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Homeless feel at home at Docklands

Council triples late night security patrols

There will be three times as many security guards patrolling Docklands on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights following a review by the City of Melbourne.

The council on July 29 voted to spend an extra \$85,000 per year on extra security guards.

Instead of one guard on patrol in the early hours of the morning, there will now be three on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. Two officers will be on foot and another in a car.

To achieve the deployment, the council is proposing a different roster for weekends with only one guard on duty during the day and three on duty between 7 pm and 7 am.

The review follows the bashing of Dock 5 resident Ron Clarke by a group of youths in May.

However, an online survey conducted by the Docklands Community News has found that 61 per cent of residents feel safe living in Docklands. Eight respondents said they felt safe living in Docklands and five said they did not feel safe.

"Skate kids are the goods ones. Ignoring a few scratches and chips out of the nice Docklands benches, it's not really a big problem," one respondent said.

"Does it really stop residents doing anything they would like to do? It honestly seems like a petty attempt to get 'one-up' on a group of kids to me."

However, another said: "The place ends up full of drunken yobbos pouring over from Waterfront City and the nightclubs. I look down and I can see fights, hear screaming and yelling for hours, drunken groups singing and screaming out. It happens every weekend. I'm getting fed up with it. The police are always being called."



"I think that Docklands needs to work out if it's primarily residential or a nightclub area. The two do not mix."

In answer to the question "What security measures would you like introduced?", four respondents suggested CCTV cameras, three suggested more police and two wanted more security patrols.

See page 8 for more survey responses.

The City of Melbourne does not provide security guards for any other area of the municipality. It "inherited" the practice from VicUrban when it took over municipal responsibility in July 2007.

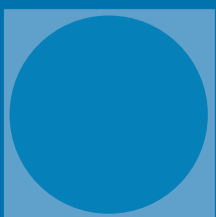
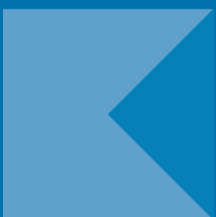
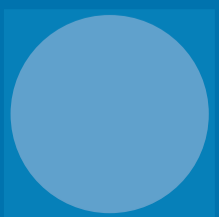
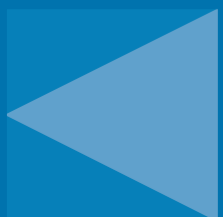
The guards were introduced as Docklands did not have enough population to warrant Victoria Police presence. The council has been making representations to Victoria Police for a greater police presence.

The nation's homeless and marginalised descended on Docklands last month for the national street soccer championships at Waterfront City.

New South Wales defeated Victoria Metro 8 to 5 in the grand final, after a series of round robin matches played in giant inflatable street soccer pitches on July 20.

Six teams of homeless and marginalised people from across Australia competed in the national championships, while also vying to impress coaches for selection to the Aussie Street Socceroos to play in the Melbourne 2008 Homeless World Cup in December.

The Homeless World Cup is a world-class, annual, international street soccer tournament which this year will be held at Federation Square and Birrarung Marr from December 1-7.



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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.
No proper nouns, foreign words or plurals ending in 's'.

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Target: 8 words – Private
14 words – Sergeant
36 words – Captain

Solution to be supplied in next issue

Solution to Puzzle from last edition

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Harbour Esplanade plans unveiled

VicUrban this week unveiled plans to introduce a major new waterfront park within the heart of Docklands – transforming Harbour Esplanade into an area for relaxation and recreation by the water.

Concept plans are on display at The Hub until August 17. Feedback from Docklands residents is sought before final plans are developed.

Calling the concept “Melbourne’s verandah”, the project area runs between Docklands Drive in the north (New Quay and Waterfront City), to Bourke Street (Victoria Harbour and Docklands Park) in the south. It includes the full width of tram tracks, road reserve and footpath between the water of Victoria Harbour and buildings fronting Harbour Esplanade.

A team led by Black Kosloff Knott/Taylor Cullity Lethlean has developed the concept plans for the project.

The partnership has been involved in the redevelopment of Auckland’s port area, the

design and transformation of Geelong’s waterfront and the revitalisation of central Dandenong.


Members from the project team will be at The Hub in person to discuss the concept at the following times:

Tuesday, August 5 – 10am - 12pm
Thursday, August 7 – 6pm - 8pm
Saturday, August 9 – 10am - 12pm
Tuesday, August 12 – 6pm - 8pm
Thursday, August 14 – 10am - 12pm
Saturday, August 16 – 10am - 12pm


The Hub is located at 17 Waterview Walk Docklands (near the corner of Bourke Street and Harbour Esplanade) and is open from 8.30am - 5pm during the week and will open on the weekends at the times outlined above.



Key features of the concept designed to facilitate the public realm improvements include:

- A promenade adjacent to the water and a water deck, providing greater access to the water for recreational use;
- Clearly designated, separated areas for relaxation and activity;
- Parkland comprising gardens, open spaces and areas for water play;
- A “sculptural verandah” providing partial shelter and shade over a pedestrian walkway;
- A designated bike path;
- Consolidating the tram lines and road reserve within a tree-lined boulevard to allow for the additional green space; and
- Building on Docklands’ reputation as a leader in Ecologically Sustainable Design (ESD) and Water Sensitive Urban Design (WSUD), through introducing initiatives such as stormwater capture and re-use.



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The recently elected Docklands Community Association get down to business: From left to right: Peter Henderson, Janette Shaw, President Michele Anderson, Roger Gardner and Karl Burburick (Howard Barnes is currently overseas).

A new president for the Docklands Community Association

By Sarah Murray

High profile Docklands resident and prolific community activist Michele Anderson has recently become the new president of the Docklands Community Association.

Always enthusiastic about the many issues affecting Docklands and its future development, she is keen to see communications throughout the community improved and, crucially, more people involved with the association.

"I really want to get 'Onboard Docklands', the Docklands community website, used more actively. It's a tool of the community and we should be updating it regularly with what's happening whether it's to do with local issues or social events," she said.

