Update from the Alliance. Venue: The Hub, 17 Waterview Walk, Docklands.
- July 3 at 7 pm - Annual general meeting - All members encouraged to attend. Venue: The Hub, 17 Waterview Walk, Docklands.
- July 11 at 7.00 pm - Christmas in July function - All welcome \$25 adults/\$5

children (Includes spit roast dinner and dessert, BYO drinks) bookings essential, pay on the night. Venue: The Hub, 17 Waterview Walk, Docklands RSVP to docklandschristmas@live.com.au.

The association is also seeking nominations for committee positions. If you are interested or know someone who is, email president@docklands.asn.au.

Buddhism comes to Docklands

A prominent Buddhist nun and teacher has been invited to teach meditation and Buddhism in Docklands.

Every Wednesday at 6.30pm The Hub comes to life as a small but growing group of people place cushions on the floor and prepare an offering of tea and biscuits. Some are old friends and some have just come for the first time.

After an introduction and a brief welcome, wooden clackers still the space, a singing bowl is struck three times and the room descends into silence.

The teacher is Rev Chi Kwang Sunim, the former chairperson of the Buddhist Council of Victoria and vice-chair of the Australian Sangha Association.

Sunim is well known in Melbourne Buddhist circles through her teaching and active involvement in various community projects. This energetic Aussie-born monastic is also an accomplished Seon (Zen) meditation teacher.



'Dharma Hub', as her group calls itself, attracts people from all walks of life. Some are professed Buddhists and others wish to deepen a practice or are merely curious.

All come to gain further insight and bring some peace to their busy lives. At The Hub where various friendships are forged, this newly formed meditation group warmly welcomes all.

Docklands Retail Statement builds on global models

Lord Mayor John So and Industry and Trade Minister Theo Theophanous recently unveiled the 'Docklands Retail Statement 2008', outlining recommendations for the future development of retail in the Docklands precinct.

Recommendations that Docklands draw upon the area's maritime, quasi industrial history and links with the water are based on an audit of successful mixed used waterfront locations from around the world, including Vancouver, London and Barcelona as well as Darling Harbour and the Rocks in Sydney.

According to Cr So, the statement envisions Docklands as: "a vibrant waterfront retail precinct that enhances and extends Melbourne's globally acclaimed city to the waterfront."

It was included as part of the City of Melbourne's Year Two Report Card 2006:2012 that documents the progress of retail investment in Melbourne.

VicUrban projections show that by 2020 Docklands will have 17,000 residents, 40,000 workers and be a destination for 55,000 people per day. And while the statement recognises that "Docklands retail is in its infancy", its development "is seen as an important component of achieving the full potential of life within Docklands."

Prepared in consultation with the Docklands development companies, VicUrban, the City of Melbourne and State Government, in keeping with

the Melbourne Retail Strategy the Docklands Statement has a timeline of five years to 2012.

Strategic objectives of the Docklands Retail Statement are to:

- Develop a unique Docklands retail offer;
- Evolve the Docklands retail landscape and offer alignment with the Melbourne Retail Strategy
- Attract new and innovative retailers from both domestic and international markets;
- Increase visitation and spend;
- Provide a stimulating and pleasurable environment;

Major retail developments currently underway in Docklands are:

- The \$25 million Lend Lease Merchant Street retail village development in Victoria Harbour, to be launched in June. It includes an Australia Post outlet, a Safeway, dry cleaners, Pharmacy and newsagency and an Asian Mart.
- Harbour Town, outlet shopping at Waterfront City. At \$650 million this precinct will house over 200 shops including 90 fashion, footwear, home wares and lifestyle retailers as well as a food and entertainment precinct.

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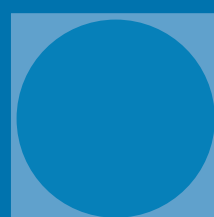
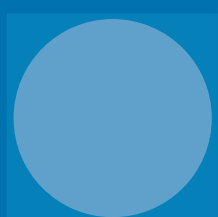
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Embassy at Pier 9, a new centre to move the spirit

By Sarah Murray



Molly Carlile

Breaking the mould as to what most of us may think of as a community centre, will be Embassy at Pier 9 in Docklands – a place that promises to transcend current notions and challenge us to be the best we can be.

