

The dogs of Docklands

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Doyle's Docklands attack "confusing"

VicUrban is confused by recent comments by Melbourne Lord Mayor Robert Doyle attacking Docklands.

The Victorian Government's Docklands development authority appeared perplexed by the Lord Mayor's apparent lack of awareness of work being carried out by both the council and VicUrban.

But in an interview with this paper, Ms Sanderson refused to criticise Cr Doyle, preferring instead a diplomatic approach.

"We actually welcome Cr Doyle's interest in the Docklands community," she said.

"Any debate on community needs within Docklands is a positive sign that the council is keen to progress and commit to a number of community projects."

"We are actually working very closely with council on a number of projects that will

deliver the very thing the Lord Mayor is talking about," she said.

"Importantly, we recognise we do now have a fantastic and engaged community on which we can draw to influence the direction of these plans."

The multi-million dollar projects include plans for a library and community rooms, as well as state-of-the-art sport and recreation facilities.

"We're very keen to finalise discussions with council regarding a location for the library and learning hub, and we know the proposal to locate the sporting hub in Waterfront City has the full support of the developer," Ms Sanderson said.

"We've been having productive talks with council officers and management team for some time. In light of this positive working relationship, the recent

criticism is disappointing and somewhat counterproductive."

The City of Melbourne has been the municipal authority responsible for Docklands for close to two years. Other projects VicUrban is hopeful will now move ahead include the implementation of updated directional and information signage throughout Docklands, for which a number of key sites have been agreed.

VicUrban is also keen to talk to the Lord Mayor about its plans to redevelop Harbour Esplanade into a major waterfront park.

"This project represents a critical point in Docklands' evolution," Ms Sanderson said.

"It would be great to now get the Lord Mayor on board and we're looking forward to taking him through these plans when he accepts our invitation for a tour of Docklands."

VicUrban says it has been trying to facilitate a tour of Docklands for the Lord Mayor since before Christmas.

So – does VicUrban believe planning controls are best left with them?

"Planning controls rest with the Minister for Planning, and the council is consulted on all planning matters - they are involved every step of the way. But, as the project makes that transition to a place – ultimately, it's about what's best for the community," Ms Sanderson said.

"What we'd say is that social fabric takes time to build and requires input from the type of community that does exist down here."

"Hopefully, we can all work together to deliver on the vision for Docklands."

Cr Doyle refused to speak with the Docklands Community News.

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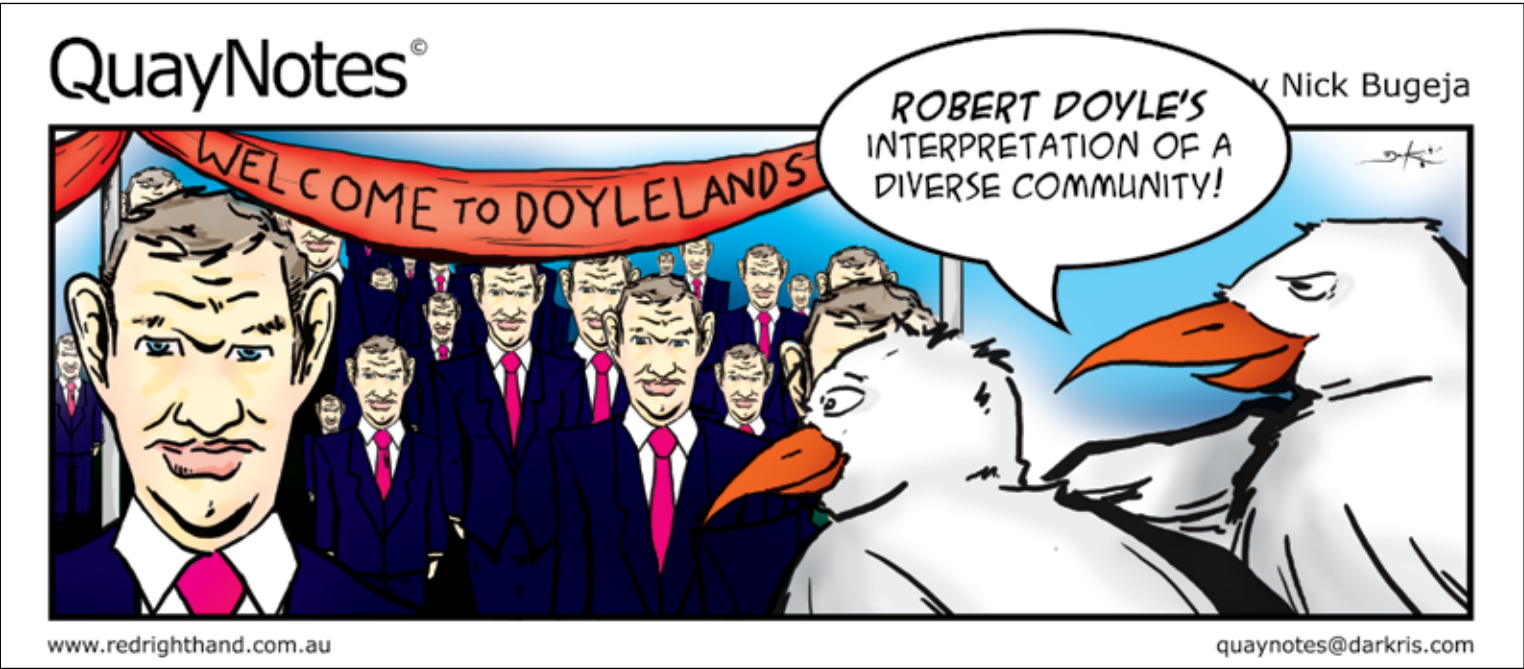
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What's wrong with us?