Having lived in Docklands for seven years, originally in Arkley and now in Nolan with husband Col and children Blake and Brooke,

Michele recognises that some of the newer developments are just now coming up against issues that affected the older developments some years ago.

To help overcome this Michele wants more input from all areas of Docklands: "Currently we don't have anyone on the association from Yarra's Edge, which makes it very difficult to go to council or government when we don't have balanced representation."

"When asked by council about issues such as parking, licensing or the water strategy then we need people involved so we can get a co-ordinated input. When the council sends information they want a point to send it to, but how do we disperse that information if there's not a member?"

Other 2008 committee members include Peter Henderson and Janette Shaw from Dock 5, Roger Gardner from Arkley, Howard Barnes from Flinders Wharf and Karl Burburick from Watergate. In addition Paul O'Halloran from The Boyd acts as a representative for the association on the

Police Community Consultative Committee (PCCC) dealing specifically with security and licensing issues.

Currently Michele sees security and the "toy vehicle" by-law, which is basically aimed at controlling skateboarding, as the main issues affecting Docklands.

"The presence of police and increased security has to be discussed further with the relevant authorities. Demarcation between different areas of Docklands means that security resources are not allocated as well as they could be and this really needs to be sorted," she said.

"When it comes to the skateboarders, if you introduce a by-law then it becomes the responsibility of the council by-laws officers to enforce, not the police. So whether it can be enforced or not is going to be an issue."

In fine-tuning the workload of the committee, Michele is looking to set up sub-committees to deal more effectively with local activities.

"The association has gone through a few stages over the years, at times being more of a social committee and at other times being issues driven. So we can maintain a focus on the issues, having a social sub-committee and an arts sub-committee is important," she said.

"There are lots of businesses out there who want to get more involved in the community activities and have budgets to make it happen. A tour of Safeway is planned and Renzo's will be doing a night in August to show the 'Talking Docklands' DVD, so the contacts are there, people want to do things and we can help make it happen."

One of Michele's own ideas is to instigate a women's breakfast with high profile women speakers, open to all women who live or work in the Docklands area. She hopes to hold the first one later this year.

Anyone interested in finding out more about the Docklands Community Association or wanting to get involved can email Michele at: theandersons4@bigpond.com.

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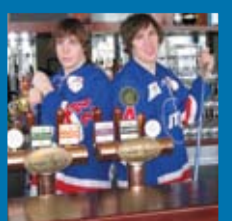
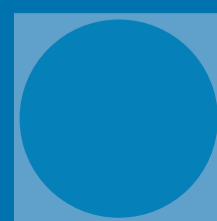
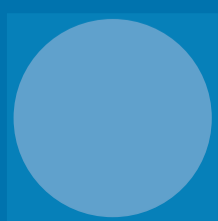
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Loves Docklands, loves Melbourne

By Sarah Murray

Despite having spent a number of years living overseas, local Docklands resident and musician Tony Moore just can't get Melbourne off his mind.

He loves it and with the release of his "My Melbourne" CD and website, is proudly singing its praises to locals and visitors alike.

As a project that kicked off more out of passion than for commercial reasons, Tony said: "I started with wanting to write songs about Melbourne. I've been a songwriter for many years and have always dabbled away at it in my home studio. After working overseas in the industry for a number years, I came home about four years go and fell in love with Melbourne again, and it occurred to me that no-one had written any original songs about Melbourne since the Skyhooks."

To promote the album, Tony has also set up a website that provides information about the places he most loves around Melbourne and suggestions for places worth visiting, including restaurants, shops, walking tours and nightlife. A DVD has just been launched.

Tony penned all the songs on his album with two notable exceptions, a "remix" of Waltzing Matilda and a collaborative piece with musician Jackie Orszaczky.

"Jackie was one of Australia's most talented musicians. He was musical director of Marcia Hines' original band and over the years worked for other well-known acts such as Human Nature. For him it was all about the music."

"Sadly he passed away and I wanted to use something that he'd played on. Partly because he was a most wonderful person,

and partly to provide a royalty income stream for his family."

With several hundred visitors to the "My Melbourne" website and sales at around 4-5 CDs a day, Tony says he hasn't really "pushed the envelope" with the marketing until now, with the launch of his song "City Circle Tram" as the theme song for Yarra Trams new City Circle Tram promotion.

"Yarra Trams will be distributing flyers on the City Circle Tram and is also currently distributing the new DVD into hotels, the museum and the aquarium. I've also hooked up with Best Souvenirs in Fed Square who will be playing and selling the CD. It's also promoted on the 'That's Melbourne' website."

For more information about the "My Melbourne" CD visit www.mymelbourne.net.au

Celebrate Melbourne Day

August 30, 2008 marks 173 years since the founding of Melbourne – the day the first European settlers landed on the north banks of the Yarra River aboard the schooner Enterprise.

Melbourne Day celebrates much more than just the day the city was founded. It represents the point at which the proud community of Melbourne began to form and is a day to celebrate how great it is to be a Melburnian!

Join Lord Mayor Cr John So for morning tea at Enterprise Park as he raises the Melbourne flag. A replica of the Enterprise will be open to the public at Waterfront City, Docklands. Take advantage of a free tour and learn what life was like aboard this famous schooner.

Visit Zephyr Gallery at Yarra's Edge to view the works of the "Melbourne on Canvas Contemporary Art Prize" winners and find out how Melburnians feel about the city we all home.

For more information visit thatsmelbourne.com.au

Victoria Harbour Digital Quilt – Put Yourself in the Picture!

Footscray Community Arts Centre has been commissioned by Lend Lease to undertake a community-engagement arts project exploring community, stakeholder and tenant responses to, and aspirations for, the Victoria Harbour precinct.



As part of the project, award-winning video artist Tamsin Sharp will work with the Victoria Harbour precinct to create a high quality artwork. In collaboration with Tamsin, the participating community members will explore themes concerning their lives and their aspirations for life in the area, ultimately creating a "digital quilt" - a video presentation that literally presents a "patchwork" of scenes and voices to reflect the rich mosaic of the Victoria Harbour community.