According to Molly Carlile, one of the three motivating forces behind the Embassy (along with Anglican Fr James Grant and educational consultant Pam Burton), underpinning the vision of the centre are three major themes – spirituality, education and community health and well being.

“We aim to raise awareness in the community with a generic form of spirituality. We want to give people the tools to connect with their internal selves and explore their personal needs,” Ms Carlile said.

As a nurse in palliative care, Molly found her spirituality had been tempered by her experiences working with the terminally ill. “Through self awareness you can empower yourself. People tend to not invest in

themselves and they fall into a hole or burn out, which has happened to me. But if you get to know yourself first, you have more capacity to help others.

“We want people to express their spirituality in ways that are important to them. How they choose to express it may be in a structured way such as through a religion or helping in the community, at a refuge for example, or it may be in less structured ways such as through meditation,” Molly said.

With ambitious plans to provide a range of programs for the local and wider community, Embassy at Pier 9 is already building strong connections in Docklands. According to Molly, Pam Burton is well underway in developing education programs for primary and secondary students and their teachers in ways which use the Docklands area.

With plans to run a series of events and programs ranging from performance nights to wine tastings to holistic healing conferences, Molly said that by creating a sense of community they were also looking to empower the local community to get involved. “Rather than impose things on

them, if anyone wanted to start a local Lions or Rotary club or a book club or yoga class for example, we’d support them,” she said.

“We’ve called it an ‘embassy’ as we want to provide a safe place, a place of respite where people can challenge their preconceptions, take risks and learn something, such as skills they may not realise they have.”

Although Pier 9 is not yet ready to go, they already have an impressive list of sponsors and supporters –not least their patron, East Timor president Jose Ramos Horta.

“We are very honored to have him as our patron and he will be here when we have our official launch,” she said.

Other sponsors include MAB’s Andrew Buxton who is paying for the Pier 9 refit, the NAB and the Atlantic group.

Currently, Embassy at Pier 9 is looking to run a series of focus groups for the local community and would welcome hearing from anyone who may be interested in participating. Visit the website at www.embassy9.com where you will find contact details for Molly, Pam and Fr Grant.



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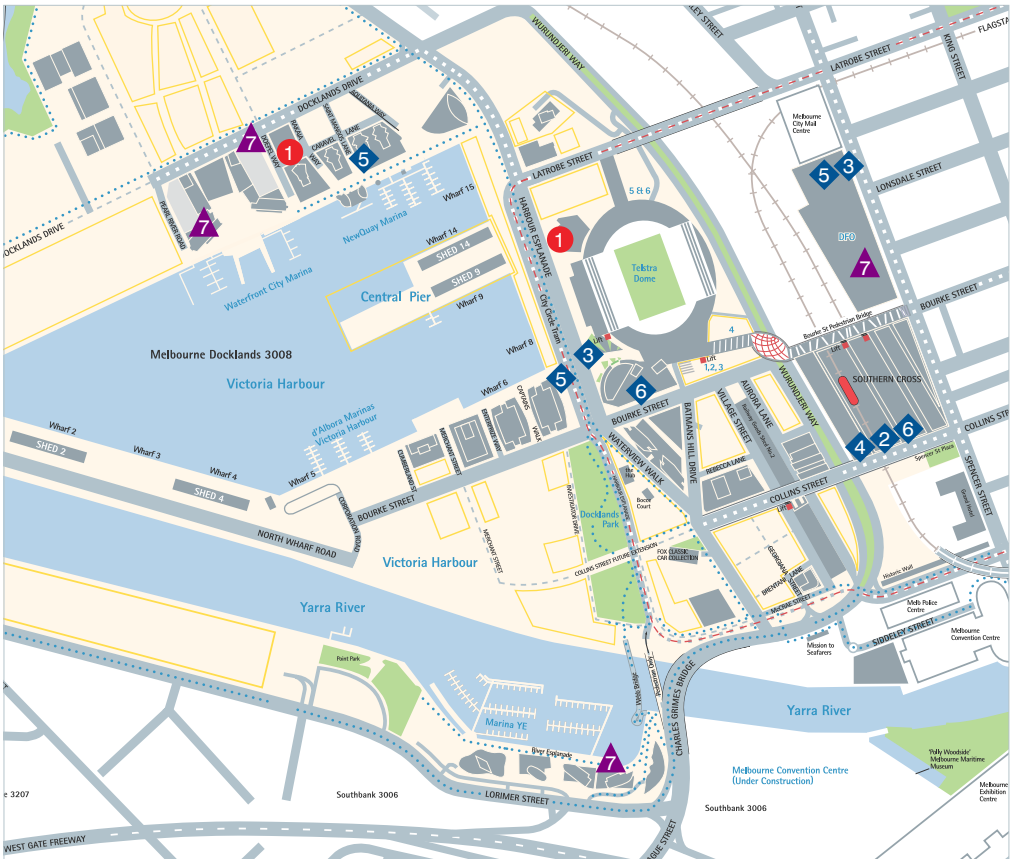
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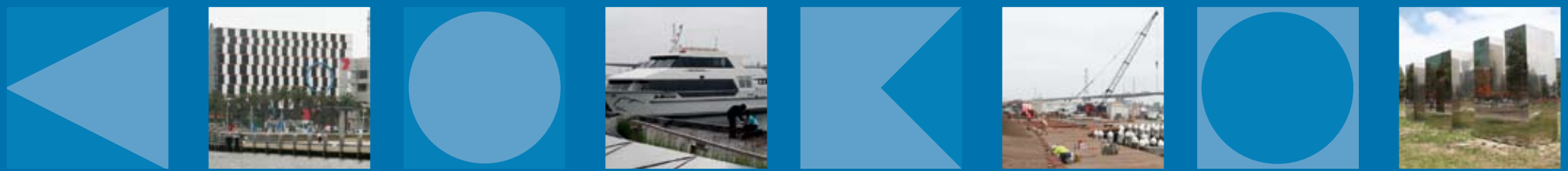