Editorial Comment

Shane Scanlan

Why is it that the outside world thinks we Docklanders are not a community when we clearly know that we are?

March 16 to 20 appeared to be the annual "Let's bash Docklands" week led by Lord Mayor Robert Doyle and supported by print and radio media.

Cr Doyle wouldn't speak to the Docklands Community News but if he has been correctly quoted in the press, his understanding of Docklands is clearly limited.

"At the micro level it doesn't work. Where would you take your kids to kick the footy? Where would you have a casual beer?" he was quoted by The Age as saying.

Cr Doyle's comments appear to be in support of a political play to regain lost planning powers in Docklands.

But if he doesn't know where to kick a footy or have a beer in Docklands, giving this man planning powers is a worrying thought.

The Age hosted a debate between "experts" like Cr Doyle, planning ministers, architects and others. It resembled a parade of who had the best "social glue" or "fine grain" which is apparently missing from our community.

The most reassuring comments came from former Premier Joan Kirner who stated the obvious that "community" simply cannot be imposed from above.

The Age posed an online poll question "Is Docklands more dead than alive?" with 79 per cent of respondents saying "yes".

This may appear to be a justification for Cr Doyle's position but compare the community participation in this online poll and one that the Docklands Community News conducted earlier this year on the local debate over the Woolshed Pub's liquor licensing application.

The Age poll attracted 399 responses. That's equivalent of one reader responding in every 1917 (from a claimed weekday readership of 765,000). The DCN poll attracted 121 responses from a readership of 20,000 – or one in every 165 readers responding.

That's not a bad response from a community which is presumed not to exist.

Our community is different from most others. Living in towers we can be perceived as a series of "gated" communities. Our turnover is vast. Statistically, we are transient, with one third of us moving on every year. There

are more single men here than anywhere is in metropolitan Melbourne (some call us Divorcelands!).

And when the census people called in 2006 up to a third of us didn't even answer the door.

We are ethnically diverse. We don't include any welfare recipients. We are many things, but these things don't make us any less a "community".

And we are down here, tucked away happily living in our waterside village.

The Age editorial of March 16 said: "The problem with Docklands is its location".

What a strange comment.

The writer went on to say that is was a problem to be "isolated from the city by rail lines, the not inconsiderable bulk of a sporting stadium, and the various strands of a freeway system".

How many of us think that this is a bad thing?

April survey

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Help is at hand for Harbour Town

The chairman of the Docklands Co-ordination Committee, Cr Kevin Louey, (left) and Docklands Chamber of Commerce President, Keith Rankin, tour Harbour Town.

Help is at hand for Harbour Town traders who are experiencing the fall out from the closure of the Southern Star Observation Wheel.

ING Real Estate is working with Harbour Town retailers on additional marketing campaigns to help drive visitation to both the new shopping precinct and surrounding attractions.

An extensive television campaign as well as print ads are running, to support the regular marketing activity undertaken to promote the precinct.

VicUrban has come to the party by extending its free shuttle bus service between Southern Cross Station and Harbour Town beyond the summer period.

It has also revised the route to include a more direct "lunch hour run", so that Batman's Hill, Victoria Harbour and Stadium precinct

workers can use the service during their lunch hour. This initiative will run until the end of June, when the City Circle Tram extension is expected to start.

Despite the set back, many traders are upbeat about the future of Harbour Town.

The chairman of the Docklands Co-ordination Committee, Cr Kevin Louey, and Docklands Chamber of Commerce President, Keith Rankin, toured the centre on March 20.

Cr Louey said he was surprised to find most traders upbeat about their future prospects.

"Most people have confidence," he said. "They want more traffic and it's not easy for them but they want to hang in."

He said many had renegotiated their rental terms but that rent was only a small portion of the business's overheads.

Many of them are changing their businesses in the light of what has happened and it's great to see that happening," he said.

Mr Rankin said the Docklands Chamber of Commerce was holding a breakfast seminar between 7 and 9 am on April 28 at Waterfront City at which retail expert Stephen Ogden Barnes of Monash University's Australian Centre for Retail Studies will conduct a seminar on the implications of tough economic times. See page 9 for more details.

Mr Rankin said the chamber was also making mentors available to members through the Small Business Mentoring Service.

But Mr Rankin was also conscious that Harbour Town retailers needed concrete marketing outcomes and not just programs that imet the needs of the politicians.

"What we have to do is ensure that any marketing activities undertaken meet the needs of the retailers immediately," he said.

"We really need expert help here. It shouldn't be a matter of guesswork to overcome these problems," Mr Rankin said.

New marketing group for Docklands

Tourism Victoria is assisting the multiple stakeholders within Docklands to form a new group to ensure a united approach is taken to promoting the destination and investment offerings in Docklands.

With Docklands reaching critical mass and a diverse community now in existence, the time is right to create one marketing committee with one agenda – to highlight the destination Docklands!

Tourism Victoria is confident it can be done and has highlighted the successful models of groups perusing similar objectives such as Destination Melbourne Ltd, Goldfields of Victoria and Great Ocean Road.

In Docklands, a working group has been established to define the goals, objectives and structure for how the new group may work, with recommendations to be presented in April.

