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Docklands digs deep for fire victims

Docklands has responded to the bushfires tragedy with shock, sorrow and a series of fundraising events to aid the victims.

Fix at Waterfront City led the charge within days of the tragedy with a fundraiser on February 12 which raised \$5400. And organiser Tanina Osborne expects this amount to be matched by a sponsor.

On February 14 Alumbra nightclub at Central Pier raised \$3750 and Adventure Sails raised \$1629 by taking river tours from Waterfront City.

The next morning the Docklands Church community donated more than \$4000 to the cause.

Docklanders donated blood at Docklands Stadium for three days during the following week and in two days dropped off so much clothing and non-perishable food at the YMCA for distribution in fire-affected Diamond Creek that centre manager Nadine Fletcher said they had to stop.

She said the YMCA's annual Open Doors fundraiser this month would go to aiding fire victims.

On February 19, the Sandringham Club raised \$3200 by auctioning a donated day on the bay with Docklands-based Discover Sailing.

And on March 18 Docklanders have a chance to attend a cocktail and auction benefit night organised by the "Dock 5 Girls Night In" book club from 6.30 pm at Watermark Bar in Victoria Harbour.

Well-known comedienne and author Denise Scott will host the evening and local estate agent Glen Lucas will be the auctioneer.

Book club member Meredith Brown said: "Like all Victorians we want to help in the most constructive way – to raise money for those who have suffered and lost so much in the fires."

"Money isn't everything but it will help people to rebuild their shattered lives again," Ms Brown said.

"Watermark is donating all profits on the night to the cause and manager Nicholas Manias and his staff are donating their time."

Tickets purchased after March 4 cost \$75 and will entitle patrons to substantial hot and

cold canapes, champagne, wine, beer and soft drinks.

Book club member Chris Reiffel is co-ordinating donations for the charity auction on the night. The Docklands Community News has donated a full page advertisement valued at \$1980+GST.

"We are approaching local businesses asking for donations of goods and services that could be auctioned or placed on the 'promise tree'," she said.

For bookings contact Watermark on 9642 1800 and press 2. For auction items contact Chris Reiffel on 0407 320 872 or Meredith Brown on 0433 774 969.

On April 3 the Atlantic Group (V) is hosting a dining spectacular at Peninsula on Cental Pier featuring 30 of Melbourne's most influential and recognised chefs.

Tickets are \$250 and guests at each table can expect a random entrée from a restaurant, a random main from a restaurant and a random dessert from a restaurant – with no two items from any one restaurant being served at the same table.

For further information, call Atlantic Group (v) on 8623 9600 or view the website atlanticgroupv.com.au for further details.



The mood was sombre at the broadcast of a memorial service for fire victims at Waterfront City on February 22.

Photo: James Thomas.

Southern Star update

The Southern Star Observation Wheel is not expected to open within six months.

Southern Star Management Group said on February 25 that the extent of the works required was still not known but that it would take at least six months to fix.

The wheel's 90 operational staff have been offered a voluntary severance package.

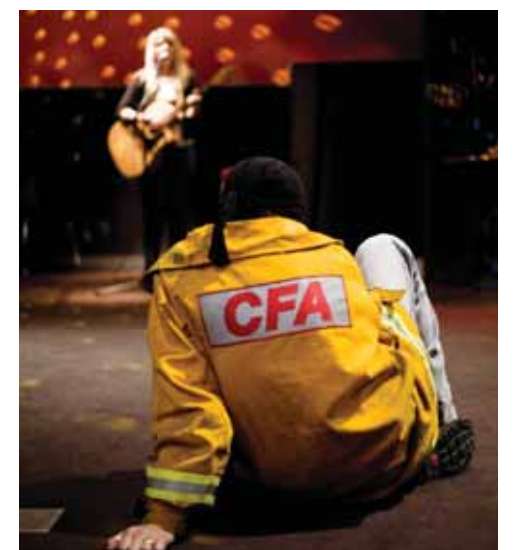
A heat wave in January damaged the wheel's secondary bracing members.

"The most appropriate rectification solution is currently being determined and on finalisation, work will commence," a Southern Star spokesperson said in a statement.

"This is a complex process as it involves working on a 120 metre high, 1650 tonne steel structure over an existing three-level support building."

"Further information regarding the rectification program will be announced once this process has been completed."

The statement said that the wheel would definitely reopen.



A fundraiser at Fix raised \$5400 within days of the tragedy. Photo: James Thomas.

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Going with the Flo

A 90, is Florence McLisky Docklands' oldest resident?

Meet Florence McLisky who at 90 years old is possibly Docklands' oldest resident.

Florence moved into Yarra's Edge in 2006 and, in the process, qualified for the first home buyers grant at 88.

Florence's son Peter brought her to Docklands from New Zealand where she had lived for the previous 60 years.

"We brought her over to be close to us so we could keep an eye on her," he said.

While Florence thinks Docklands is "lovely" she does miss having a house with a garden.

She takes her dog Tammy out for walks twice a day but would like the kind of community social contact opportunities that she had in New Zealand.

Mrs McLisky said most people in Yarra's Edge went elsewhere to work during weekdays which made the precinct a "weekend place".

"I'd like it a bit busier," she said.

"It's generally very nice, especially when it is sunny and the sea sparkles," she said.

Mrs McLisky grew up in a little place called Broughty Ferry at the mouth of the Tay River near Dundee in Scotland.

She was called into military service during World War II and met her New Zealand-born husband George while she was stationed in Nottingham.

She followed him across the world, had two children and now finds herself in Melbourne Docklands.

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Our first car is HOT

By Shane Scanlan

Docklands has produced one of the hottest cars in the world but it's for a cool cause.

Described by some as a Bentley hot rod, the stunning concept car was unveiled at the Melbourne Motor Show on February 27.

And while the motor show version was just a life-scale model, the real thing could roar into life in Docklands later this year.

Fox Car Collection curator and Docklands pioneer Brian Tanti started work on the idea seven years ago following a conversation with the late racing great Peter Brock.

Mr Tanti explained that the motivation behind the project was charitable.

"Doctors and nurses go off to other countries helping out as volunteers but where was the opportunity for the automotive industry to do something?" he said.

He and Brock had been involved with the charity Handbrake Turn and the idea of a hand-built one-off dream car fitted the bill in at least three ways:

- The vehicle would be auctioned worldwide to raise money for charity;
- The intellectual property generated by the project would be used to promote careers in the automotive industry; and
- It was a platform to showcase Australian innovation on the world stage.

It is likely that the Federal Department of Innovation, Industry and Regional Development will tip in cash to help finish what has been, up until now, a largely voluntary exercise. If that happens, the Tanti Hot Rod will be released to the world at the Frankfurt Motor Show in September as an example of Australian design and engineering excellence.

General Motors has also helped along the way and is being rewarded by branding the car its own.

A talented group of volunteers has built the car in the workshop space of Kangan Batman TAFE's Automotive Centre for Excellence in Docklands.

Mr Tanti is a renowned coach builder and said he was not particularly a hot rod person.

But the hot rod culture is representative of a bygone era in which individual creative design combined with mechanical brilliance to produce a vehicle that generated an emotional response.

Mr Tanti learned that that this was important by observing how children exposed to reality-TV based on customised cars and motorcycles suddenly became interested in tools, machinery, processes and, ultimately, an automotive career.

A proud coachbuilder by trade, Mr Tanti is frustrated by the common perception that motor trades are dumb, dirty and dangerous.



Brian Tanti with an early prototype in his Docklands workshop.

He invokes the style and class of northern Italy up until the 1970s when artisans and designers crafted customised versions of the world's most exotic cars.

The hot rod project has been supported by an army of volunteers like VicUrban's Peter Crowley, a former school teacher, who has developed trade curriculum materials from the project's learnings.

Mr Tanti calculates the largely voluntary research and development and in-kind contributions to date at \$2.6 million. So he is hoping for a significantly better highest bid when the car is auctioned for charity.

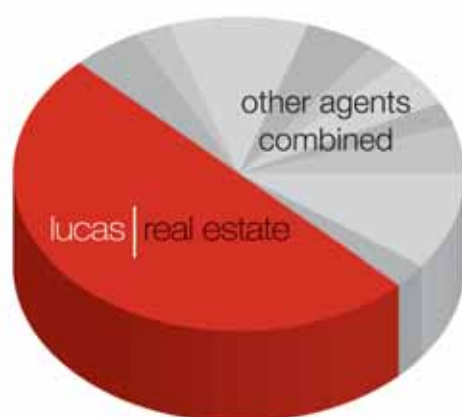
Mr Tanti said his greatest achievement was the formation of a foundation to continue the process. The Auto Horizon Foundation has already started planning its next vehicle.

It is also a sports car. But the wow factor this time will be its environmental credentials.

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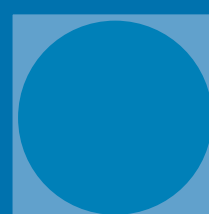
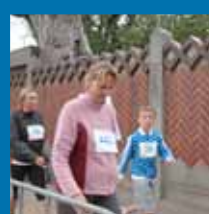
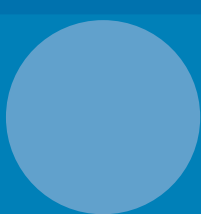
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Yarra's Edge access options under review

Options are being explored to restore access to the Yarra Trail which has isolated Yarra's Edge residents.