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New Businesses in Docklands

The Docklands Community News acknowledges new business openings as an information service to the local community. Docklands-based businesses wishing to be profiled in this section should email: news@docklandsnews.com.au

Client Service Support Pty Ltd

When was the last time you heard the phrase "thank you for your business?" Once a long time ago? Ever? Or can't you even imagine a business you deal with being that interested in you?

Client Service Support Pty Ltd (CSS) is a new Docklands-based business which asks that very question.

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Not only will they have the "thank you" conversation with customers but they will be looking to turn "perception into reality" in terms of how businesses are really perceived by their clients.

More business and referrals are also generated by these calls.

If you are in a transactional business i.e. one which may deal with customers on an irregular basis, and you don't keep in touch with your clients at least once every 90 days then you may as well not exist in most cases. People change jobs, businesses move or are acquired. Who remembers who did the last lot of printing, serviced the heating system or supplied the phone system?

CSS is the brainchild of two business partners, Amanda Innes and Ray Brown. They have been doing market research

and pilot projects for a number of months and the response has been amazing.

As Ms Innes said: "People are just so delighted to get a call that begins with a thank you, that they then are very generous with their time and information."

CSS can be contacted at Suite 110, 425 Docklands Drive (right next to the Waterfront City Marina office) or on **03 9602 4844**, or amanda@clientservicesupport.com.



New Energy Physiotherapy

Docklands resident and physiotherapist John Bradshaw opens New Energy Physiotherapy this month in Merchant St, Victoria Harbour.

The Dock 5 resident's physio clinic is about as close to home as you can get which means he has plenty of energy to lavish on his clients.

Energy is the theme John has drawn from Docklands itself – Melbourne's energetic and dynamic new suburb. His physio practice is modern, elegant and sophisticated.

"It's professional service I am primarily interested in bringing to my clients. It is about an expert diagnosis and effective treatments, but clients can expect something extra, whether it a personal welcome or a drink to help them relax," he said.

John has been working in Australia as a physiotherapist since graduating from the University of Melbourne in 2004. But his medical experience goes back to 1994 when he was awarded a medical science degree in Cardiorespiratory Medicine in his native Florida, USA.

Prior to becoming a physiotherapist, John worked as a respiratory therapist in trauma and intensive care units in Miami USA, Dubai and Vietnam.

Since graduating, John has worked in physio practices in Emerald, Mt. Waverley and Caulfield.

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Childcare places now in Docklands

With an acute shortage of childcare places, the opening of Future Kids' newest childcare centre at the World Trade Centre Northbank Wharf, couldn't have come at a better time for Docklands-based working parents and residents.

The brand new 120-place privately owned and operated childcare centre, Future Kids Child Care - WTC (Northbank Wharf), is purpose built and located at the former World Trade Centre.