Project work for the Victoria Harbour Digital Quilt will be undertaken throughout August and September, with the resulting digital artwork exhibited within the Victoria Harbour precinct in October.

Visit www.footscrayarts.com closer to the exhibition date for more details.

If you are interested in participating in the Victoria Harbour Digital Quilt, please contact Footscray Community Arts Centre by calling 9362 8888 or emailing reception@footscrayarts.com.

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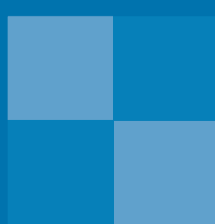
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Merchant Street party fires up new retail

Docklands' newest retail development, Merchant Street at Victoria Harbour, was officially opened on June 26 with a fiery lunch-time street party.

Acting Lord Mayor, Cr Gary Singer, Lend Lease General Manager Maurice Cococcia and VicUrban CEO Prue Sanderson, declared the \$25 million dollar shopping village open for business during a ribbon-cutting ceremony, followed by a lively street party celebrating the arrival of Docklands' newest retailers.

The Acting Lord Mayor said Merchant Street offered a unique blend of street-side cafes, specialty stores, personal services and convenience stores and was well aligned with the City of Melbourne's Docklands Retail Statement.

"The Docklands Retail Statement is a companion guide to the Melbourne Retail Strategy 2007:2012 and focuses on developing Docklands as a key part of Melbourne's retail fabric.

"More than \$675 million worth of new development is currently underway in Docklands. The addition of Merchant Street greatly enhances the retail mix and caters specifically for the rapidly growing working and residential population in the waterfront precinct," Cr Singer said.

Mr Cococcia said Merchant Street was a fantastic milestone for Victoria Harbour and one that not only the Victoria Harbour community but 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.

Merchant Street includes Docklands' first full-line supermarket, Safeway, above which

the Docklands Child Care Centre, to be run by Lady Gowrie, will be located. The Docklands Child Care Centre, currently under construction and due to open early 2009, will provide 150 new child care places for Melbourne.

Retailers already officially open for business include: New Energy Physio, Kenny's Cardiology, Westpac, Louis Eastern Health, Bread Top, DG Espresso, Nutshack, Coffee Gauge, Degani Cafe, Foxy Brown Beauty, Victoria Harbour Pharmacy and News, Café Banc, Essence, Harbour Kitchen, Harbour Noodles, Watermark, Victoria Harbour Medical Centre and IGA xpress.

Confirmed retailers still to come to Merchant Street include: Australia Post, LUCRF Super, Madonna's Pizza and Pasta, Brown Gouge, Asian Mart on Merchant and more.

Letters to the editor

Send your letters to
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I am glad that a councillor actually listened to the reaction from residents about the security implications of encouraging and catering for young people and their toys.

It's not that as we age we have lost our sense of play, it is more the realisation that when groups of young people gather, a pack mentality comes to pass and often combined with alcohol and chemical enhancements behavioural standards disappear.

When Mr Ron Clarke was bashed, he was returning from a meeting with a small group of neighbours.

He commented on destructive behaviour and asked the boys to move along. The fury of the reaction from the boys was scary.

While I feel safer around the apartment complex with security patrols and cameras, when traveling from the tram I have to pass along a construction site, pathways are uneven and bushes camouflage people sitting about.

Last week I had to put my head down and march past a man in the playground area who was talking loudly to himself and behaving erratically. I certainly wouldn't have permitted my child to play on the equipment while he was about.

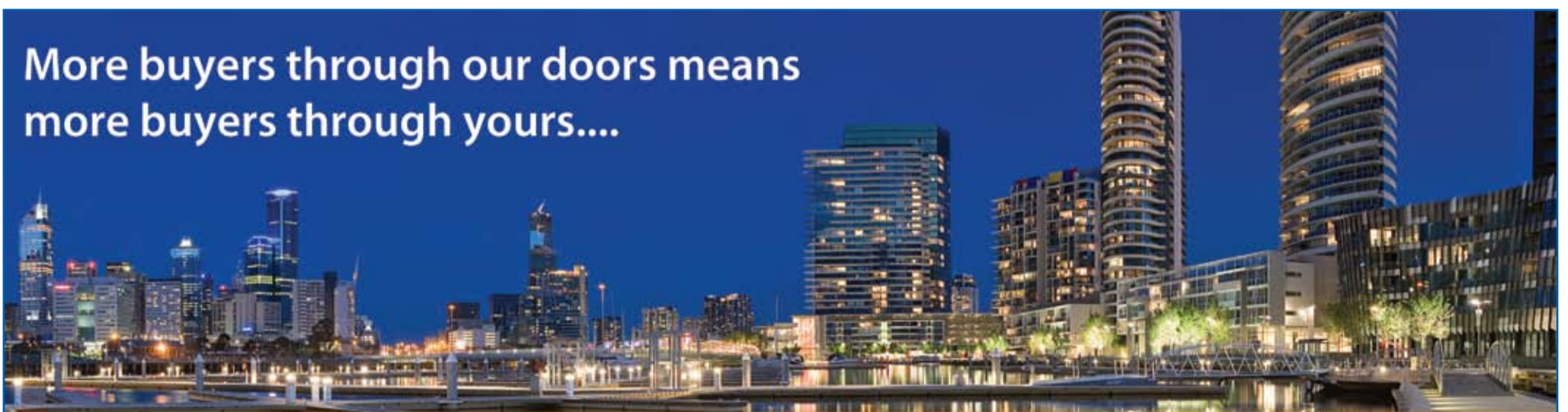
The outcomes of Ron's bashing have demonstrated that more cameras need to be installed, a security patrol needs to be implemented and the police need to be more familiar with the area.

We need a presence and a loud message to visitors to the area. Come in, have fun, but zero tolerance of unacceptable behaviour.