In response to concerns raised by residents Nola and Brian Logan, John Holland Tunnelling has said alternative access was being explored.

The bicycle and pedestrian trail was closed some time ago as part of private construction works at South Wharf.

Residents were dismayed recently when they were told it was planned to extend the closure until 2012 due to the Melbourne Main Sewer Replacement project.

However, a John Holland spokesperson said: "This is currently being reviewed to see if alternative access is available."

"The project team will soon be meeting with the relevant government and associated parties in the area to investigate possible alternate options," she said. "The safety of path users (pedestrians and cyclists) and construction workers will be the main driver of a decision."

The Logans had earlier complained: "We were very dismayed to see a substantial wall being erected to block access which, due to construction work, has already been blocked for some 18 months or more and were horrified to see that it would not re-open until May, 2012."

"For Yarra's Edge residents this is our main walking access to the city and the Southbank area and all alternative routes are pedestrian unfriendly, if not downright dangerous to say the least," the Logans said.

"Should not some temporary pontoon access be put in place given the extended number of years we will have this inconvenience?"



Artists impressions

Automotive centre set for expansion

Docklands Automotive Centre of Excellence (ACE) is poised for a multi-million dollar expansion this year.

When it officially opened in 2006, the Kangan Batman TAFE's ACE signalled a shift in the future of automotive training in Victoria.

With Government funding of more than \$20 million, stage one of the ACE quickly became a focal point for the automotive industry, bringing together automotive paint and body training partners from the automotive industry. Stage two starts mid-year and is expected to be completed by mid-2011.

The ACE development project director John Nicholas said students and staff of the

state-of-the-art training facility were eagerly awaiting the expansion.

"At a cost of \$84.32 million, stage two will provide an additional 15,000 square metres of training space and will add to the current 5000 square metres of training space, creating room to house the majority of Kangan Batman TAFE's automotive-related training courses," Mr Nicholas said.

Design development for stage two was completed last September and continues the environmentally-sustainable design elements which have seen stage one win many industry and community awards.

The new development will involve the extension of stage one to house a range of automotive trade training including

motor mechanics, diesel mechanics, heavy vehicle mechanics, auto electrics, engine reconditioning, motor cycle, marine, auto parts and vehicle trimming. It will also house a library, student cafeteria, book store and flexible learning centre.

"Since it was opened, the ACE has become one of the most significant automotive training facilities in Australia, so while we're expanding the building's capabilities, it's important that we continue to provide students with an effective place to study," Mr Nicholas said.

VicUrban's General Manager Docklands and Major Projects Michael Hynes, said it was great to see the continued growth of educational facilities in Docklands, as the community continues to grow.



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Neighbour Day is held every year on the last Sunday in March and aims to encourage everyone to have better relationships with the people next door, across the hallway, or across the street.

It is intended to develop a greater sense of community caring, especially with the vulnerable and elderly who live alone. By introducing yourself and passing on your name and telephone numbers, you are helping to break down the barriers of loneliness and isolation, while also keeping an eye out for each other.

Neighbour Day will be held on March 29 and Victoria Harbour will host an outdoor movie at Victoria Green, along with activities at the Hub (17 Waterview Walk) and Shed 2 (North Wharf Rd, Victoria Harbour) to coincide with the Victoria Harbour School Sailing Series.

The Alma Doepel tallship will also be conducting ship tours. All are welcome to come along to the celebrations – but you don't need to wait until then to talk to your neighbours!

For other activities in Docklands on Neighbour Day, please contact The Hub on 8622 482 or visit www.onboarddocklands.com. For more information on Neighbour Day, please visit www.neighbourday.org

Hung jury on Dame Edna statue

Docklands can't decide whether or not it likes the new statue of Dame Edna Everage.

The February DCN online survey on the subject resulted in an equal number of people liking and disliking the Peter Corlett piece at Waterfront City.

Some 15 people responded to the survey with seven for, seven against and one undecided.



After many years connection with Docklands Stadium, Telstra has hung up its phone.

Goodbye Telstra, hello Etihad

Have you noticed your new neighbour yet? Etihad Stadium?

That's right, Telstra has packed its "dome" and departed from Docklands' doorstep and Etihad, the national airline of the United Arab Emirates, has landed safely in its place with its "stadium".

But despite how easily the new name will no doubt start to roll off the tongue over the months to come, such a transition is no mean feat. As all the players – Etihad, Telstra and Melbourne Stadiums Limited (MSL) – wipe the sweat from their collective brows following the change-over, MSL communication manager Bill Lane said: "Obviously it is a big task re-branding the entire stadium in a very short space of time."

"We have to be sensitive to the requirements of both partners in this transitional period but obviously much of the preparation work has been underway for a considerable time."

"It is more than just re-signing the stadium – it is preparing uniforms, re-branding our

stationery, liaising with stakeholders such as VicRoads, Metlink even Melways and Google and much more. It is a big project."

And as Etihad is poised to take to the skies above Australia at the end of March, Mr Lane noted: "One of the great things is that in some challenging economic times we are helping to introduce a new brand to Victoria. We think it is an exciting new chapter for us and Victoria as well."

"But saying all this, we have enjoyed a great relationship with Telstra who have made an excellent contribution to the stadium."

Internationally, Etihad's name is linked to a number of high profile sporting events. As sponsors of the Ferrari F1 team, Chelsea Football Club and not forgetting the All Ireland Senior Hurling Championships, becoming a naming partner of one of Australia's major sporting venues as a way of announcing their arrival in Australia is a fit with experience behind it.

The five-year arrangement with Etihad was announced in October last year.

It's crunch time for the DCA

The Docklands Community Association looks like getting out of the business of politics.

At its meeting on February 19, the general view was that the DCA needed to focus on being a more socially-oriented organisation.

The association's future direction will now be put to an early annual general meeting on March 26 at 7.30pm at The Hub, 17 Waterview Walk, Docklands.

The meeting heard that the DCA committee had recently fractured over difficulties in forming representative Docklands community responses to current issues.

It was questioned whether the association should involve itself in issues at all or whether it should remain strictly apolitical and simply direct community interest to relevant "action groups".

The meeting supported the view that the DCA's primary function should be to facilitate community building by providing social functions.

A motion was carried recommending to the April AGM that the association no longer involve itself in advocating a position of community issues.

Further, the motion said it should be made clear that the DCA shouldn't be asked for the Docklands community's view on issues.

March survey

What do you think the DCA should doing?

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Fashion explosion at Docklands

With Jules Spencer

Welcome to the Wonderful World of Fashion! Fashion is definitely my passion and hopefully it will become yours too ...

This month Docklands hosts the 2009 L'Oreal Melbourne Fashion Festival between March 15 and 22 at Peninsula on Central Pier.

One word describes this fashion spectacular – Wow! What a comprehensive programme. There is something for everyone, such as hot nightly L'Oreal Paris Runway fashion parades featuring all your favourite designers such as Sass & Bide, Thurely, Gwendolynne, Wayne Cooper, Willow, Collette Dinningan also Nicolangela (Melbourne Cup Designer Award Winner.)

And not to mention the exclusive Runway Deluxe Supper where one mingles with

celebrities like Jennifer Hawkins, while sipping champagne, dining on supper prepared by Melbourne's leading chef Guy Grossi and being held spellbound by Myer's latest fashion collections.

Australia's new emerging fashion talent is showcased at events such as Independent Runway, designer awards and Metamorphosis graduate events. This is followed by design forums, business seminars and a marketing breakfast aimed at fashion industry specialists.

Need a make-over before the parades commence? Why not visit the popular L'Oreal Powder Room for a little pampering and collect expert beauty tips from the professionals. Ladies don't forget to collect your complimentary gift bag upon departure! After the show, sample cocktails and

coffees at the Woolshed after-parties and mingle with VIPS, designers, models and celebrities!

Explore one of the many cultural programs such as the acclaimed Golden Age of Couture fashion exhibition at Ballarat, or step back in time with wonderful Dior on film. Drop into the Stitches and Craft Show at the Melbourne Showgrounds or perhaps be professionally fitted with a bra by the Berlei Bus team.

There are plenty of free events too, including Target Rocks Red Market where Central Pier comes alive with hot bands and live Nova 100 broadcasts.

Feeling inspired after the fashion extravaganza? Want to revamp your wardrobe? Enjoy Dockland's Fashion at its best.

Woolshed dispute heads to VCAT

The dispute over liquor licensing for Docklands' Woolshed Pub is heading to VCAT after the Director of Liquor Licensing Sue Maclellan in January rejected the application.

Ms Maclellan knocked back the Woolshed Pub's application despite a recommendation to grant a restricted licence from a panel which heard objections last October.

The Central Pier business applied mid-last year for a general licence until 1 am for 1445 patrons but this was opposed by the Victoria Police, the City of Melbourne and some Docklands residents.