The centre is located only a stroll away from Southern Cross station to enable easy drop off collection of the kids and a return home via public transport.

All day secure pram storage and designated parking spots make the pick up and drop off seamless and stress free.

Future Kids' philosophy is to extend family nurturing beyond the home. A devoted caring experience is offered and modelled on the care provided within the home, to allow parents to continue working secure in the knowledge that their children's welfare is paramount.

The centre is owned by Ken and Lin Ong, who have over 15 years' experience in managing high quality care in child care services.

As parents themselves, the Ongs' philosophy is to embrace the whole family and offer the highest level of care and enrichment to the children, ensuring the entire family benefits.

Future Kids has extended opening hours from 7.00am to 7.00pm and parents have the opportunity to visit any time of the day to settle children in or make a lunchtime

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Docklands Community Calendar

Date and time	Event	Venue and location	Description & Contact details
Wednesday-Sundays 11am - 6pm	Obscura Gallery: Melbourne-Scapes	Suite 11, 285 Carlisle St, East St Kilda	The Melbourne-Scapes exhibition at Obscura Gallery features a significant amount of photography of structures from the Docklands area. Further information at: www.obscuragallery.com or 9525 9377
Each Wednesday 6.30pm - 8.30pm	Meditation and Buddhism lessons	The Hub	A prominent Buddhist nun and teacher has been invited to teach meditation and Buddhism in Docklands. Participants come once a week for meditation, guidance and a talk relevant to modern life. For further information contact The Hub on 8622 4822
Thursday, June 5 7.30 pm - 8.30 pm	Docklands Community Association meeting	The Hub	Open meeting for residents
Launch 5 June 6.30 – 8.30pm Exhibition Monday-Friday, 10am - 5pm Weekend of 14 and 15 June 10am - 5pm	Talking Docklands launch & exhibition	Digital Harbour Theatre	OPEN CHANNEL, in association with City of Melbourne and Portable Content, is combining community storytelling and portable movies in a new exhibition for a new suburb. Talking Docklands focuses on the stories of people that live and work in suburb 3008. Further information at: www.openchannel.org.au/talkingdocklands
Saturday, June 7 8am - 1pm	Farmer's market	Waterfront City Piazza, Waterfront City	Become passionate about the food you put on your table by heading down to Docklands Farmers Market to select from a smorgasbord of delicious fresh and gourmet produce.
Friday 13 June: Ocean's 13 7.30pm	Free Docklands Twilight movies	Docklands Park, Victoria Harbour	Gather your friends, family and workmates to watch these FREE movies on the big screen under the stars. Bring your own picnic and rugs. No food or drink facilities available. Alcohol free event. Supported by City of Melbourne and proudly delivered to you by YMCA Victoria – Melbourne City Sports. Ph: 9347 3532
Sunday, June 19 5pm	Latin Dancing at Docklands	60 Lorimer St	DANCE101 presents a FREE community event of Latin Dancing @ the Docklands. Playing a combination of Salsa, Cha Cha, Rumba, Samba. Stunning city views and yachts protected from wind and sun, family atmosphere. Contact Cheryl on cheryl@dance101.com.au or 0417 700 767
Friday, June 20 - Sunday June 29	Ignite at Docklands	Newquay	City of Melbourne presents a new experience in Docklands this winter, drawing together international musicians, performance artists and lighting experts to invigorate, illuminate and stimulate the winter waterfront. Add to this the numerous restaurants serving specifically devised dishes and cocktails, the Melbourne Docklands is definitely the place to fire up this June.
Friday 20th June until 30th August 5pm - midnight	Tree lit promenade	NewQuay & Waterfront City	Rug up and take a stroll down the tree lit promenade of NewQuay and Waterfront City this Winter.
Until June 22	Disco On Ice	Waterfront City Pavilion	From \$7 for participants \$3 skate hire and spectators
Thursday 26 June 11am - 2.30pm	Merchant Street Opening	Merchant Street, Victoria Harbour	Lend Lease in conjunction with the City of Melbourne will be launching Melbourne Docklands' newest retail precinct in Merchant Street Victoria Harbour. To help warm up the soul in conjunction with the winter festival, Merchant Street will come alive in a celebratory street party full of spicy foods, hot drinks, fire twirlers and smoking music. Also on display will be 25 mosaic murals completed by around 500 children as part of the City of Melbourne's Summer Fun in the City festival held in January this year.