VCAT date set

The Woolshed Pub liquor licensing dispute heads to VCAT for a compulsory mediation on April 3.

Failing mediation, four days from July 13 have been set aside to hear the dispute.

The owners of Central Pier's Woolshed Pub have applied to have overturned a licensing application rejected by the Director of Liquor Licensing, Sue Maclellan in January.

The Woolshed 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.

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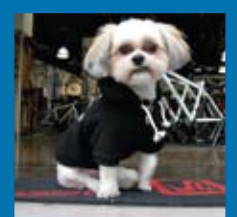
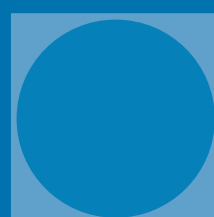
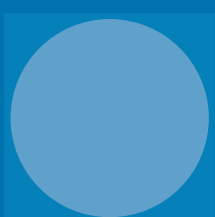
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The awards identify and celebrate those who have made significant contributions to Melbourne in the areas of:

- Profile;
- The community; and
- The environment.

Nominations close on May 15. Further information can be found at www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/melbourneawards

Costco Docklands is close

Costco Docklands is only a few months away – as evidenced in March when a media pack gathered on site for an announcement on jobs.

Managing Director Patrick Noone was on hand to field questions which ranged from the global financial crisis to how Harbour Town retailers were faring without the Southern Star Observation Wheel.

Costco will open on Footscray Rd in July and says it has vacancies for 225 new staff – both full and part time. With the media more used to reporting job losses, this news was widely welcomed and broadcasted.

Mr Noone said the decision to build the US retailing giant's first Australian store in Docklands was due to its location.

He said Docklands may not have offered other big retailers the same advantage that it offers Costco.

He pointed to the nearby CBD skyline to illustrate the point that Costco not only sells directly to the public, but also wholesales to small businesses. "It was easy access for all these small businesses that attracted us to Docklands," he said.

Mr Noone also said the Docklands site was extremely well served by freeway access and public transport. He said Costco was now looking for a suitable site in Sydney for a second store.

The new Costco Docklands store will feature a variety of specialist departments including a fresh bakery, fresh meat, fresh produce, fresh deli, rotisserie chicken, optical department, one-hour photos, tyre centre and food court.

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“Tunnel vision” on Yarra crossing

By Peter Harry

Head of Corporate Relations Port of Melbourne Corporation

In response to recent articles in the Docklands Community News, Port of Melbourne Corporation (PoMC) is pleased to address and clarify some of the speculation about a Yarra River crossing which would link Webb Dock to the main rail freight terminals in the Dynon precinct.

The issue was also raised by a number of people on the boat tours around the port which PoMC was pleased to host on three consecutive Saturday mornings in late February / early March which we hope residents found informative.

PoMC is committed to efficient land transport connections to port facilities to accommodate the anticipated growth in trade demand and ensure the sustainable development of the Port of Melbourne and an ongoing dialogue with our neighbours. A final decision on the method of project delivery for any future Yarra rail crossing from Webb Dock to the rail network has not yet been reached. Both tunnel and bridge proposals remain live options and there remains plenty of scope for further consultation ahead.

Although the rail link was closed in 1992 and disconnected in 1996 to allow for the Docklands development, PoMC believes that preserving the option for a rail connection is important for the long-term development of Webb Dock.

There has been considerable assessment, consideration and analysis of any potential alignment, bridge and tunnel operations and recreational watercraft interactions.

With regard to any prospective option involving a low-level bascule rail bridge, PoMC is not seeking to unreasonably constrain watercraft movement and, in fact, the majority of the operating parameters specified by VicUrban can be achieved through this option. Indeed, 85 per cent of forecast recreational and commercial watercraft would be able to pass under such a bridge with an eight metre clearance even when the bridge is closed. The bascule bridge proposed also has a considerable period each day in an open position.

Using model simulations of periods of closure, the maximum waiting time for any watercraft would be around 20 minutes with no more than 10 watercraft waiting at any one time.

The advantages of a tunnel include maintaining current height clearance for watercraft and there would be no impact on visual amenity, particularly as a low-level bridge would be adjacent to the Bolte Bridge.

It should be noted that there are severe gradient constraints for a tunnel connection running under the Yarra River to connect between the Dynon Precinct and Lorimer Street. Hydrodynamic and environmental factors are also key considerations.

Driven largely by Melbourne's population growth which is set to increase by 1 million people by 2030, PoMC needs to plan prudently and responsibly to manage the forecast increased freight task. This must include a greater share of freight being carried by rail.

For its part, PoMC is committed to further dialogue with Docklands residents and will work to inform them of any developments via this newspaper.



Michael Lindell address the DODO meeting at Harbour Town on March 18

DODO to take its case to the Premier

The Defenders of Docklands Or ... ? (DODO) plan to form a high-level deputation and take their case to the Premier, John Brumby.

DODO convenor Michael Lindell said the State Government had been undecided on the Port of Melbourne Corporation's low rail bridge proposal for six years.

"The State has been aware of the bridge since 2003 but has still not taken a position," he said.

Mr Lindell says he would form a group of stakeholders comprising developers, corporations and community representatives to take their case to the Premier.

About 20 interested residents attended a meeting at Nina's café in Harbour Town on March 18 to hear the latest from Mr Lindell. Mr Lindell also addressed the Docklands Chamber of Commerce on March 17.