Panel member Robin Rankin in November recommended granting the licence but with restrictions on noise, trading hours and patron numbers. But after nearly two month's consideration Ms Maclellan refused the application outright.

Lawyers for the Woolshed Pub have applied to VCAT to have Ms Maclellan's decision overturned.

Resident objector Peter Henderson applauded Ms Maclellan's decision.

"She has shown considerable strength and concern for the community in refusing this application," he said.

"It's a particularly courageous decision considering the Statutory Liquor Licensing Panel recommended the licence be issued, albeit with limited conditions."

Mr Henderson said he was keen to hear from residents who may be interested in participating in the VCAT review and can be contacted at docklandsforum@bigpond.com.

A waterfront home for ice enthusiasts ...

Waterfront City has taken another step towards establishing Docklands as Australia's new home to ice sports – while also adding another reason to visit right now!

Wonderland Park is a brand new attraction that has just been installed under the Southern Star. As well as an ice skating rink, Wonderland Park will also feature a carnival operating daily, with children's rides, a giant slide and dodgem cars – so families can enjoy a festival experience all year long!

Group bookings for parties or corporate events will be available, as well as a coffee

club, allowing mums to have a skate while staff look after their small children. Lessons for people of all abilities will be on offer, and management is also investigating the possibility of incorporating a skating program in secondary school curriculum.

There will be five ice-skating sessions every day, with an extra session on Thursday Friday and Saturday nights. You can hire skates or bring your own and experienced staff will monitor the ice rink at all times.

Wonderland Park will open from 10am daily, closing at 7.30pm from Sunday to Wednesday and 9.30pm from Thursday to Saturday.

Wonderland Park will set a wonderful platform for the future success of the National Ice Sports Centre which is under construction and targeted for completion prior to the Winter Olympics in 2010.

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Designer's House, the chicest new address in (Harbour) Town

By Sarah Murray

Taking its cues from leading European fashion salons, the Designer's House is stocked with local and international names synonymous with catwalks the world over and is supported by old-fashioned service designed to make sure your shopping experience is the best in town.

With 21 designers including Australians Tim O'Connor and Little Joe alongside Christensen Copenhagen - offering labels such as Hoss Intropia, by Malene Birger and M Missoni - the Designer's House is made up of a collection of individually run fashion concept stores.

Retail business manager Paula McHutchison said: "We'll be bringing old fashioned style and service into retail. Good quality service is rare these days. Each of the retailers has their own qualified staff while our concierge desk is dedicated to more general customer service. We offer advice and make sure everyone is being properly looked after."

But the ambiance of the place is not just down to labels and personalised service, according to Paula it's also in the quality of the store's finishes and layout: "It is architecturally designed with great finishes such as polished floor boards and beautiful features like the custom designed lighting and the amazing doors as you enter, which are part of the experience."

"There is an obvious path for traffic flow, so if people want they can just wander in comfort and discover for themselves exciting designer pieces. Moving ahead we will be holding VIP events, such as bi-monthly gatherings to feature each label."

For older shoppers who remember Georges with affection, Designer's House has the feel of an updated and re-invigorated version of that once iconic store.

"Since opening quite a few people have commented that we do remind them of other designer stores Georges included, but particularly European ones," she said.

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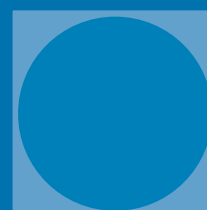
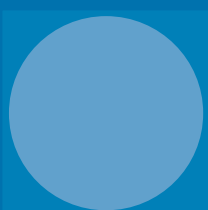


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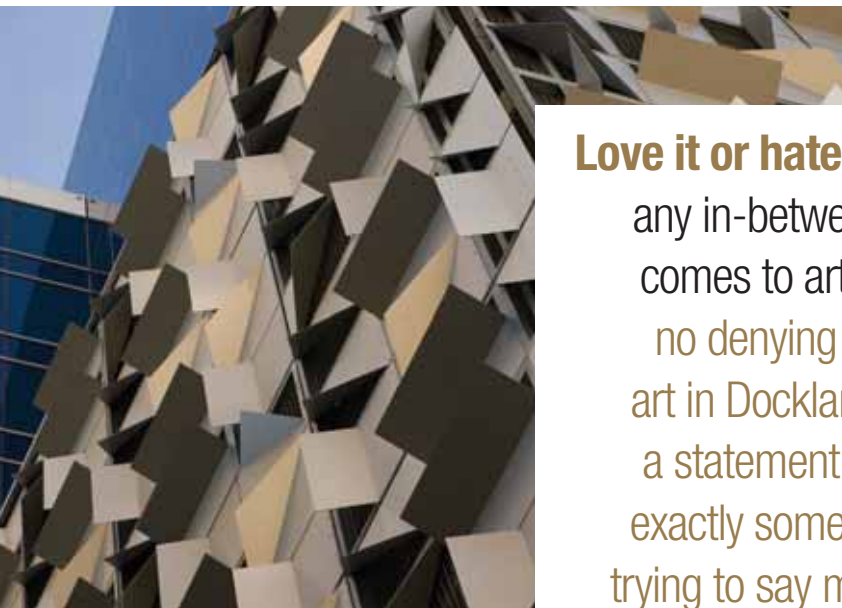
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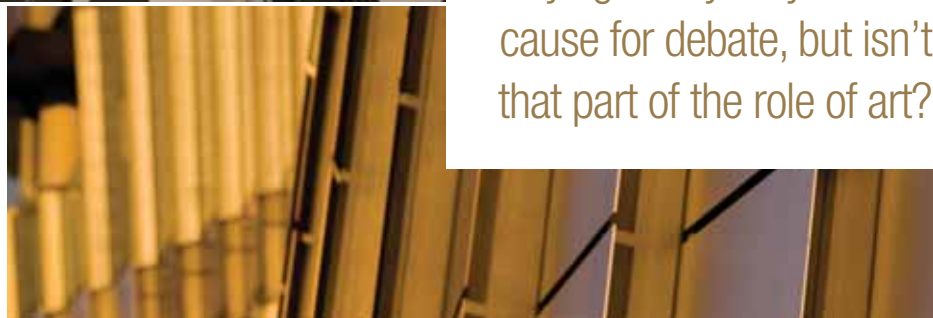
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VicUrban signals change of direction for Docklands Art



Love it or hate it (is there any in-between when it comes to art?), there is no denying that public art in Docklands makes a statement. Just what exactly some artists are trying to say may well be cause for debate, but isn't that part of the role of art?



VicUrban says art can play an important role in the creation of attractive, meaningful and memorable places.

"We place a lot of importance on community well-being, sustainability and innovation," VicUrban's Cultural Initiatives Director Vanessa Walker said. "And art has a vital role to play in helping us to achieve these objectives."

As Docklands approaches the half-way point of its development, VicUrban has been reflecting on the achievements of its "percent for art policy" in Docklands, with a view to embarking on some significant new directions from 2009.


"There is no doubt the existing art policy has successfully created another significant cultural destination in Melbourne," Ms Walker said. "However, there are new and different opportunities emerging as Docklands changes. We need to embrace these and expand the possibilities of public art."

VicUrban is working closely with the City of Melbourne and Docklands' developers to identify opportunities that will best enhance public spaces, add finer layers of detail and create surprising encounters in unexpected locations.


It hopes to launch a range of projects in 2009 and 2010 and while details are still being worked through, the themes and directions are likely to include:


- A changing landscape (temporary and evolving art);
- Indigenous people, land and culture;
- Artful environments;
- Diverse cultural perspectives;
- Media arts;
- Art that reveals the past; and
- Sustainability.

Details of new art projects will appear in Docklands Community News as they come to hand.




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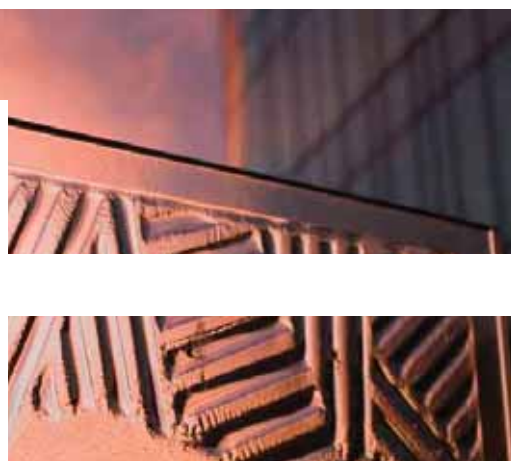
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How many artworks are there?

There are currently more than 30 works, representing a broad range of art forms and styles. About \$15 million has been invested.

What is the Public Art Policy?

The Docklands Public Art Policy requires developers to spend 1 per cent of development costs on public art. Most of this goes towards art within the developer's own precinct or project, and .2 per cent on artwork integrated across Docklands.

How is the art selected?

There are different mechanisms depending on the project. In most instances, a short-list of artists is invited to research and investigate a precinct and develop proposals. A single proposal is then selected for development and implementation.

Sometimes an artist is commissioned directly. On other occasions, limited or open competitions are devised to open up opportunities to as many artists as possible.

Specialist advisors or curators are also a key part of the selection process, guiding the selection of artists who match the brief.

What is the Public Art Panel?