MELBOURNE DOCKLANDS



Party with the new merchants of Merchant Street

To celebrate the launch of Merchant Street in Victoria Harbour, and the arrival of many new retailers, Lend Lease is throwing a Street Party for all its residents, workers and visitors from all over Melbourne.

Held in conjunction with the City of Melbourne's winter festival, *Ignite at Docklands*, the party will illuminate the shopping precinct with performances by fire twirlers, fire eaters, buskers and musicians.

You'll be able to sample the wares of retailers such as Safeway, Australia Post, Westpac, Bread Top, Nutshack and Louis' Eastern Health. So join the party and explore Docklands' newest retail heart at Victoria Harbour.

Thursday 26th June, 2008 11.00am - 3.00pm



Victoria Harbour

Where are the **auctions in Docklands?**

By Sarah Murray

Compared to the rest of Melbourne, Docklands is an auction black hole. Rarely do you hear the cries of “is it on the market yet?” or more ubiquitously “going, going gone”.

Here, in one of Melbourne’s newest and growing residential markets, private sales rule.

Ken Kwok of MICM Property puts it down to the housing stock that dominates Docklands. “Auctions don’t really work with apartments or strata title units. You may have five or even 10 places going for sale at any one time in Arkley or Paladium, so the process is compromised because there is so much choice.”

The balance between auction and private sales across Melbourne fluctuates, as figures released by the Real Estate Institute of Victoria show. But, on a typical weekend such as May 17-18 there were 560 auctions and 604 private sales available.

These figures contrast sharply with what’s going on in Docklands. According to valuer Herron Todd White’s “Month in Review” publication, during January and February there were 51 sales in Docklands. Some 48 were private and only three went to auction.

Glen Lucas of Lucas Real Estate agrees with Ken Kwok. “Docklands is very much a private sale area because of the number of properties on the market. Properties tend to go to auction because of their special features and as a vendor you get your best price.”

According to Messers Kwok and Lucas, if buyers know that there are five or six

similar properties on the market they may feel pressured by the restrictive four week timeframe of a typical auction, and put off buying. Whereas with private sales there is often more time to consider the pros and cons, which works well in an area people are still getting to know.

Mr Lucas said: “(Buyers) often need more time. They want to understand what the future holds. For example if views will be restricted by future developments and if they are coming to live or if it’s an investment.

“It is different to apartment blocks in other areas. As a developing suburb, there’s new stock coming on the market all the time, but as people have got to know the area (sales have) improved.

“Over the last 12 months we’ve sold 103 apartments by private sale. Auctions

often fail to reach their buy price, and really, it’s only the neighbours who turn up.”

Eugene Louey of Barry Plant has a slightly different slant. “We’re very active in the auction market and are more attuned to it. You do have to be selective with which properties go to auction, but it can also depend on what the owners want.”

“If they want a quicker response and the price is more in line with what the market is asking, it may be more conducive to the condensed campaign of an auction. Of course, the rarer the apartment the better they may do.”

Right now it looks like private sales will continue to dominate in the area. But eventually, once development has slowed and the market is more familiar with the area, auctions may prove to be as popular as they are elsewhere.

Marathon mania

By Sara Picken-Brown

For the majority of us the onset of winter signals hibernation, eating too much and cursing getting out of bed on dark winter mornings. So begins the annual battle of the winter bulge.

But it doesn’t have to be this way, there are plenty of opportunities to set some achievable fitness goals and get out and enjoy the weather and your local area. Docklands is brimming with running tracks

and spaces to improve your fitness and local resident and personal trainer ,Sara Picken-Brown has some tips on getting ready for Melbourne’s running season.

As with any project you need to make sure you have the right tools for the job. When starting a running program, that means footwear. Make sure your runners provide support through the arch and are light yet durable.

Avoiding injury is the most critical element to your training and with the amount of miles you will be clocking up, what you put on your feet will literally make or break you.

Get yourself a heart rate monitor. Polar heart rate monitors have some very good quality, reasonably priced models available. With the ability to set your target training zones this device will not let you rest on your laurels, motivationally you can’t ask for a better task master.

In terms of safety, heart rate monitors are a great way for people who have health concerns or are deemed high risk health candidates to get involved with fitness activities such as fun walks and runs.