He said the overwhelming message coming from the residents meeting was anxiety about how a low rail bridge across the front of the

Bolte Bridge would restrict marine access to Docklands.

The Port of Melbourne Corporation has proposed an eight metre high rail bridge to carry containers between Webb Dock and the Dynon Rd freight facility but says no decision has been made to build it.

"The people attending the meeting felt anxiety that their expectations about living in Docklands could be compromised," Mr Lindell said.

He said the participants at the meeting were encouraged to write to the Premier with their concerns.

"My fear is that the port will secure a corridor for the bridge with little public debate but the bridge won't be built until some time in the future when it will become fait accompli," he said.

"One day we will look up and work will have started and there will be nothing we can do about it."

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These wharfies are the keepers of Docklands' memories

By Sarah Murray

Despite the many changes to Docklands, for a tight band of ex-wharfies their wives and families, the bonds of working and living together for nearly a century around Docklands is as strong today as it was in the 1920s.

During a recent outing on the re-invigorated ex-troop carrier and now stylish charter boat, The Melburnian, about 20 of the group were taken on a tour around the Docklands area for an update on the on-going changes to the area.

With 91-year-old Ted Fellows, president of the Retired Waterside Workers Club, proudly leading the way, the group not only worked on the docks but they grew up together around Port Melbourne and South Melbourne. Many of them knew each other as children and went to school together.

"We went through the depression together. It was the wharfies who kept Australia going," says Ted. "We also saw the good times together. It was my life."

Childhood friend, Kath Scheibs, agrees, but chimes in with a laugh, "When he wasn't chasing the girls".

Ted started on the wharves in the days when it was an open pick-up. You turned up and hoped to be selected for work that day.

"If you weren't, it was called the hungry mile back home. It stopped after the war," Ted said.

After six years in the Navy, Ted returned to the wharves when they started paying "appearance money" to those who turned up.

With memories abounding about their days around the area, Kath recalls swimming across the Yarra in front of what is now Yarra's Edge, when it used to be the swinging basin for cargo ships.

"There used to be a punt, but you had to pay to go across, so we used to swim across and back," she said.

According to Ted, like any job where the group was tight, the new wharfies had to undergo an initiation – usually they were made to unload the more distasteful loads, such as lamp black or red ochre, which left them filthy.



When asked about the dredging of the bay, Frank Dean, who was a seaman from the mid-1940s, was not too sure what all the fuss was about.

"It was always dredged, but was stopped when Jeff Kennett was premier and he laid off the Harbour Trust," he said.

"The Ports and Harbour Trust ... had two dredges, the Matthew Flinders and the Pioneer, they used to dredge up and down the bay all year. What's going on now wouldn't be needed if he hadn't done that, it's let the silt all build up."

For sisters Emmie Davis and Thelma Edgar, just two of seven daughters of a once well-known figure around the docks, Samuel

Nixon, the annual wharfie's picnic held around Christmas time was a highlight.

According to Emmie the picnics were, "wonderful, we'd all catch the train to Frankston and every family would be given a basket of groceries, Patsy's father would play the banjo."

"A lot of the families were large and the work was not constant. So it was really hard, but everybody looked after everybody else, and growing up we had the best times."

Of course, some of that fun ironically included the many stoushes that took place between traditional enemies, the Catholics and the Protestants, Emmie laughs: "There was a brawl every night."

Even for relative new-comers Sonia and John Cassar, who arrived in Australia over 50 years ago from Italy, the warmth and welcoming of the group meant they fitted in straight away.

Today the group acknowledge that it is Ted, with his passion and commitment to the group that has helped keep them together. Not only do they regularly go on holidays together but he also organises their meetings every second Thursday in North Melbourne.

VicUrban's Peter Crowley has got to know the group well and said: "Ted's passion is to get them together and keep them together. He is amazing, he drives to North Melbourne, sets up the urn and gets the party pies on, and they all arrive and really enjoy themselves."



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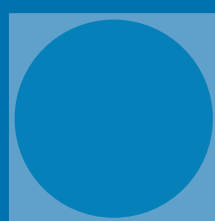
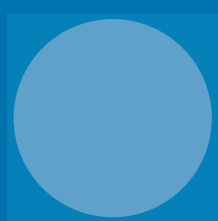
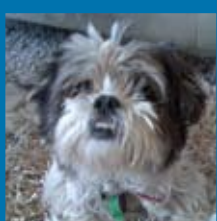
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with Abby Crawford



What women want

Isn't it nice to feel that change in the air? Crisp mornings, cool evenings ...

Yes gentlemen, we are talking about the exhilarating arrival of a new season and with that comes opportunity for change ... The first impressions of autumn make us realise how happy we are to make the change from the relentless heat of summer to the heat of an open fire, to change from salads to roasts and sheets to doonas. Fortunately, whiskey and wine don't require too many changes!

Talking about first impressions, what is the impression you are making – and who is it attracting? Are you a smart Bond-style man exuding confidence, with just a splash of colour? If you are, you are one of the few members of a very rare group of men who can not only take hints from GQ magazine style pages, but also know how to throw it all together! Good for you! If you're more crumpled "carefree" casual, then you could be a member of a very large group of men who think the cooler months are really just an opportunity to wear all their clothes - at once. Whilst wearing your t-shirt under your business shirt may keep the chill from your chest, it's also chilling the path of a woman to your bed!

And yes, the same applies to substituting business socks with last years thick (and weirdly coloured) snow socks.