The VicUrban Public Art Panel provides advice regarding art direction, quality and selection. Current members are:

- Gabrielle Trainor, VicUrban Board member (chair)
- Kate Brennan, CEO, Federation Square Management
- Dr Chris McAuliffe, Director, Ian Potter Museum of Art
- Kevin Murray, independent curator
- Jerril Rechter, Executive director, Leadership Victoria
- Jason Eades, CEO, Koorie Heritage Trust
- Pru Sanderson, CEO, VicUrban

How are artists involved?

VicUrban encourages collaborations between artists and project design teams to enhance overall design outcomes and to identify opportunities to integrate art and craft with the architecture and landscape.

How are developers involved?

Developers are extensively involved in the process from the beginning.

VicUrban guides developers in the planning and commissioning of artworks and has an approval role in relation to all expenditure on public art.

How is the community involved?

In the early stages of planning for public realm projects (for example, the redevelopment of Harbour Esplanade) community consultation does take place, in which community views are sought into how best to make use of the space and what they'd like to see there.

VicUrban has specialist staff responsible for planning and overseeing public art development. Advice is provided by the VicUrban Public Art Panel and from specialist experts where necessary. The City of Melbourne's advice and comment is also sought in relation to municipal land.

Who is responsible?

Each developer plans the public art contribution in their development precinct. In its role as development authority, VicUrban:

- Oversees the implementation of the per cent for art policy;
- Advises developers on how to plan and deliver art; and
- Reviews and approves expenditure.

VicUrban also develops part of the public realm at Docklands and so commissions artworks for these areas. The City of Melbourne also contributes advice and comment, as the works become part of the city's public art collection.

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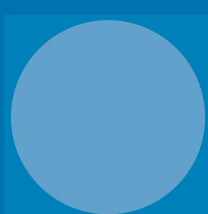
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Amanda's angle



When life stinks ... it's time to go to Docklands!

As I sit at my desk and watch the Oscars on the big TV screen ... (Yes, you got me. That's all I do. So if I messed up your advertising or forgot to call you back it's because I am watching the telly).

Anyway, I sat thinking why do these people get such a fancy party and a big award for acting?

Now, I do not think for one minute that it would be easy having to take off all your clothes in front of a bunch of strangers and do a sex scene with Brad Pitt. How awful! OK maybe not so awful!?!?

But compared to the things that we do here in Docklands, which are even more passionate and honest than Brad could ever be, maybe we are the ones who should be getting the awards.

Docklands people never cease to amaze me. Every day we become more and more like the warm community we strive to be. We are vocal at meetings regarding our

future and strike down anyone who dares say anything negative about us. We even defend the wheel.

It is the locals that I see in the restaurants, locals at the movie nights, locals at the Salsa dancing and yesterday in Harbour Town, there they were again.

Not tourists shopping but all locals recognising the support that these retailers need, and trying to spread it about. Having their hair dyed in one salon and cut in another one. Or, in my case, a chicken wrap from Nando's, burger from KFC, cake from Nina's, then topped off with a couple gins at the Harbour Town Hotel.

Hey don't judge me I am only doing my bit!

So all the locals that I see every day with big smiles who just love Docklands, and you know who you are, you are the ones that deserve the award and the recognition not the actors!

Docklands tram extension underway

In a bid to better open up the tram network to Docklands' growing residential and business area of Victoria Harbour, work is currently underway to get the number 48 rolling an extra 500 metres down Collins Street by mid-year.

The 48 currently runs between North Balwyn and Docklands Drive via Harbour Esplanade. Its new route will take it down Collins Street from Batman's Hill, crossing over Harbour Esplanade and terminating at Merchant Street in Victoria Harbour.

However, Waterfront City will not be abandoned as Route 70, which currently terminates outside the National Australia Bank on Harbour Esplanade, will be extended to cover the rest of 48's old route along Harbour Esplanade and down Docklands Drive.

Lend Lease is funding the infrastructure works while the tram operating costs will be the responsibility of the Victorian Government.

According to the Department of Transport a new tram terminus will be constructed at Merchant Street along with an island platform and landscaping.

MAB

community update >>

Serviced apartments offer exceptional 'bang for the buck'.

In the accommodation business, the trend apparent across all industry sectors corporate, government and leisure is that people are being careful with their money amidst the current challenging global financial market conditions. Travellers are making sure they are getting the best value for money possible.

MAB Corporations' General Manager Hotel's, Sonia Chamings said, "people are not willing to compromise on room fit outs, people are continuing to seek lower cost accommodation located in an activity based environment with café's and bars and easy access to transport, shopping and entertainment as fundamentals."

In the corporate and government sectors the first red-line items to go in cost cutting measures are often the travel, accommodation and entertainment budgets. "When travel does take place, particularly when there is more than one person to be accommodated, the choice may be to look at dropping to a cheaper hotel style product or maintain the standards that they have been used to but utilise apartments."

"Serviced apartments provide extra space, extra comfort and extra choices - with fully

equipped kitchens, laundry facilities, separate bedrooms and loads of lounge space," says Ms Chamings. They are are starting to realise the cost saving benefits of having several staff utilise the two-three bedroom option. The privacy of individual bedrooms and bathrooms is maintained but the door is also open for a shared living space at the end of the day with room to entertain if needed. This keeps the dollars down and means companies are not just throwing money away booking three separate hotel rooms.

The apartment option is just as beneficial for our leisure guests, "three couples or a family could savour a penthouse style experience from as little as \$80 per person per night in a three-bedroom apartment," she said.

Testament to this is the strong demand being experienced at Docklands Apartments Grand Mercure (DAGM), which are owned and operated by MAB Corporation as a franchise with Accor Hotel Group, the apartments are popular because they are spacious, offer excellent value for money, exceptional views and the emergence of the Docklands precinct as a destination in its own right.



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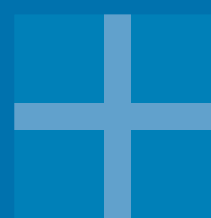
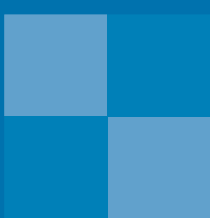
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The first cab off the rank this year is the complete Change the World web site. This is in development with a major launch date of May 1.

This will be preceded by a national "media tease" led by our media partners such as Nova 100.

The plan is to film Hugh Jackman over the next few weeks delivering a powerful "call to action" to the nation through a video clip.

We also have some other pretty exciting plans that we'll be executing over the next few weeks, all designed to get our message out to Australia and the world.

And what is the message? The message is that ordinary people can Change the World – because everyone's ordinary and everything changes.

At this early stage of our campaign we've been reflecting on some wise words about change that we thought you may enjoy.

"He who rejects change is the architect of decay. The only human institution, which rejects progress, is the cemetery." – Harold Wilson

"The man who looks for security, even in the mind, is like a man who would chop off his limbs in order to have artificial ones, which will give him no pain or trouble." – Henry Miller

"Growth is the only evidence of life." – John Henry Newman, Apologia pro vita sua, 1864

"Stubbornness does have its helpful features. You always know what you are going to be thinking tomorrow." – Glen Beaman

"If you want to make enemies, try to change something." – Woodrow Wilson

"The wheel of change moves on, and those who were down go up and those who were up go down." – Jawaharlal Nehru

So in the spirit of true change we're confident that the wheel of change is turning for us – and we're on our way up!

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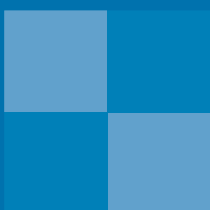
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Who will represent Docklands?

While I appreciate W Ramsay's "pat on the back" (DCN issue 39) for my small part in the decision of the Director of Liquor Licensing to refuse the Woolshed Pub's application for a general licence till 1am for 1445 patrons, the real credit should go both to Victoria Police, for their total opposition to the issuing of the licence in the interest of the community on the basis of noise issues and the misuse and abuse of alcohol, and to the City of Melbourne for objecting based on noise affecting the amenity of the Docklands area.

Ramsay in his second paragraph highlights a major issue for the residents of Docklands and begs the question "who is representing the views of the expanding residential community in Docklands to the various decision makers, the media and other stakeholders and are those views representative of the considered opinion of the residential community?"

The Melbourne Liquor Licensees Forum is a joint initiative of the City of Melbourne and the local liquor licensing community. Membership is open to licensed venue owners and operators within the municipality and includes representatives of the Australian Hotels Association, Consumer Affairs Victoria – Liquor Licensing, Metropolitan Fire Brigade, and Victoria Police Licensing Unit. (CoM Fact Sheet). The convener of the forum has confirmed that, as currently structured, there is no opportunity for representation from community groups.

I therefore noted with concern (DCN issue 38) that "NewQuay representative on the Docklands Liquor Licensing Forum, Paul O'Halloran, said he didn't have an issue with the application. We feel that the people on Central Pier have already demonstrated that they are excellent at conducting this type of business."

The statement by Michele Anderson (chair of the Docklands Community Association) that "her association no longer had any problem with the application" (DCN Issue 38) was her personal position but was not the considered view of her DCA committee at that time and that was a factor in the resignation of half the DCA committee. The results of the recent DCN survey on licensing in Docklands confirmed that her personal position is not the considered opinion of the community.