So thank goodness, we have Councillor Clarke jumping onto this cause quickly.

Regards, Gail Loveridge

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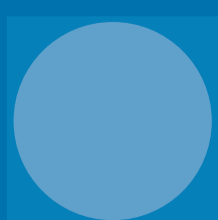
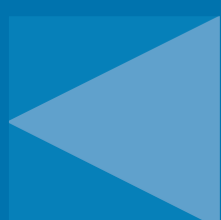
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Get ready to slow down at NewQuay

Take it slow and tease your palettes with a fine selection of tasty plates that will be on offer at a range of NewQuay restaurants every 'slow' Sunday afternoon throughout August.

Designed to increase visitation and attract new visitors to NewQuay over winter, the organisers of Slow Sundays, MAB, want to encourage visitors to dine in new places. And at only \$15 a head including a wine or beer, it's great value.

Restaurateur Ali Sal from Achelya Restaurant has been part of Slow Sundays since the beginning and says it's been great.

"It's made a big difference on Sundays for us, especially with my location. As we

are around the corner from the beautiful promenade, often people don't know we're here. With Slow Sundays they find me, it does promote the business and it makes a big difference," he said.

After running for three years, Slow Sundays is expected to be as popular as ever this year, offering visitors a great reason to mosey on down to NewQuay and enjoy the pleasure of grazing on delectable samples offered by each of the nine participating eateries.

Restaurants that will be involved this year are: Achelya, Berth, Bhoj Indian, Bpha Cevi, Liquid, Lounge Room, The Quay Bar & Brasserie, Renzo's Bar Café Italiano and the Victoria Harbour Kitchen and Bar.

So be it a doner kebab, beef vindaloo, lamb shanks, tapas, pasta or something vegetarian, there will be a variety of foods to try that the whole family can enjoy between 2-6pm every Slow Sunday throughout August.



By Sarah Murray

Cool Cars and Amazing Meccano at Docklands



For further information, visit www.foxcollection.org

"That was so groovy", "Wow, look at these cool cars", "See that big train – did you really build that?"

These were the sorts of comments that lots of school children came out with when they visited the "Cool Cars and Amazing Meccano" activities at Fox Classic Car Collection in July.

As part of the City of Melbourne winter school holiday program, mini car building, activity

sheets and Meccano model demonstrations were on offer.

Volunteers assisted children to build the miniature cars. Excitement levels were high as mudguards and lights were put in place. The Melbourne Meccano Club exhibited a range of models including clocks, remote control cars, a magnificent crane, while a delightful circus with trapeze artist, tightrope walker and fierce tiger provided entertainment. Activity sheets related to the classic car collection, occupying active young minds as parents took in the classic vehicles on display.



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2 Bed 2 Bath 1 Car

Price Private sale \$615,000
Inspect By appointment
Contact Glenn Donnelly

With unimpeded views of Victoria Harbour and the City, this spacious two-bedroom apartment located on the doorstep of the vibrant Docklands restaurant precinct, offers approx 100 square-metre's of luxury living that will appeal to families and entertainers alike. Floor-to-ceiling panoramic windows bring the world inside however has the tranquility of a library. Functionality and design come together in the kitchen where the combination of generous cupboard space and quality European appliances meld with the classical stone bench tops to create a work area that is both practical and pleasing to the eye.



Docklands 605 / 750 Bourke Street
INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY
1 Bed 1 Bath 0 Car

Price Private sale \$340,000
Inspect By appointment
Contact Glenn Donnelly

This beautifully presented fully furnished one bedroom apartment located on the 6th level of Docklands Victoria Point complex is a must see. This apartment is currently leased back to the secure tenant of Quest Service apartment group. What an ideal investment opportunity! Guests have access to YMCA's standard gym and leisure facilities. Close to the Telstra Dome, a short stroll to the Southern Cross Station, Melbourne's CBD, New Quay precinct restaurants and cafes and easy access to Melbourne Airport. Currently returning \$1600 per month with C.P.I. increases yearly.



Docklands 545 / 67 Spencer Street
GRAND HERITAGE
1 Bed 1 Bath 0 Car

Price Private sale \$210,000
Inspect By appointment
Contact Glenn Donnelly

Superb investment opportunity in one of Dockland's finest buildings. This one bedroom fully furnished mezzanine style apartment is securely leased to the Grand hotel. It offers the discerning buyer the comfort of a headache free management service with guaranteed weekly returns of \$225 with C.P.I. increases yearly. The building itself is a Melbourne land mark and offers services such as pool, spa, sauna, and gymnasium. Inspection by appointment only.



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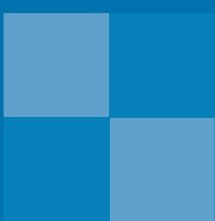


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10 Years on and the MAB Vision for NewQuay is still Strong

MAB Corporation has played a significant role in reshaping Docklands, bringing the City of Melbourne to the harbour's edge. Michael and Andrew Buxton's vision has created a thriving community for people to live, work and play right on the waterfront at NewQuay.

Today, 10 years later, there are over 20 cafes, bars and restaurants on the promenade, 1,200 residents across six towers, 50 boats in the marina, two commercial towers and a host of residential conveniences including a dentist, pharmacy and a range of beauty and health salons.

From 2008 until 2010 MAB's vision will continue to develop and create a further three residential towers, two commercial towers, over 20 luxury townhouses and a landscaped sanctuary – Quay Park – for the community to enjoy.

MAB Corporation also has a thriving Funds Management business, a host of award-winning business parks and the \$1 billion mixed-use development, University Hill in Bundoora.

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August survey:

Tell us what you think of the Victoria Lake idea on our online survey at www.docklandsnews.com.au/lake

Does Docklands lake idea hold water?

Reinventing Victoria Harbour as Victoria Lake, a freshwater storage facility for the provision of water for Melbourne's parks and gardens, is an innovative idea to emerge from a workshop run in conjunction with the Melbourne City Council as part of the ongoing 'City as Catchment' project.