Now before you start complaining about being asked to sacrifice your own interesting and very unique style to conform to current fashion trends, that's not what I'm talking about. I'm talking about sex appeal, and that comes from not only the clothes you wear but the confidence you have. So dress to who you are, if you are not someone who is

comfortable in a pink polo shirt for god's sake don't let any sales assistant convince you it's you. But you can't go wrong if you take note of James's classic dress sense in those Bond films – remember, he does always get the girl!

Let's be honest though, the real reason you want to make sure your first impressions are spot on are because they can help bring you that new business deal, an upgrade to business on that international flight or – most elusive of all, the woman of your dreams!

So take some time in deciding what to wear, feel comfortable with your style, please make the right choice of shoes and don't keep your wallet in the front pocket of your pants! Ask a female friend for advice – or ask me. But my biggest tip is, if you're on a date with a woman, she may not say anything but she'll notice everything about the effort you have put in to your own personal style. Match that with your confidence and fabulous personality, and it's a pretty powerful combination. A good aftershave (lemon-based for day, woody musk for night) and you've done it!

Make sure you are with someone who wants to be wrapped in your stylish and good-smelling body, but give the ladies a helping hand by assessing your look this autumn! I can assure you that a man with style, strength of character and charm is exactly what a woman wants.

Don't forget you can email me any questions about What Women Want to life@docklandsnews.com.au

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

Letter to the editor

Send your letters to news@docklandsnews.com.au

Who will represent Docklands?

I don't normally bother with slanging matches in community newspapers but since people are starting to bandy my name around and quoting me I felt it worthwhile to comment.

My wife and I moved in to the Boyd six years ago last August. NewQuay was a construction site and along with a number of pioneers, like the Andersons, watched with pleasure and pride as NewQuay developed into the great dual-use precinct it is today. Along the way we have worked together with developers and licencees to arrive at a mutually agreeable set of rules that is fair to both parties.

We have had issues with nightclub patrons, obviously a type of business that did not suit an environment like ours with such close proximity to residents and have seen Cargo nightclub closed and Fix become a function centre. These closures have seen a vast improvement in the amenity of the area for residents.

A number of licensees have met with us prior to their opening and hammered out agreeable opening hours and security structures to enable the mutual needs of retail establishments and residents to co-exist.

The developers of Central Pier have done an excellent job. Prior to the opening of Alumbra, and subsequently the reception centres along the pier, which incidentally face our apartment directly across the water and have caused us no noise issues whatsoever, they requested a meeting with us to make sure they had the support of residents. They were most amenable to our requests and indeed shortened the trading hours applied for due to our feelings.

Peter Henderson's statement that "there is no opportunity for representation from community groups" on a liquor licensing forum is quite correct. However I was invited along to the initial meeting some three plus years ago to represent the Bodies Corporate at NewQuay as it was a pioneering site, a mixed use development new to Melbourne. Our presence there has been invaluable and a large amount of input from the community has been able to be introduced. Each body corporate chair is contacted by me prior to each meeting, their concerns are tabled and considered and reported back after the meeting.

After this division in the community over the Woolshed, I offered to the members of the Docklands Licensing Forum to stand aside. Unanimously I was asked to continue attending, representing our NewQuay owners corporations as it was felt it was a balanced representation, taking into account the interests of all our owners, a number of which are retail establishments.

As for the statement Michele and I are "out of touch" nothing could be further from the truth. We were amongst the foundation members of the Docklands Community Association and the Docklands Chamber of Commerce and sit on a number of committees with police, MCC, precinct management and the larger stakeholders as well as regular contact with our fellow owners corporation committee members and residents.

We average two or three meetings a month as well as a daily stream of phone calls and emails. Let's not let a one item agenda cause division in our community.

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Girls night out

Dock 5's "Girls Night In Book Club" had a night out last month and raised \$17,150 for Victoria's bushfire victims.

About 80 Docklanders and visitors attended the event at Watermark Bar on March 18.

Watermark donated the venue, food and drink and staff gave up their time for the cause.

Many local businesses donated goods and vouchers for services which were expertly and humorously auctioned by local real estate agent Glen Lucas and his son Baden.

The bids were fast and furious and the auction rules "flexible" with many items being reopened for sale after the fall of the hammer.

While the purpose of the night was sombre, the mood was fun with considerable encouragement from compere, comedienne and author Denise Scott.

Singer Alan Wright had the girls from the bookclub and others dancing until the end.

"Recent media reports criticising Docklands for being without a community spirit, have again been proven wrong," said one of the organisers, Chris Reiffel.

"The depth of compassion and strength of purpose by those present to provide

practical assistance was unmistakable," she said.

Stewart Begg resident of Dock 5 relayed to those present a sincere thanks from a friend who lost everything except his family in the fires.

Psychologist Meredith Brown spoke from first-hand experience of the heartbreaking, meticulous work being undertaken to ensure correct identification of those who perished in the fires.

"One of the ways for people to move on from Black Saturday is to have the funds to repair their lives again. We are so happy to have assisted with even a little towards people rebuilding their lives," Ms Reiffel said.



Left: Glen Lucas in full flight.
Below: The organisers (before).
Above: The organisers (after!)



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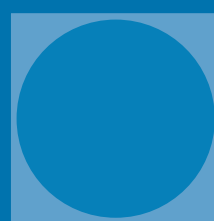
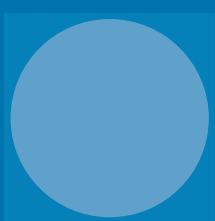
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Tony Smarrelli ... Docklands pioneer.