I believe that it is essential that there is an informed group that is able to represent to the decision makers, media and other stakeholders the balanced opinion of the increasing number of residents in Docklands. However, this takes considerable time, effort, organisational skills and community involvement. Past attempts such as the DCA have failed.

I therefore pose to your readers the question: How do we establish and maintain a forum that accurately represents the residents of Docklands?

Peter Henderson
Dock 5

A walk in Docklands

Can I please bring some attention to the speed that these fellows on bicycles in tight pants and tops that are riding in the Docklands area. It's a case of head down, bottom up and God help anyone that gets in their way.

The dual track from the Webb Bridge to the Southern Star Wheel is a place where you should be able to walk with friends and children and enjoy a nice day. That is if you can survive the walk without being mowed down and abused by these idiots that think it's a race track not a cycle track.

You take your life in your hands and heaven help you if you happened to stray over the line. They don't gently ring their bell and wait for you to move back again with an apology. It's a "GET OUT OF THE WAY, I'm not stopping for anyone" attitude.

I ride a bike myself and have had one of these speed merchants crash into me, knocking me to the ground and breaking my bike mirror. Not a word of apology, just a "look that could kill" and he rode off.

If these riders are in a hurry to get home or to work, let them use the road not the path.

Also while on my soap box, why do the authorities turn a blind eye to the motorcycle gangs of riders on Harleys, that ride down the New Quay promenade?

A resident
NewQuay

Misquoted claim

I refer to the letter published in issue 39 by W. Ramsey.

Firstly I was misquoted in issue 38 by the editor as saying that "the DCA had no more concerns".

Peter Henderson was a committee member and contributed to the letter sent by the DCA to the licensing board. Peter consequently resigned from the DCA after the hearing.

Comments were casually made when doing a tour of the "Woolshed" with the operators by invitation and suggestion by the licensing board after the hearing as to what I felt about the venue.

The editor was present at this tour and quoted on comments I made during the

walk around. I did ring the editor and request a retraction of his comments (a copy was sent to me the night before publishing by a independent person). I did not make the "quoted" statement.

Karl Berberich a committee member also has resigned over this misquotation as I was unable to stop the publishing of the article at such late notice.

The DCA has varied in opinions by members to stances we take in the community but resident's safety and liveability is, I agree, paramount and have argued strongly for seven years now.

If the writer bothered to delve a little further they may have found some very strong background material of all the work and talks

I have had over the last seven years with the relevant authorities in what does work and what doesn't in this precinct including pushing now for seven years not to have longer licences that have been suggested in the past.

Yes, I agree that noise does carry across water and have lived by the water now for over 30 years so am fully aware of what goes on.

I too live here and experience all the issues first-hand having been woken every Saturday night at 3.30am by patrons leaving night clubs and, thankfully, this has now stopped.

May I suggest that before submitting comments that I am "out of touch" that you do some homework and not rely on a minority of informants?

The DCA will be bringing forward its AGM to March so those community members who feel so strongly about such issues should join the DCA and stand for committee and remember that they represent not only themselves on such issues.

I will let Paul O'Halloran make his own mind up if he wishes to respond but these comments about him are also not warranted.

Michele Anderson

The Docklands Community News stands by the story.

Shane Scanlan
Editor

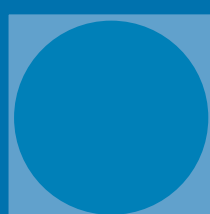
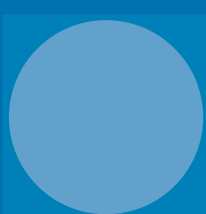


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HE SAID WHAT?

By Guy Mason
Docklands Church Minister



The shortest verse in the Bible

This month's column is written in the midst of Australia's biggest natural disaster. It was on February 8 that we awoke to a bruised and blackened Victoria. At the time we knew not the extent of the tragedy, which was about to be revealed. And then morning after morning, hour after hour we saw more and more homes decimated, streets in ruin and, most tragic of all, lives lost.

How do we respond in the face of our darkest hour? What we are to think, say, do in the midst of suffering and calamity?

There's a powerful and pertinent true story that took place in the life of Jesus. We are told that Jesus got news that one of his closest friends (Lazarus) had become sick. Jesus travelled to his home, yet when he arrived Lazarus was no longer sick. He was dead.

For all of us who have been in the midst of tragedy and death you will know this scene all too well. People weeping and wailing as they come to grips with the painful loss around them. Jesus enters this scene and did something remarkable.

Jesus wept.

It's the shortest verse in the bible, but one of the most important. The way someone responds in the face of suffering says a lot about who they are and what they stand for.

In the face of suffering, those who believe in karma will say that the pain and death of hundreds in the Victorian bushfires was just payback for evil committed in this life or a previous one.

Jesus wept.

In the face of suffering those who follow the path of Buddah will say its all just an illusion, and that our pain and suffering is merely connected to our desire. If we can just turn our backs on the dead, if we can just eradicate our feelings, our need for them, if we just numb our bodies to a point of indifference we will be fine.

Jesus wept.

In the face of suffering those who deny the existence of God, will look on and say this tragedy is just a natural by-product of a universe driven by a random collision of atoms. It's just the outworking of the evolutionary process, where the strong live and the weak die.

Jesus wept.

In the face of suffering Jesus comes, Jesus embraces and Jesus weeps.

In the past weeks, as we watched our friends, family, and fellow Australian's weep as they watched their lives collapse around them, we need to also see Jesus standing right there with them – also weeping. It's comforting to know that Jesus was real, Jesus was compassionate and Jesus knew what it was like to live in the midst of tragedy.

More than that Jesus had the power to bring light and life into darkness and death. You may be wondering what then happened with Lazarus and his family. To find out how this event concluded let me encourage you to get your hands on a Bible and head to John chapter 11. If you would like a free copy, email info@docklandschurch.org.au

A kid's view of Docklands

What do children think about living in the Docklands? Funded by a VicHealth Discovery Grant, "Vertical Living Kids" is a project that explores children's and parents' views of high-rise living.

Researchers from the University of Melbourne are looking for families with children aged 8-12 living in high-rise housing.

For parents, the university has a brief survey. For children, it has three exciting activities including photography, activity diaries and GPS readings.

Participation in the project will give parents first-hand results about the places children go, the types of outdoor activities they want to do and the things that can make Docklands a better place for families!

For more information, please contact Vivian Romero on 8344 6726 or vromero@unimelb.edu.au

Art makes a splash

Arts Splash "Harbouring local art at Docklands" is a community art exhibition involving residents and people who work in the Docklands area.

The Docklands community is invited to the opening of the exhibition on Sunday March 29 at 3.00pm to meet the residents involved and celebrate Neighbour Day!

The exhibition will then be open Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm and Saturdays from 10am to 2pm until April 18.

Please RSVP to the launch of the exhibition by Wednesday March 25 to 8622 4818 or email docklandshub@melbourne.vic.gov.au

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It's Just Life

with Abby Crawford



What women want

Most of us if really pushed will confess – if only to ourselves – that the great plans and resolutions of the new year have already been labelled "unrealistic", the hopes and dreams of the prospect of Valentine's day are long forgotten, and the reality of our workloads in an unstable world are utterly exhausting. If you're inhaling a bottle of red as you pass your front door at the end of a day, then nod your head. Thought so

I am here to bring you a heap of ideas, a list that will shrug off your cloak of disillusionment and have you eager to get out there and have some fun! Didn't you promise yourself this year would be different? Let's do it – without spending all your hard earned dosh!

Firstly for those who are single. It is as much about how you are feeling in yourself that attracts the right person. Stop looking for Mrs Right and have a quick check of what messages you're sending out about yourself.

Take a deep breath, get those eyes sparkling and remind yourself just how awesome you are. Then watch the difference in response to your flirting – make good eye contact, and give a look that says "baby I am in a goood place!". Believe in yourself and the next time you smile at a girl, well she'll just feel the sun come out.

Excellent. So you've got the girl and you've had the tingle of connection, a twinkle of hope, and now you're past date two..... uh oh, what to do?

My advice, if you have cash – don't flash it. If you're cash strapped – don't stress about it. Women like men to be men, and being a man is about how you make a woman feel.

So gentlemen, let's travel back to your youth. How resourceful were you when you had to be? A car, a blanket and a great view were the only stage needed to steam up those windows! Make her feel like she's 17 again ... you won't regret it.

A picnic only needs a bottle of wine, a dozen oysters and a flower plucked from someone's garden on the way (I never told you that!) and she's telling EVERY girlfriend how romantic you are.

What about something really out there ... write her a note and post it to her. Make her smile as she walks into work with a suggestion of how much you want to be close to her, how big your smile is today because you saw her yesterday.

Trust me gentlemen, if you make her feel she is seen, heard and appreciated, the world is your oyster. Be a man, treat her like a lady.

I can testify to the fact, that when a man is a man, oh boy does he make me feel like a woman.

Email me any of your questions about What Women Want at life@docklandsnews.com.au

Abby Crawford
It's Just Lunch –
dating for busy professionals.