The Victorian Eco Innovation Lab (VEIL), based at Melbourne University, is investigating the feasibility of such a project, seeing it as a potential long-term water storage solution with a 25-year lead time.

VEIL Director and Professor of Eco Innovation at Melbourne University, Chris Ryan, said: "The current cost of water storage is around \$200,000 per megalitre and current usage rates for landscaping is around 1000 megalitres of potable water a year."

"Melbourne City Council is trying to find ways to provide for the existing landscape of the city without the use of potable water, and have given a commitment to do so within the next two years. This means finding alternative ways to retain water from roads and roofs and create storage for the parks and gardens," he said.

According to Professor Ryan it should be looked at in terms of cost efficiency. "The idea is to look for ways to reduce costs through the use of ponds. We've been looking at Moonee Ponds Creek and the idea of diverting water into Victoria Harbour. In the long-term, it does seem to be a cost effective way to store a large volume of water. It is yet to be fully tested, but it has to be seen against the real cost of today."

The City of Melbourne does not consider the idea to be feasible, and believes the cost of dredging, sealing and refilling the harbour would far exceed potential alternatives such as Moonee Ponds Creek. The council is currently investigating creating a series of wetlands along the banks of the creek that could be re-used in much the same way as the wetlands in Royal Park.

Professor Ryan said that dredging was not actually necessary and, in pointing to an example set by Singapore, said: "The feasibility of such a project has already been proven. Singapore is doing it right now as an immediate solution. They have erected a barrage across the water and are replacing the salt water with fresh water. Over a relatively short time, around two years I believe, the salt will be reduced enough for the water to be at acceptable usage levels."

Professor Ryan added, "We are facing a period of immense change, when it is not so much resources but ideas for the future that we need to explore and open up, and I would encourage our students to keep doing so with ideas such as this."

The 'City as Catchment' project is part of the 'Re-thinking Melbourne in 2032', a 25-year project launched in 2007.

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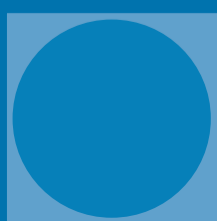
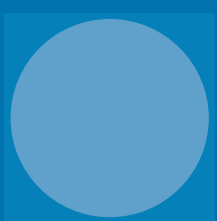
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These comments are extracts from our DCN July online survey:
How safe do residents feel in Docklands?

At this moment I think that I can feel quite secure in this part of Melbourne.

However things can change rather quickly, as the situation outside Dock 5 a few weeks ago has highlighted.

With regards to the ideas that Councillor Clarke is advocating, I don't think it is "grandstanding". That word can possibly only be used by someone not living here.

Young people and skateboarders and bike riders in particular can and do play a role in making pedestrians feel unsafe.

On top of that the youngsters destroy, with their way of riding their boards, a lot of infrastructure and some of the artwork around here.

And I have noticed that some of the skating groups endanger themselves by skating across Harbour Esplanade amongst fast moving vehicles.

In short, I am in favour of what the councillor is proposing.

I feel safe in my apartment but not outside on Friday and Saturday nights.

The place ends up full of drunken yobbos pouring over from Waterfront City and the nightclubs. I look down and I can see fights, hear screaming and yelling for hours, drunken groups singing and screaming out.

It happens every weekend. I'm getting fed up with it. The police are always being called.

I think that Docklands needs to work out if it's primarily residential or a nightclub area. The two do not mix.

I would like many more security guards. I would like Docklands to have it's own police shopfront that is manned on Friday and Saturday nights.

I'm tired of yobbos leaving bottles everywhere in the car parks and on footpaths. I am not a prude by any stretch of the imagination. I am not old ... I am in my 30s and like to go out too ... but it's not fair on those that spend a fortune to live here to be kept awake by idiots who don't care that they are keeping the residents awake.

I'm fed up with screeching tyres, yelling, vomit in the foyer and lifts some weekends etc by those that decide to stay here in the apartments.

The fight between the Docklands resident and the cyclists was unfortunate. Hopefully the perpetrators will be brought to justice.

I personally work with two "over 40s" who enjoy exercising on skateboards in skateparks every week.

The Docklands skateboarding issue sounds like the perpetual standoff between generations.

There is no more an association between skateboarders and trouble than there is between cyclists and trouble.

Docklands, on the whole, is a very safe area in my opinion.

It is probably also a safe area for the young to enjoy skating and socialising. I would be surprised if many (or any) residents feel intimidated out of enjoying a walk sharing a



broad footpath with some skate kids videotaping themselves and showing off to their friends etc.

Exercise, socialising, competitiveness and fresh air has all the hallmarks of a healthy pastime.

Where I grew up the problem was gangs of youths drinking alcohol in bushes, starting fights, smashing windows and worse.

I think it's important to pick your battles – Skate kids are the goods ones. Ignoring a few scratches and chips out of the nice Docklands benches, it's not really a big problem.

Does it really stop residents doing anything they would like to do? It honestly seems like a petty attempt to get "one-up" on a group of kids to me.

The Docklands is not an exclusive area and is public to all.



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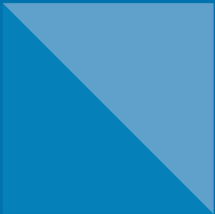
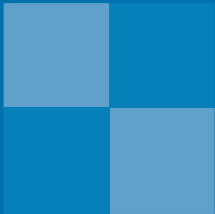
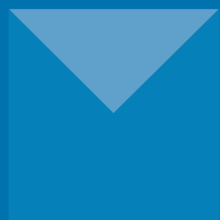
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Pursue your happiness!

By Guy Mason,
Docklands Church Minister

"All men seek happiness. This is without exception. Whatever different means they employ, they all tend to this end. The cause of some going to war, and of others avoiding it, is the same desire in both, attended with different views. The will never takes the least step but to this object. This is the motive of every action of every man." – Blaise Pascal

What I find most striking about Pascal's observation is that he doesn't make a moral judgment about this fact. He believes the desire to seek one's own happiness is just the law of the human heart as gravity is the law of nature.