Tony Smarrelli: Docklands pioneer

By Camilla Orr-Thomson

Back in 2001, it is doubtful Tony Smarrelli knew what he was getting into when he decided to relocate both his family and his business to the newly-established Docklands precinct.

Nearly 10 years on, he has developed several successful business ventures in property acquisition, tax accounting and hospitality, all of which are flourishing here in Docklands.

In 1999, after noticing a newspaper article advertising “off the plan” apartments, Tony was inspired by the area’s foreseeable prospects and lifestyle choices.

In 2001, he was finally able to move into his first apartment in the Arkley building. Little did he know that he was soon to be presented with the key to Docklands by Steve Bracks as one of the area’s first official residents.

Since calling Docklands home, he has been an active business owner and resident making efforts to meet the many new people coming to the area for work and lifestyle choices.

“I have met so many wonderful people and have had the pleasure of calling them friends and clients. Once people begin to understand the area, they can’t help but enjoy the overall convenience it offers,” Mr Smarrelli said.

With 36 years in accounting, he enjoys assisting people in wealth acquisition through various means. Originally, he began property syndications with friends and family

purchasing Docklands apartments and later went on to invest in retail and commercial properties and restaurants.

Tony now manages a large property syndicate in Victoria Point with over 3500 square metres of commercial property. Despite the economic downturn, he believes Docklands can weather the challenge.

“The area has every reason to go from strength to strength regardless of the current situation. The future looks bright for us in the next two to five years. How could they not? We have everything here in Docklands!”

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Free bus to Harbour Town

VicUrban has enhanced its free shuttle service between Southern Cross Station and Harbour Town, to include a more direct “lunch time route” to benefit local workers and residents.

The free shuttle service will run until the end of June, soon after which the free City Circle Tram is expected to start travelling down Docklands Drive.

The modified lunch route picks up from the left hand side of Bourke Street outside Poppy’s Thai (near the corner of Harbour Esplanade) at 12.10pm, 12.40pm, 1.10pm, 1.40pm and 2.10pm, and travels northbound to Harbour Town.

On the return trip from Harbour Town, it stops outside the Bendigo Bank building – providing a quick and easy way to get some shopping in during your lunch hour.

Outside the lunch period, the bus will continue its established run of doing a continual loop between Southern Cross Station and Harbour Town.

Departure times from Southern Cross Station are on the hour and half past the hour between 10am and 5.30pm.

Return times from Harbour Town are on the quarter past and quarter to the hour, between 10.15am and 5.45pm.

Young artists at it again

Melbourne University fine arts students will be exhibiting their interpretation of Docklands from April 17.

Following the success of last year’s inaugural Victoria Harbour Young Artists Initiative, the Sculpture and Spatial Practice students from the Faculty of the VCA and Music, are returning for another show at Victoria Harbour.

Seven sculptural projects will be undertaken by nine emerging artists. The works will be along the waterfront, along Merchant Street and into Victoria Green.

The works engage with the site and the context of Docklands as a redeveloped working port. The students consider the space as one of recreation, navigation, business and pleasure that is unique in Melbourne.

The exhibition will be eight weeks in development, and is comprised of middle and final year Bachelor of Fine Art students.

The show runs from April 17 to 30.

Flaming Docklands

Seeing big flames in the night? You haven’t died and gone to hell, it’s a routine burn off by gas pipeline operator APA GasNet.

GasNet started the night time flaring at the corner of Collins Street and Harbour Esplanade on March 23 and expects to take up to three weeks for a maintenance operation.

The company conducted similar operations in 2005 and 2006 and says there is no risk to health or property.

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DCA “can do it all” - survey

Most respondents to our March online survey believe that the Docklands Community Association should be both a social group and a community advocate.

In February the DCA called forward its annual general meeting over internal divisions and uncertainty about what its role should be.

That meeting took place after this edition of the paper went to press last week, so we won't have the outcome until our May edition.

But if our survey is any guide, it won't have been easy for the DCA to form a definitive view.

While only 11 people responded, opinion was fairly equally divided.

Some 54 per cent said they thought the DCA should both:

- Facilitate and organise social functions; and
- Form and represent the Docklands community's views on current issues.

Only one respondent said the DCA should only facilitate and organise social functions while three said the association should only form and represent the Docklands community's views on current issues.

The survey was unanimous, however, with an overwhelming “yes” to the question: “Is there a need for an organisation to form and represent the Docklands community's views on current issues?”

When asked which was the appropriate body to undertake this task:

- Three said the DCA;
- Five said a resident forum; and
- One said an alliance of owners corporations.

Our survey this month is the same as one hosted by The Age, last month: “Is Docklands more dead than alive?”

Have your say at www.docklandsnews.com.au/dead?



Cirque de Soleil @ Docklands

The world renowned Cirque de Soleil is bringing the acclaimed Dralion show to Docklands for nine weeks from April 9.

The venue for the blue and yellow big top, known as the Grand Chapiteau, is the MAB land beyond Waterfront City in Docklands Drive.

More than 8 million people around the world have seen Dralion. The hit show, never before seen in Melbourne, opens on April 9 but must close on June 14 to head to Auckland.

Docklands takes to Rotary

Rotary is proving to be a hit with Docklands with some 46 people attending the first three meetings.

Rotary “activist” Ann White said she was pleased with how the club was shaping up.