Living It Up in Docklands

By Walter Wall

Last issue this column wrote about the unique character of living in Docklands, our dependency on elevators and the amusing stories associated with living "on high".

"Enlightened" of Yarra's Edge responded to the last column with this story relating to their building. Hearing drops and the sound of rain in their apartment, even on the hottest nights, "Enlightened" eventually discovered that the dripping noise was the air conditioner outlet plumbed internally and making the pipes drip and clank all night. So, the hotter the weather the more they heard the sound of rain. To quote Norman Gunston, "isn't life ironic?"

Of course, living on high means different things to different people. St Elia residents love their low-rise living and the way they experience the life and vibrancy of the promenade below. Residents of Victoria Point or 90 Lorimer Street like their views.

One interesting Docklands observation I have made over the years, is that many residents must have a love of astronomy ... because there are many telescopes in Docklands. Or maybe it's ornithology – that bird-watching is an interesting hobby.

Telescope-owning readers can write to this column about some of the sights seen from their apartments.

Speaking of views and high apartments, what about this story from a well-known Yarra's Edge resident.

Fresh out of the shower she went to answer the phone au naturale, reasoning that she was safe from prying eyes in her upper level apartment. Imagine her surprise when she turned to find that the helicopter which had flown by seconds before had returned and was hovering outside while the pilot inspected "her property".

Got an amusing Docklands story? Send your stories to news@docklandsnews.com.au



FACES OF DOCKLANDS



Aliye Jeka, 21
Customer relations, Waterfront City Information Centre

She may be young but Aliye is a Waterfront City pioneer. She recalls parking her car where Harbour Town now stands. "Docklands is turning into the new Darling Harbour," she said.



Jean Rosse, 24
Barrista, Gooday Mate

Jean has been charming the good citizens of Waterfront City for two years now. "I just love my regular customers. They make my job worthwhile," he said.



John Bradshaw, 39
Physiotherapist, New Energy Physiotherapy

The Victoria Harbour physio has established himself with corporate clients in the area but would like to get know more local residents. "Docklands is doing great," he said. "It's really coming into its own."



Kara Minichelli, 24
Property manager, Victoria Point Docklands Real Estate

Kara only started in Docklands in early February but had a stint with Lucas Real Estate many years ago when Lucas worked out of a NewQuay apartment (we remember Glen!) "Everyone is so friendly here in Docklands. It's like family," she said.



Muhammad Bhuiyan, 26
Self service assistant, Safeway

Muhammad moved to Melbourne from Bangladesh six years ago and has been working in Docklands for 12 months. "It's developing rapidly," he said.



Minal Nilesh, 35
Owner, Nando's Harbour Town

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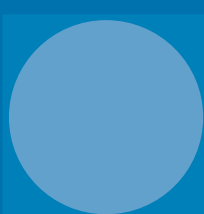
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Networking Docklands

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March Event

LEARN NETWORKING SKILLS FROM THE MASTER!



Peer to Peer's March event gives members and their guests the unique opportunity to gain amazing skills from Beverley Brough, a master networker!

Beverley is a professional speaker, coach, trainer and author who has developed her networking skills over 25 years and her sessions are outcome oriented to ensure participants to achieve specific networking objectives.

Come to learn new skills that will help you achieve your business development goals... whilst making great new contacts and enjoying the hospitality of Fix in Docklands!

When: Thursday, March 26

Time: 6.30-8pm

Where: Fix, Level 1, Suite 119/439 Docklands Drive, Waterfront City, Docklands

Cost: \$20 for members, \$35 for guests.

RSVP to rsvp@peertopeerclub.com.au by March 19.

For more information call 0437 388 896 or go to www.peertopeerclub.com



CONNECTING THROUGH NETWORKING

It is late Thursday afternoon, you have had a really busy day and are now wondering why you booked into a networking event. Can you really be bothered going and after all, what can you expect or aim to get out of a networking event?

Networking events are designed to bring business people together in a relaxed social environment. Here are 5 tips to remember at all networking events.

1. Aim to connect with 2 or 3 people. It is better to have a quality conversation than many superficial chats.
2. This is a time to create a connection, not to sell your product or service.
3. Regular attendance allows you to develop relationships. Over time you will gain peoples trust which may lead to business or a referral.
4. Give a lead, referral or create a connection. By giving generously you generally receive in return – often in unexpected ways!
5. It is not all about you! Show genuine interest in the person you are speaking to and treat others the way you would like to be treated.

The exciting thing about networking events is you never know who you will meet and where it will take you!

Beverley Brough is a Master Networker. You can find further tips on her website www.masternetworking.com.au and she can be contacted on 0408 761 564 or beverley@masternetworking.com.au

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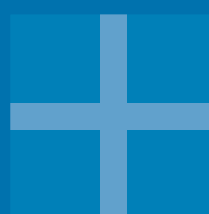
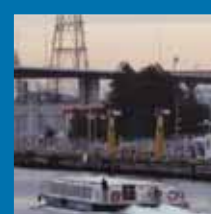
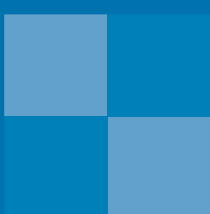
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Boasting 2 spacious bedrooms (all with ensuite's) and an expansive open plan kitchen / dining / living area, surrounded by floor to ceiling windows. This prestige apartment features white marble bench tops and stone floors.

Enjoy the sunsets from your balcony and the sweeping panoramic views extending from the city and across Port Phillip Bay.



Docklands 1505 / 5 Caravel Lane
STYLE, AMBIENCE & LOCATION

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This sensational 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment is superbly located in the Boyd building. Located on level 15 you can enjoy fabulous views overlooking New Quay Promenade, Port Phillip Bay, Victoria harbour and the marina below. Superb modern style kitchen with quality stainless steel appliances, large bench tops and ample storage. Floor to ceiling windows compliment the generous living/dining area leading to the outdoor balcony. Two generous bedrooms both with BIRs, large main bathroom offering shower over bath, and a separate Laundry.



Docklands 910 / 8 Waterview Walk
WATERGATE GEM

1 Bed 1 Bath 0 Car

Price Private sale \$348,000
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Contact Glenn Donnelly

Presentation perfect with unrivalled panoramic views over the parks and gardens, this impressive 1 bedroom apartment on the 9th floor is the epitome of Docklands living. Capturing glorious western sun, this immaculate home enjoys open plan entertaining with a balcony and designer kitchen. Finished with marble bench tops, zoned heating/cooling, bathroom with bathtop and video intercom. It's pure excellence with its flawless presentation that is complete with lift access, and use of the pool, gym & BBQ facilities.



Docklands 3702 / 90 Lorimer Street
JUST ENJOY THE VIEWS

3 Bed 2 Bath 2 Car

Price Private sale \$1,500,000
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Contact Glenn Donnelly

Presentation perfect with unrivalled panoramic views from the bay across the bridges to the Yarra and the city skyline, this impressive apartment on the 37th floor is the epitome of inner city living. Capturing glorious northern sun, this immaculate home enjoys open plan entertaining with balcony terrace, designer Miele kitchen/meals, hotel style main bedroom (BIRs & ensuite) & a wing of 3 bedrooms (BIRs), family bathroom. Including stone bench tops, zoned heating/cooling, video intercom & two security U/C car spaces & a storage cage, it's pure excellence complete with lift access, and use of the pool, gym & BBQ facilities.



Docklands 1308 / 8 McCrae Street
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1 Bed 1 Study 1 Bath 1 Car

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No earthly reason to accept second best when you can live in this fabulous apartment which includes one bedroom plus separate large study. With the City at your finger tips, combined with facilities including an outdoor. This apartment offers everything to the owner occupier or investor. Village Docklands is situated very close to the Southern Cross station, Crown Casino and Telstra Dome. The building is positioned less than 3 minutes drive from the freeway entrance and has a tram stop directly in front of the building.



Docklands 38/801 Bourke Street
MOSAIC IT'S HERE

2 Bed 2 Bath 1 Car

Price Private sale \$720,000
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Contact Glenn Donnelly

Situated in the Victoria harbour precinct of Docklands and located directly in front of beautiful parklands and the CBD as the backdrop. The apartment that is cleverly designed ensures there is a place for everything, whilst its generous windows provide uninterrupted views. The expansive open plan living area has both a formal dining area and a modern kitchen with stone bench tops and stainless steel appliances. Featuring large main bedroom with built in robes and en-suite and a large second bedroom with adjoining bathroom including deep relaxing bath and European style laundry.



Docklands 1303 / 5 Caravel Lane
STYLISH WITH FANTASTIC VIEWS

2 Bed 2 Bath 1 Car

Price Private sale \$610,000
Inspect By appointment
Contact Glenn Donnelly

With unimpeded views of Victoria Harbour and the City, this spacious fully furnished 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.