This means that life is not about denying the impulse for joy, but rather about nourishing it with what will provide the deepest and most enduring satisfaction.

The question then is - **what will provide you the deepest and most enduring satisfaction?**

Tolstoy, a writer in the 19th century, spent his life trying to answer this question. In his autobiography he speaks of his days as a young soldier when he reveled in wine

and women only to discover that the more he had the less it satisfied. He then pursued wealth, inheriting his father's estate and became one of the richest men in Russia. But that didn't satisfy him either. He then thought fame might be the answer, so he wrote "War and Peace," which made him a huge success. The affirmation and recognition made him feel good for a season, but then the old feelings returned. So he turned instead to finding a wife and raising a family.

In 1862 Tolstoy married and had 13 children. He wrote that for a period this put him off finding the meaning of life. But then as he watched his children play he lamented *"what meaning is my life, that the inevitability of death does not destroy."* The fact that one day all will be dust made him question again. What is the point of it all?

At the end of his autobiography Tolstoy describes how he finally found real fulfillment. He quotes Jesus, who said – *"come to me all you who are weary and burdened I will give you rest."* After a life long search he began to enjoy a relationship not with wine, women or fame, but with the God he had been ignoring all along.

It may surprise you (as it did me) to know that God cares about your pursuit for happiness. In fact, when Jesus walked this earth he declared **'I have come that you would have life to the full!'** (John 10)

Sadly, many of us are satisfied too easily when it comes to joy. C.S Lewis writes, *"We are half-hearted creatures, fooling about with drink and sex and ambition when infinite joy is offered us. We are like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in the slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at the sea. We are far too easily pleased."*

My prayer for Docklands is that we would not settle for second best, but rather find our joy in he who provides the deepest and most enduring satisfaction, namely God himself.

In the words of Psalm 90, "May God satisfy you in the morning with unfailing love, that you may sing for joy and be glad all your days."

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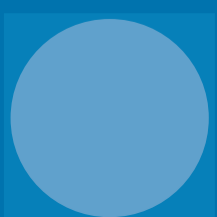
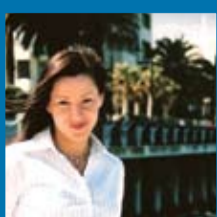
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Let there be light

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Now nearly six years old, this local landmark was funded by Yarra's Edge developer,

Mirvac as part of the Docklands Authority's public art program. It was designed by artist Robert Owen and built by architects Denton Corker Marshall.

Melbourne City Council, which is now responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of the bridge, has confirmed that following a recent inspection, a lighting replacement program involving all 272 lights will be undertaken by mid-August. In addition, the council advises that the city's bridge stock is

inspected every six months, with the next cycle due in the "near future".

The council is also planning 12 new "seagull" lights for NewQuay Promenade and four in Aurora Lane.

The council is to apply to the Department of Planning and Community Development for permission to install the extra lighting.

The extra lighting is in response to complaints from residents and business owners.

No change at the top

Keith Rankin was elected unopposed as Docklands Chamber of Commerce president on July 15.

The chamber held its annual general meeting in July rather than October in an attempt to generate more activity and interest.

Tony Beasley remains vice president, Vic Stroumos remains Treasurer, Elena Tsapatolis remains marketing rep and Natalie Hallert remains on the executive.

New to the executive are Don Jones, William Rowe and Tara Strong.

Desert Divas at Docklands

Art critics the world over acknowledged that "modern" Aboriginal art is the latest great art movement and came into being at the end of the 20th century.

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Zephyr Gallery is proud to present this collection of contemporary Aboriginal female artists for your viewing pleasure. The gallery also carries a range of work by other Aboriginal artists and can provide documented provenance for every piece - 60 River Esplanade, Yarra's Edge, Docklands