She said it would take until May to charter the new club but six people had already formally applied to join.

The club has changed its meeting structure from formal weekly meetings to alternating “happy hour” meetings one week and formal meetings the next.

Both types of meeting take place between 6.30 and 7.30 on Tuesdays at Waterfront City.

The informal “happy hour” meeting is held in BCM bar. There is no cover charge and no commitment expected. The formal meetings are held at Moored. The cost is \$20 to cover the venue and light refreshments, tapas style.

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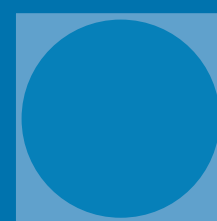
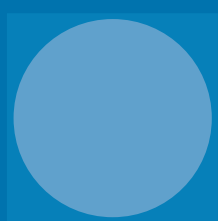
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Amanda's angle



Well we all need a break now and then so last week I took off to the Red Centre for a cultural look at one of Australia's most prominent land features. I explained to my business partner that I needed to go as there was huge potential for cross marketing with the paper and that our readers would love to hear about other communities just like ours.

Ok, so there is no water (at all) in Uluru and therefore no boats, no marina, no high tower apartments and therefore no community like ours. In fact it could not be more opposite to our way of life if we tried. The only thing that I could recognise was gin, so as you can imagine I clung onto it as a support during my traumatic time away from you all.

When we arrived at the Rock I looked at all the tourists willing to fight the flies, bare the heat, drive the endless boring roads to get there, not to mention parting with the cash and I thought maybe this is where we are going wrong, we have no history. Maybe Docklands needs a past or a mythical creature of some sort.

I mean Scotland has the Loch Ness Monster and it has more than earned its weight in tourists cash, so why not do something similar here?

So here's the plan, we tell everyone that the wheel has been stopped because during excavation of the site they uncovered some ancient pirate's grave and legend has it that the whole of Docklands is a magical area that promotes wealth and fertility!

We promote that coming to Docklands for sunset is the best chance to catch a glimpse of "Yessie" the Yarra's Edge Monster, and we can whip up a papier-mâché monster and get some shots printed in the paper.

Finally that you must be nice to the local Docklanders or they will not let you play on their sacred ground and you must bring a sacrificial gin to the tall lady as this will bring you good luck!

What do you think?

I mean, seriously, it has got to be worth a try!

Docklands' driving force now **takes on Barangaroo**

John Tabart who spent 10 years with VicUrban and presided over the development of Docklands, has recently been appointed the CEO of Barangaroo, the \$3 billion redevelopment of Sydney's east Darling Harbour.

"There are similarities between the developments, but Barangaroo is already a mixed use area and Sydneysiders are very engaged in the process," Mr Tabart said.



Barangaroo is a 22 hectare site owned by the NSW Government and the new development will include the creation of commercial office space, as well as residential, tourism and retail space, parklands and a ferry hub.

"Barangaroo will be a vital and innovative public private partnership in these current financial times," Mr Tabart said.





With three consortia already short-listed for the development, a decision as to who will finally undertake the development is expected to be made later this year.

Following on the ongoing success of the Docklands development, Mr Tabart also anticipates a bright future for Barangaroo.

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Meet the **first** editor

By Shane Scanlan

A chance meeting at The Hub last month brought the first editor of a Docklands community publication face-to-face with the current incumbent.

Career planner Bill Chandler officially left the Docklands Authority in 2000 but still maintains ties by conducting tours of the area for planning professionals.

He claims to have had 14 job titles during his tenure over nearly a decade. Interestingly these roles ranged from chief planner to marketing manager – the latter accounting for his development of community publications.

At a subsequent meeting with Bill, he produced the first copies of two publications – INFORMATION and The Harbour View which were the forerunners of the Docklands Community News.

In Issue 1 of INFORMATION, dated February 1997, notice is given of a public consultation in Shed 4 which will outline “the current status of the development including the bid and assessment process for five of the

seven precincts, the bid process for the Stadium Precinct and the provision of trunk infrastructure”.

Elsewhere in the publication it reports the findings of Newpoll surveys from 1996 to ascertain the “awareness and attitude of the Melbourne people towards the Melbourne Docklands development”.

“The most recent survey found that 81 per cent of people questioned were aware of the development compared with 66 per cent in August, and of those 82 per cent were in favour of the development.”

Bill recalled that there was only one resident in Docklands during those times – a homeless man who lived under a door.

He said bipartisan political support for the project was the key to its success, although it did take the Kennett Government six months to get on board after inheriting the project from Labor. He said another important principal had been the preservation of public access to the water.

In the first edition of The Harbour View, dated December 1999, MAB Corporation's NewQuay project is announced. “Initial response to marketing for the first stage has been very encouraging,” the paper said.

The main story, however, was on “Creating a new community in Melbourne Docklands”, a subject that is still being widely debated.

In this article, social planner Michelle Howard is quoted as saying: “We are trying to build a sense of community belonging and identity – things like the opportunity to talk with the neighbours, finding a quiet place to sit and not having to leave on the weekend to escape the hustle and bustle.”

“Places where this is not provided have high turnover. Good communities embrace diversity enabling people to pursue their values, lifestyle choices and aspirations.”

These two earlier publications were superceded by the Docklands Community News which was started by VicUrban as a community building exercise in 2003. The DCN has now been privately owned for nearly two years.