Docklands 923 / 60 Siddeley Street
DIRECT WATERFRONT

1 Bed 1 Bath 1 Car

Price Private sale \$400,000
Inspect By appointment
Contact Glenn Donnelly

Here is a spectacular one bedroom apartment directly facing the water and Crown Casino that provides you with full convenience due to its great location. Flinders Wharf is situated at short walking distance to the CBD, Southern Cross Station, the Melbourne Crown Casino, Entertainment Centre and Melbourne's new Convention. Located less than 3 minutes drive from the freeway excess and the convenience of the Good Shed tram stop located right at the door step of the building. This apartment provides the excitement and convenience of inner city living with the intimacy of a village atmosphere.



Docklands 511 / 8 McCrae Street
RESORT STYLE LIVING

1 Bed 1 Bath 1 Car

Price Private sale \$350,000
Inspect By appointment
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This beautiful 5th floor apartment is located in the Village Docklands complex. Location is perfect with the water-front at your front door, restaurants, cafes and bars galore and minutes to the city centre and easy access to all Melbourne's free-ways. The apartment consists of 1 bedroom with BIR's, 1 bathroom, a hostess kitchen with stone bench tops, stainless steel appliances and dishwasher, an adjoining spacious living room which opens onto a large terrace perfect for entertaining. Other features include one secure car space and the use of a lovely outdoor BBQ area and swimming pool.



Docklands 613 / 60 Siddeley Street
ON THE WATER

2 Bed 1 Study 2 Bath 1 Car

Price Private sale \$640,000
Inspect By appointment
Contact Glenn Donnelly

Perfectly located on the North bank of the Yarra River is this impressive 6th floor apartment which is spacious, light filled and has an extremely functional floor plan. Consisting of 2 bedrooms and 1 large study (the master with walk through robe and private ensuite), a modern and stylish kitchen with stainless steel appliances, glass splash back, granite bench tops and plenty of storage. The lounge opens onto a large balcony overlooking the Yarra River and the bay and is perfect for entertaining family and friends before heading into the City for a night of fun.



Docklands 1905 / 39 Caravel Lane
WATER WITH CBD BACKDROP

2 Bed 2 Bath 1 Car

Price Private sale \$610,000
Inspect By appointment
Contact Glenn Donnelly

Presentation is perfect with unrivalled panoramic views over the water, this impressive 2 bedroom and 2 bathroom apartment on the 19th floor is the epitome of Docklands living. Capturing glorious sun, this immaculate home enjoys open plan entertaining with balcony terrace, designer kitchen/meals, hotel style main bedroom (BIRs & ensuite). Finished with stone bench tops, zoned heating/cooling, over 100 sqm of space, video intercom & 1 undercover car space. It's pure excellence with its flawless presentation that is complete with lift access, and use of the pool, gym & BBQ facilities.



Docklands 1208 / 60 Siddeley Street
ENTERTAINERS DELIGHT

2 Bed 2 Bath 1 Car

Price Private sale \$599,000+
Inspect By appointment
Contact Glenn Donnelly

Perfectly located on the Northbank of the Yarra River is this impressive 12th floor apartment which is spacious, light filled and has an extremely functional floor plan. Consisting of 2 bedrooms (the master with walk through robe and private ensuite), a modern and stylish kitchen with stainless steel appliances, glass splash back, granite bench tops and inbuilt coffee machine and, wine fridge. The lounge opens onto a large terrace which overlooks the Yarra River.



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Cost : FREE + free tapas plate to share for teams of four or more on 17th March

Let us feed & entertain you on Tuesday 17th March (8.00pm start) with the best Tapas tasting plates in town. BCM Bar and Balcony welcomes to the launch of this weekly event of '...trivia with stuff on the tube'. Laugh hard, eat well, enjoy views on the balcony and catch up with friends over a drink in the bar. For more information visit www.waterfrontvenues.com.au



Lincoln Car Club Show **FREE**

Sunday 1 March, 10:00am – 4pm

Waterfront City Piazza — Cost: FREE

Car lovers, get excited. It's on again, the all-American classic Lincoln Car Club Show is arriving at Waterfront City in March. Marvel at the 250 timeless Lincoln Mercury cars on show at the Waterfront City piazza and enjoy the live entertainment on stage!



Big Issue State Soccer Championship

Sunday 22 March , 10am – 5pm

Waterfront City Piazza

FREE

Come down and watch the competition heat up between Street Soccer players from programs across Victoria. Enjoy the fierce, fast-paced street soccer competition and see how the power of sport has changed players' lives.



Melbourne Food and Wine Festival Flathead Festival

9 March – 15 March, 12:00pm – 10:00pm

Waterfront City - Cost: Free entry, food and beverages available for purchase

Fish and Chip enthusiasts, the Flathead Festival is coming to Docklands! Visit the many tempting waterfront restaurants, cafes and bars to discover individual variations on traditional fish and chips, tying in with their custom cuisines. Visit on Saturday or Sunday to take advantage of the FREE music and family entertainment along the promenade.



Wonderland Park

Mondays – Wednesdays and Sundays 10:00am – 7:30pm

Thursday – Saturdays 10:00am – 9:30pm

Under the Southern Star, Waterfront City. Cost: See website for pricing details

Experience Melbourne's newest and most exciting entertainment precinct, Wonderland Park. Enjoy ice skating, carnival rides and much more - it's the perfect activity for the whole family!

What better way to spend a day out - indulge in some retail therapy at Harbour Town Shopping Centre in one of the many Brand Direct Outlet and Specialty stores, and the new Designers' House!

For further information visit www.waterfrontcity.com.au or call 8628 6000
Waterfront City, Docklands Drive, Melbourne Docklands.(MEL REF 2E D4)

New businesses in Docklands

Docklands-based businesses wishing to be profiled in this section should email: news@docklandsnews.com.au

When the going gets tough ...

Adversity is bringing out the best in Harbour Town businesses which have had to get by with fewer visitors since the big wheel stopped turning in January.

Harbour Town Hotel manager Laurie Appleton said the prevailing attitude was that the precinct had enough to offer visitors in its own right.

“Once people see the whole area, they are pleasantly surprised at what is on offer down here,” Mr Appleton said.

“We’re going to make it work regardless,” he said. “Once the wheel starts again, that will all be gravy.”

He said part of the strategy was to inform the local Docklands community that they had a local pub at Harbour Town.

He said the pub catered for a range of tastes and budgets and that the underlying food philosophy was clean, fresh, green, chemical free and organic.

Head chef Nick Christie concurs and said the beers on offer were similarly natural and organic.

He said the pub’s specialty Tasmanian Cape Grim beef was sourced from the cleanest environment in the country.

“It’s like the difference between growing a vegetable and buying a vegetable. The difference is huge,” Mr Christie said.

A chef for the last 20 years, Mr Christie boasts being executive chef at Il Gulsto in Naples, Italy, among his more impressive assignments.

Mr Appleton hails from New South Wales and has spent the last four years in Melbourne, the last three with the Australian Hospitality Management Group.

His previous job was running the European Beer Café in the CBD.



Catering for small business



Small business services have come to Docklands in the form of both bookkeeping services and training.

Melissa and Gavin Foote’s new business Total Business Services and Training (TBST) got underway in the Aqua Vista building in January. This followed a period in Footscray and a short stint in Queens Rd, Melbourne.

The Altona Meadows couple discovered Docklands and thought it would be a great place for their business.

“It just seemed like a place with a really great vibe,” Melissa said.

“There’s plenty of parking, good public transport, arterial roads are close and there’s always something to do at lunchtime,” she said.

Originally a trainer in hospitality, bookkeeper Melissa is now a MYOB certified consultant. She started the business in 2002 but it wasn’t long before she added the training component.

“I wanted to give back what was in my head, so I added the training side of the business,” she said. “I love the interaction with the students.”

The company offers short courses in MYOB at fundamental and advanced levels as well as payroll.

It also offers certificate IV courses in financial services for bookkeepers, software training in Microsoft Word, Excel and Project as well as an increasingly popular short course in debt collection and credit management.

“We’re virtually booked out months ahead for this,” Gavin said.

TBST can be contacted on 1300 887 585 or visit www.tbst.com.au

It’s showtime at the Shed

Entertainer Jim Cocks has found himself centre stage at new Harbour Town concept store, the Elegant Shed.

Last year he was singing for his supper at Tokyo Disney in Japan but now heads up the cast selling designer brand clothes and accessories at Docklands.

The 22-year-old has crammed a lot into a short life. From secondary school in Sandringham the singer/dancer obtained a degree in music theatre from the Ballarat Arts Academy before starting his retail career at DFO Spencer Street.

The Japanese adventure followed before he found himself managing the Shed at Harbour Town.

He said the Elegant Shed dealt directly with the designer or supplier of the product which meant better margins for the creator and better discounts for customers.

He said the Shed had men’s and women’s fashion and boasted top brands including Calvin Klein, The Forgotten, Denim and Thread, Sass and Fate, Silva G and Civilian.

He said the Shed stocked Jag, Fiorelli, Diana Ferrari and Annapelle accessories as well as Evodia and Asquith and Somerset skin care products.

He said he had noticed a lot of progress in Docklands since he came back from Japan.

“I think Melbourne just needs to discover it,” he said.



Gold at Docklands

The cultural tapestry of Docklands has been enriched with the addition of traditional Chinese restaurant Gold Leaf under the Southern Star Observation Wheel

Manager Frankie Yu cut his teeth in the trade in Hong Kong before migrating to Melbourne in 1990.