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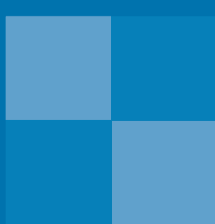
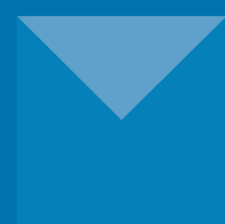
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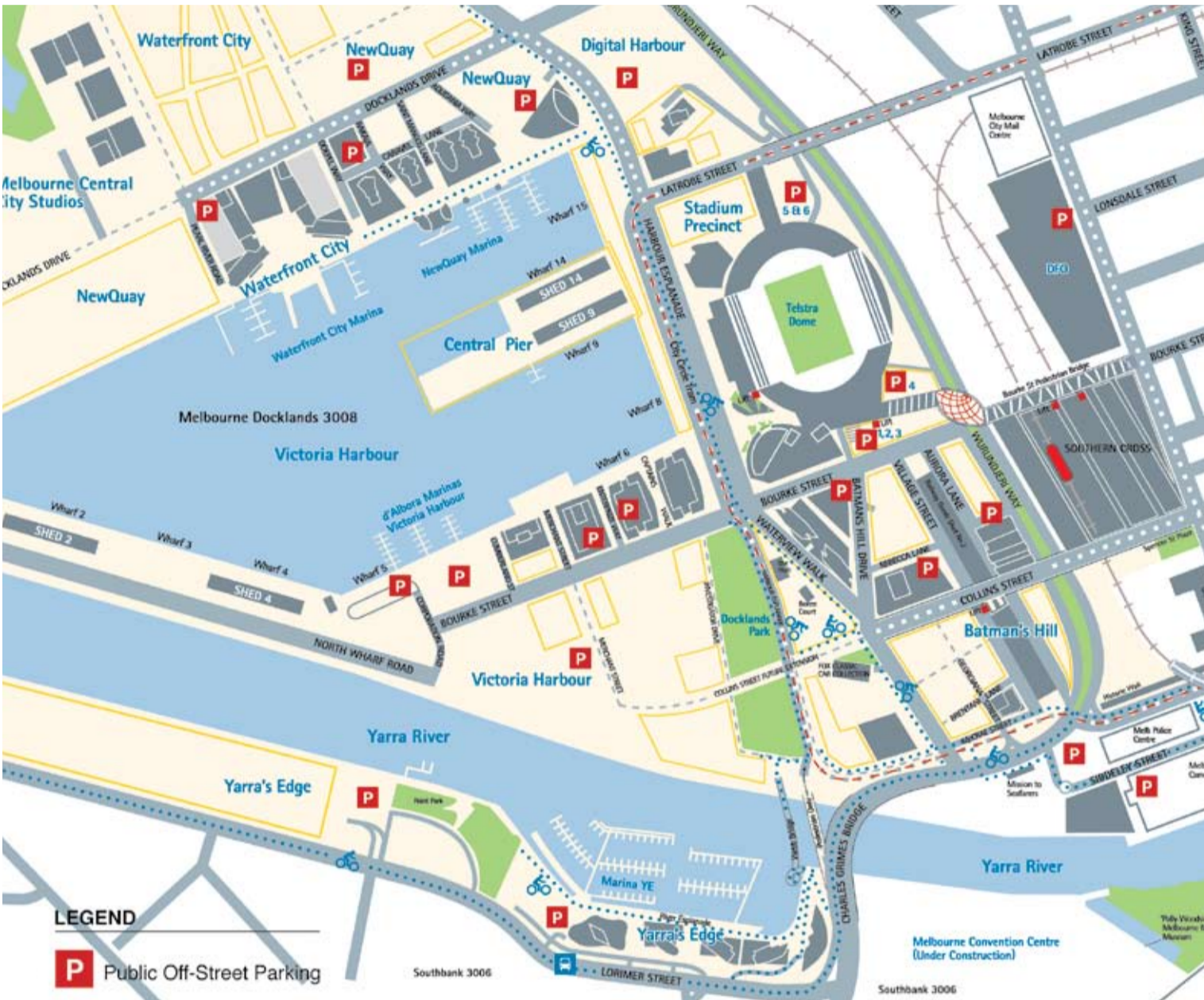
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As well as being located in the heart of Docklands, many members of the Lucas Real Estate team live here too.

Here Glen is pictured with Regina McInnes at June's Peer to Peer Docklands networking event.



Would you know what to do in an emergency?

The City of Melbourne has launched a *Be Aware Be Prepared* campaign to alert people with disabilities about emergency management plans tailored to meet their needs.

Understanding what to do in an emergency can save lives. All people with a disability as well as their friends and family are encouraged to get a copy of the free booklet and start work on a personal emergency plan.

The *Be Aware Be Prepared* booklet provides practical ideas on what to do in the case of an emergency, including a self assessment and step-by-step guide on how to create a personal plan for emergency preparedness.

The program was produced with funding provided by the Victorian Attorney-General's Department through the *Working Together to Manage Emergencies* initiative.

A checklist and handbook, *How Prepared Are You For an Emergency* has been produced in accessible formats such as braille, audio (CD and cassette), large print and easy English.

Call the City of Melbourne on 9658 9658 for more information.

Docklands employees unwind at lunchtime

Melbourne City Sports last month successfully held its first full-length program of yoga-pilates at The Hub

Feedback from participants has been strong and they are keen to continue next season.

Instructor Irina will be back to continue the classes and help participants relieve stress and unwind through a range of exercises ideal for beginners and intermediates.

If you are suffering from an injury, Irina can also offer great tips and take home exercises to help relieve the pain and discomfort.

Yoga-pilates is a fantastic way to escape the daily grind and get away from your desk to ease stress and anxiety.

The spring program will commence at The Hub on Thursday, August 14 and will run for 10 weeks, from 12.30 - 1.15pm.

Hooked on Books Illustrator workshops at The Hub@Docklands

The City of Melbourne is proud to present an exciting opportunity for children to meet with illustrators, and try their hand at creating their own art.

To celebrate the Albert Ullin Collections display at The Hub@Docklands the council is hosting workshops for five to 10-year-olds during August, followed by a storytime led by a City of Melbourne librarian.

The August program includes:

David Miller – *What's for Lunch?*
Saturday, August 9, 1.30pm to 3.30pm
Patricia Mullins – *The Magic Saddle*
Saturday, August 30, 1.30pm to 3.30pm

Workshops will be held at The Hub, 17 Waterview Walk. Please check www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/docklands for more information email The Hub at docklandshub@melbourne.vic.gov.au, call 8622 4822 or drop in to The Hub during business hours.

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Docklands Community Calendar

Date and time	Event	Venue and location	Description & Contact details
Saturday, August 2	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.
Saturday, August 2 – Sunday, August 17	Public display of Harbour Esplanade concept design	The Hub 17 Waterview Walk	Public display of Harbour Esplanade concept design.
Each Wednesday 6.30pm to 8.30pm	Meditation and Buddhism lessons	The Hub 17 Waterview Walk	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.
Saturday, August 9 1.30pm to 3.30pm Saturday, August 30 1.30pm to 3.30pm Exhibition runs until August 30	Hooked on Books	The Hub 17 Waterview Walk	To celebrate the Albert Ullin Collections display at The Hub@Docklands we will be hosting workshops for five to 10-year-olds during August, followed by a storytime led by a City of Melbourne librarian. David Miller – What's for Lunch? Patricia Mullins – The Magic Saddle The Hub: 8622 4822
Until August 15	Disco On Ice	Waterfront City Pavilion	From \$7 for participants \$3 skate hire and spectators.
Wednesday August 20 6pm to 7.30pm	Working Together for Melbourne Forum	Digital Harbour Theatre, Ground Floor, The Innovation Building, 1010 Latrobe Street	The City of Melbourne's annual series of Working Together for Melbourne Forums gives you the opportunity to share ideas and issues about local areas with City of Melbourne councillors and senior officers. Phone: (03) 9658 9658
Tuesday, August 26 7pm	Docklands Community Association: August meeting	Renzo's cafe	Pizza and pasta night for all residents. RSVP: DCAevent@live.com
Until August 30	Tree-lit promenade	NewQuay & Waterfront City	Rug up and take a stroll down the tree lit promenade of NewQuay and Waterfront City this winter.
Sunday, August 31 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.
Held on the first and third Fridays of the month. 3.30pm	English lessons	The Hub 17 Waterview Walk	Docklands Church is holding English classes for international students twice a month. Contact Kitty Cheng 0420 956 213 or email kittycheng@docklandschurch.org.au



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New Businesses in Docklands

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Dockland marine specialists officially open

More than 60 guests in July attended a cocktail evening to celebrate the opening of Docklands' newest commercial resident – Marine Solutions / Melbourne Boat Sales.