Set some realistic goals with an event you plan on entering. This will give you a time frame for your training.

Be realistic. I would not recommend entering a marathon in two weeks if you’ve never run before. Give yourself time in your training so that you can comfortably run up to 2-5km more than the event distance at least two weeks out from your race.

For training, the key is getting the miles in your legs, rain, hail or shine. Remember, you won’t rust.

Mix your training days up so that you cover all elements of your fitness, this will make you a stronger, more efficient runner. Include

speed training (hill sprints are great), slow-paced runs building in length over time and your race pace runs again, building in length over time.

Depending on how far away your goal event is, you can include a minimum of one and maximum of three rest days in any given week.

Be meticulous with your diet – plenty of whole organic foods, hydration (water is best) and recovery protocols. Cold water running sessions of 20 minutes on rest days are a great recovery technique for breathing life into tired limbs.

So get out and enjoy the outdoors this winter. Get a running group together at work or where you live. You’ll be surprised how much fun you can have and how competitive you may become.

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New stalls at market

This Saturday’s (June 7) Docklands Farmers Market features two new stalls.

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- A bakery on the water’s edge supplying gourmet pastries, veggie frittatas, home-made quiches and family size pies that will be the perfect winter warmers on even the coldest days.

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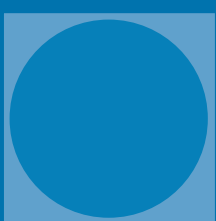
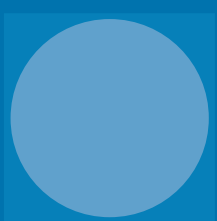
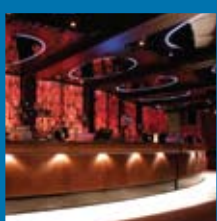
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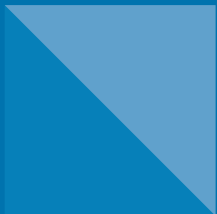
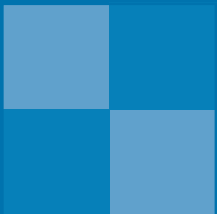
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Classic start to **RACV** rally

An eclectic collection of vintage and classic vehicles assembled in the early hours of Saturday April 5 at the Fox Classic Car Collection site in Docklands. The amazing gathering of vehicles was for the start of the RACV sponsored "Fly the Flag" tour 2008.

The Fox Classic Car Collection hosted the flag off with most participants taking the chance to walk through and view the exceptional vehicle collection assembled by trucking magnate Lindsay Fox.

Fellow travellers socialised with a barbecue breakfast swapping yarns before the 9.00am flag off. Excitement was high and the

enthusiasm for vehicles was clearly marked on the happy faces of participants.

The week long RACV Fly the Flag Rally journeyed through Victoria's Western District visiting historic towns, homesteads and tourist attractions.

Monies raised assisted the charitable RACV Foundation.



Smiles all round after the last race dramas as St Leonards College team celebrates its back-to-back Victoria Harbour Schools Teams racing win. Pictured left to right (rear) Eloise Silvester (yr 8), Richard Taylor (Yr 12), Olympic gold medalist Mark Turnbull who presented the winners trophy, Nick Taylor (yr 10), Ben Gunther (yr 12) front row Jacqui Gurr (yr 11) holding the Shield, Matt Taylor (yr 7) and Chris Gurr (yr 8).

Not just plain **sailing**

In school yachting's equivalent to the head of the river, St Leonards College came from behind with just metres to spare, to snatch a thrilling last leg and last race victory in the final of the Victoria Harbour Teams Racing at Docklands in April.

The score was one race all going into the last race to decide the winner against their staunch rivals, The Peninsula School.

And at the last mark with just 200 metres to sail, defending champions St Leonards managed to narrowly out smart their Peninsula School rivals to clinch victory.

Sydney 2000 Olympic gold medalist Mark Turnbull OA who happens to be a St Leonards old boy presented the winners trophies.

Third place in the championship went to the fledgling young team of rookies from Woodleigh College who had the measure of St Bedes College, needing only two of the three final races to secure third spot.

Sponsored by Lend Lease's Victoria Harbour and the City of Melbourne, the regatta is sailing's equivalent to rowing's prestigious Head of the River. This new series builds on the past successful events at Docklands and was hosted by Docklands Yacht Club with assistance from Yachting Victoria.

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