Once here he quickly established himself in the industry through managing Lucky Chan at Crown Casino.

In 2000 he helped start the first of the Gold Leaf restaurants in Springvale. Since then, Mr Yu and his silent business partners have opened Gold Leaf restaurants in Sunshine, Burwood, Preston and now Docklands.

He said his group first heard of Docklands about four years ago. They visited the precinct and liked what they saw. So when the opportunity to become associated with the iconic Southern Star, they grasped it and opened for business.

“We thought Docklands would be good potential for our group,” he said.

“And we can also introduce Chinese culture.”

He said Gold Leaf offered Yum Cha lunch and also an a la carte and banquet evening menus.

“Our prices are very reasonable and offer great value,” he said.

Mr Yu said he would like local Docklands residents to know that Gold Leaf was here.

Gold Leaf can be contacted on 9670 1128 or www.goldeleafrestaurant.com.au.



Docklands Community Calendar

Date and time	Event	Venue and location	Description & contact details
Second and fourth Mondays (except public holidays), 7pm	Toastmasters	The Hub, 17 Waterview Walk	E-mail docklandstoastmasters@yahoo.com.au if you wish to speak to someone about coming, otherwise feel free just turn up on the night.
Every Tuesday, 5.30pm to 6.30pm Every Thursday, 5.30pm to 6.30pm	Kickboxing	The Hub, 17 Waterview Walk	To book your place, email Kacey Chong at info@corporatekickboxing.com.au
Every Wednesday, 10.30am to 11.45am	Off-Ramp café	The Hub, 17 Waterview Walk	Hosted by Docklands Church. Participants are encouraged to come and have conversations concerning issues that are relevant and important to their lives. All welcome. Morning tea provided.
Every Wednesday at 5.30pm Every Friday at 12.30pm	Community Walk	YMCA Docklands, Level 4, 100 Harbour Esplanade	In conjunction with the Heart Foundation, a great opportunity to meet new people, walk and talk.
Every Wednesday at 6.30pm	The Hub Walking Group	The Hub, 17 Waterview Walk	For details contact The Hub on 8622 4822
Every Sunday, 10am to 4pm	Collector's Sunday Market	Waterfront City Docklands Drive	Discover treasures from the depths of some of Melbourne finest antique and pre-loved specialists, including art, jewellery, retro clothing, vintage books and car boot sales.
Every Sunday, 5pm	Salsa Dancing	Yarra's Edge Bar / Café	Free. Bring the family, the kids, the dog! All welcome.
First Wednesday of the month	Docklands Dinner Book Group	The Hub, 17 Waterview Walk	Sample a variety of restaurants in Docklands whilst discussing books with like-minded people. Contact CAE Book Groups at 9652 0620 or email bookgroups@cae.edu.au
First Thursday of the month	Residents night	Alumbra, Central Pier	RSVP is essential. Contact Mia via email on mia@alumbra.com.au or phone 8623 9669
Second and fourth Sundays of the month, 11am to 3.30pm	Try Sailing	Docklands Yacht Club, Shed 2 North Wharf Rd	Try dinghy sailing on the magnificent Victoria Harbour
Friday, March 6. 12.30pm to 2pm	Framed #1 – How do I get my own TV show?	Digital Harbour Theatre, 1010 Latrobe St	The first of the 2009 seminar series. Free. RSVP: framed@openchannel.org.au . Light refreshments will be provided and there'll be DVDs courtesy of Madman Entertainment to be won!
Sunday, March 8	International Dragon Boat Festival	Victoria Harbour	Racing will start at 9am and conclude around 5pm. Teams from across Australia and Hong Kong will compete as part of Melbourne's Moomba celebrations.
Sunday, March 15 – Sunday, March 22	L'Oréal Melbourne Fashion Festival	Peninsula, Atlantic, Sketch & Sumac at Central Pier	Tickets are available from Ticketmaster www.ticketmaster.com.au
Tuesday, March 17 and every Tuesday thereafter. Starts 8pm	Quiz Meisters Trivia	BCM, Waterfront City	Serving the best Tapas tasting plates in town. BCM Bar and Balcony welcomes to the launch of this weekly event of '...trivia with stuff on the tube'. Laugh hard, eat well, enjoy views on the balcony and catch up with friends over a drink in the bar. For bookings phone 9329 2360 or visit www.waterfrontvenues.com.au
Wednesday, March 18 6.30pm	Dock 5 Girls Night In Book Club bushfire relief cocktail and auction benefit night	Watermark Bar, Victoria Harbour	Cost: \$75. For bookings contact Watermark on 9642 1800 and press 2. For auction items contact Chris Reiffel on 0407 320 872 or Meredith Brown on 0433 774 969 .
Sunday, March 29. 3pm Then open Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm and Saturdays 10am to 2pm until April 18	Opening of Arts Splash "Harboursing local art at Docklands"	The Hub, 17 Waterview Walk	Please RSVP to the launch of the exhibition by March 25 to 8622 4818 or email docklandshub@melbourne.vic.gov.au
Sunday, March 29. 8.30pm	Free family movie night	Victoria Green, Victoria Harbour	Bring a blanket and your friends and family to enjoy the giant outdoor cinema screen. For further information visit www.melbournecitysports.ymca.org.au or phone 9604 8600 .
April 7, 8, 9 (9.30am to 4pm) and April 14, 15, 16 (9.30am to 4pm)	Young Filmmakers	Open Channel, Shed 4, North Wharf Road, Victoria Harbour	Cost: \$270. For more information contact the short course co-ordinator on 8610 9300 or email info@openchannel.org.au
April 9 – May 24	Dralion - Cirque du Soleil	Under the Grand Chapiteau, Waterfront City	Prices range from \$35 to \$270. Visit www.cirquedusoleil.com or call 1300 130 300
Wednesday, April 22. 6pm to 8.30pm	Atlantic Group's Autumn Bridal Showcase	Central Pier	Meet with suppliers in audio visual, theming, scenting, floral, cakes and bonbonniere, bridal stationery, and entertainment. There is also food and wine tasting and even a show bag to take away! RSVP essential to bridalshowcase@atlanticgroupv.com.au



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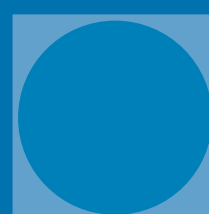
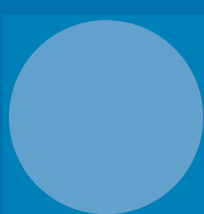
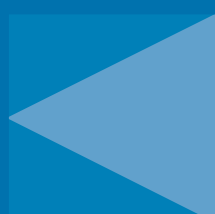
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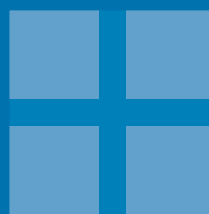
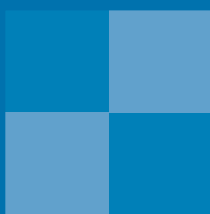
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Top yachtie takes a swipe at bridge proposal

Victoria's most awarded yachtsman Grant Wharington has weighed into the Docklands low rail bridge debate with the suggestion that it was ludicrous to even consider the idea.

"We've created this multi, multi-million dollar asset here in Docklands. How could the State Government even consider cutting it off from the water," he said.

He said a rail tunnel under the river was the obvious answer to the problem of moving

shipping containers from Webb Dock to the freight facilities at Dynon Dock.

"It seems such a waste," he said. "If it costs \$100 million extra to put it under the river, then so be it."

"I would have thought they could amortise that extra cost through a levy on each container in a very short time."

The former Sydney to Hobart line honours winner said yachts would no longer visit Docklands if the low bridge was built.

The Port of Melbourne Corporation has proposed a rail bridge with only eight metres

Skandia skipper Grant Wharington ... he asks "how could the Government consider cutting Docklands off?"

clearance but has so far refused to comment on it to the Docklands Community News.

Last month the DCN carried a summary prepared by Defend Our Docklands Or ... (DODO) convenor Michael Lindell. The Port of Melbourne declined to either confirm or deny the accuracy of the claims.

DODO is holding a meeting for concerned Docklanders at Nina's under the Southern Star Observation Wheel at 5.30 pm on Wednesday, March 18.

School sailing's back

Sailing's premier schools event, the Victoria Harbour Schools Sailing Series kicked off at Victoria Harbour on February 26.

Some 24 schools from across the state will take part in two qualifying series and a final series – all events to take place in Docklands. The final series will be contested in May by the 12 best schools which will compete for the title of Victorian Schools Teams Champions.

The winners will have the opportunity to represent Victoria at the Australian Schools Teams Championships to be held in Queensland in July.

Each school will crew three identical two-person Pacer dinghies, proudly supplied by Yachting Victoria, in the teams racing format under internationally-approved modified racing rules which allow more aggressive tactics than conventional fleet racing.

So far 16 schools have signed up for the event including last year's Victorian champions St Leonard's College and runners-up the Peninsula School.

Lend Lease Victoria Harbour project director Ellie Schwab said her company was proud to sponsor the schools sailing series.

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