Held at the marine specialist's stylish Saint Mangos Lane premises, the evening was attended by a number of well-known Melbourne identities, including media personality and devout angler/boatie Rex Hunt and his wife.

A Marine Solutions' customer since the company began trading a few years ago, Rex wished proprietors Lee and Jennifer Vitiello the greatest success with Marine Solutions and with their accompanying business venture, Melbourne Boat Sales.

As a Sunseeker Select brokerage, the evening was also attended by Sunseeker East Coast's Rick Rodwell. Impressed by the first-class premises and the central Docklands location, Rick said he was confident Sunseeker would do very well in Melbourne.

Further to the on-water boat display and full-range of associated marina products, the company provides its customers complete five-star service, including offering instructional courses on boat handling, safety procedures, vessel maintenance and management, even correct rope work, to ensure new boat owners are prepared to face the open water.

Further information: Marine Solutions visit www.marinesolutionsaustralia.com.au or call 9670 3305.



Quantity surveyors in the heart of Docklands

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Northwind Group offers the full range of quantity surveying and project management services for the property and construction industries. The company specialises in cost planning and tax depreciation schedules.

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GEON - digital printers to make its mark in Docklands

Digital printer GEON has opened a plant in Docklands.

GEON group, CEO Graham Morgan said: "Melbourne has a great energy, which is a critical factor in choosing a site for something like this. As a renowned creative hotbed it generates a strong pull for new business, particularly in the creative arena, which of course relies on

high-calibre printing and finishing services to progress."

"Some of our largest clients are already here or planning to be, including the likes of AXA, with whom we will be sharing a building to better service their needs on site."

The facility will also operate as a retail outlet, making the highest quality commercial

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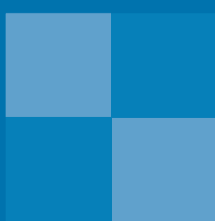
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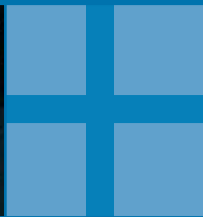
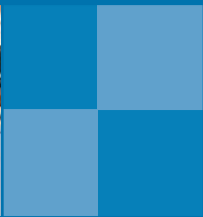
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Golf for corporate ladies



Docklands-based business woman Kathy Angelidis has established The Corporate Ladies Golf Network to break the mould when it comes to women and the male-centric game of golf.

Ms Angelidis said the network was created to assist women to get into the game by learning how to play in a safe, secure and non-threatening way. Members of the network are also taught to maximise the art of playing golf and using it to network business opportunities similarly to what goes on in the male corporate world.

She said 15 members worked or lived in Docklands. "I remember back to playing my first round and the day was filled with

mixed emotions about whether I was able to play. I had a desire to succeed and solve the mystery of the game and what can be achieved by playing it," Ms Angelidis said.

She discovered that women's needs in golf were very different to the traditional needs of men. "I found that there was a lack of avenues for the ladies, especially if their friends were not supportive of them taking it up," she said.

"I developed a passion for golf but often found it frustrating that my playing opportunities were limited. As a business owner, I enjoyed networking and socialising, so I combined the two very important elements into the Corporate Ladies Social Golf Network."

Since its launch in 2007, The Corporate Ladies Social Golf Network holds regular events ranging from organised golf days, clinics, social events which can include product demonstrations, education on the etiquette of the game and scoring, etc. Members of the network come from all walks of life varying in skill levels and age.

The success of the organisation has been acknowledged by several golf clubs who regularly invite the ladies to tee off using the club facilities and the tuition available through teaching clinics from club professionals.

Ms Angelidis is delighted with her success and the fact that many women who were once afraid to make the first step into learning about the game and what it has to offer have now joined the Corporate Ladies Social Golf Network. Membership is free and is open to all women who want to play golf with a regular social group.

For ladies interested in membership, contact Kathy Angelidis at kathy.angelidis@akevents.com.au



Skate dreams on thin ice?

Melbourne Ice import players Canadian Ryan Tremblay (left) and Swede Igor Skenderija work behind the bar at the James Squire Brewhouse in Docklands.

Melbourne's ice hockey team Melbourne Ice has its hopes set on calling Docklands home.

But the club is worried that the National Ice Sports Centre proposed for Docklands may not be built.

The centre had originally been earmarked for the roof of a four-storey Waterfront City carpark.

But ING Real Estate Development last year successfully applied for, and has now built, a six-storey carpark without the ice rink.

The rink was declared financially unviable, put on ice and was earmarked for land adjacent to the Moonee Ponds Creek.

ING says the rink is still on the agenda, although there are no specific plans at this stage.

Melbourne Ice president Josh Puls said: "The Docklands rink is going to be a great development for all ice sports in Victoria."

"This is the sporting capital of Australia. We used to have five rinks, in the 21st century we should certainly have two."

The club current plays its games at the Olympic Ice Arena in Oakleigh South.

Docklands resident and Melbourne Ice Supporter volunteer and supporter of Melbourne Ice, Geri Skillicorn, said: "I would love to see an ice sports centre built in my neighbourhood. It would be a great asset to the Docklands image."

"I can't wait to be able to walk to the rink to see Melbourne Ice play," she said.

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