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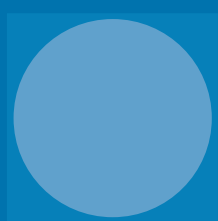
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Harbour Esplanade project – What to expect



Last year, VicUrban unveiled its plans to transform Harbour Esplanade into a major waterfront park that better connected the precincts and provided pedestrian walkways, a designated bike path and realigned the tram tracks into the road way to provide for the additional parkland.

The project will be delivered in stages and is being planned to minimise disruption. However it is inevitable there will be some disruption, with the first stage due to get underway in the second half of 2009.

VicUrban has asked for patience and will continue to communicate with the community as the project progresses.

Here's an overview of what to expect throughout Stage 1.

What does Stage 1 involve?

Stage 1 involves realigning the tram tracks so as they run in the centre of the road, similar to most tram tracks in Melbourne.

Tram services will continue to operate throughout the construction of Stage 1.

The measures to separate pedestrian, cyclist, tram and car traffic will be implemented – the tree-lined boulevard will be created and the designated bike and pedestrian paths constructed.

Stage 1 will also see a super stop (tram) built outside the Bendigo Bank building, and a new stop built outside Digital Harbour's Life. lab building.

These stops will replace those currently outside the NAB Building and Central Pier.

Stage 1 will take around 12 months to complete.

Impact on trams

Trams will continue to operate throughout Stage 1 on the existing lines for the first six months, transferring to the realigned configuration after approximately six months.

Weekend out-of-hours shut-downs of services will be required to facilitate the tram stop moves.

Once complete, the tram services are designed to be more efficient, with the realigned system ensuring trams will move through intersections at Bourke and LaTrobe streets in line with the traffic movements.

Impact on traffic

Traffic along the length of Harbour Esplanade will also be maintained throughout Stage 1.

One through lane in each direction will operate throughout the construction period and, on completion, a parallel parking lane will also exist along the majority of Harbour Esplanade's length (in each direction).

Impact on cyclists

The Capital City Trail will also be realigned as a dedicated path running along the tree-lined boulevard, adjacent but separated from a pedestrian footpath.

The existing on-road lanes will be removed, with all cyclists encouraged to use the dedicated path which links with the off-road paths north of Docklands Drive and south of Bourke Street.

Cyclists will continue using the existing bike paths until Stage 1 is complete.

Impact on pedestrians

Pedestrians will have a separate footpath once Stage 1 is completed, as well as seven designated areas for crossing the tram tracks once realigned, with zebra crossing, signed crossings and informal crossing points along the length of the redevelopment area.

What next?

Exact details of when Stage 1 will get underway are still being finalised, but works are expected to begin in the second half of 2009. Keep an eye on www.docklands.com for details.

Stage 2 of the project will involve lowering the existing wharves and rebuilding this key waterfront area to enhance Docklands relationship with its waterfront and allow for the pedestrian boulevard and green space to be built. Stage 2 is likely to take around six months, and is planned to get underway once the new tram lines are operating as part of Stage 1.

Harbour Esplanade extension

Meanwhile, the first stage of plans to extend Harbour Esplanade so as it connects with Charles Grimes Bridge is expected to be completed in early May.

A northbound lane from the bridge off ramp will soon reopen, taking Harbour Esplanade all the way through to Bourke Street.

Both cars and pedestrians will need to take particular care using the new "easy access" tram stop installed at Docklands Park in early 2008.

The stop requires passengers to walk across a raised stretch of road to alight or disembark the tram, at the start of which traffic is expected to wait.

Stages 2 and 3 of the extension will see both north and southbound traffic travelling along Harbour Esplanade to and from Charles Grimes Bridge and are scheduled to open to traffic in September.



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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 3702 / 90 Lorimer Street
JUST ENJOY THE VIEWS

3 Bed 2 Bath 2 Car

Price Private sale \$1.5m
Inspect By appointment
Contact Glenn Donnelly



Docklands 1308 / 8 McCrae Street
TERRIFIC CITY VIEWS

1 Bed 1 Study 1 Bath 1 Car

Price Private sale \$390,000
Inspect By appointment
Contact Glenn Donnelly

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.

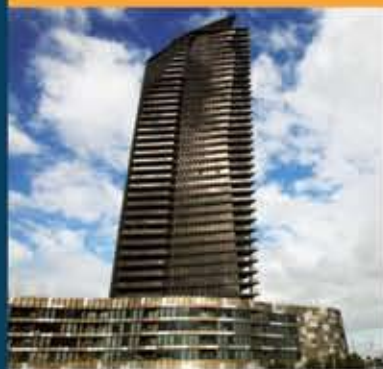


Docklands 38/801 Bourke Street
MOSAIC IT'S HERE

2 Bed 2 Bath 1 Car

Price Private sale \$720,000
Inspect By appointment
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.



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Docklands 2704 / 90 Lorimer Street
INDULGE YOURSELF IN LUXURY

3 Bed 1 Study 2 Bath 2 Car

Price Private sale \$1,490,000
Inspect By appointment
Contact Glenn Donnelly



Docklands 13/801 Bourke Street
LARGE APARTMENT WITH TERRACE

1 Bed 1 Study 1 Bath 1 Motor bike Space

Price Private sale \$470,000
Inspect By appointment
Contact Glenn Donnelly

The Mosaic is a development within the heart of the Docklands on the city edge and Docklands Park. This apartment within the Mosaic development is everything that is the Victoria Harbour lifestyle. Featuring modern flow-through designs that open the space and capture an abundance of natural light, fully appointed kitchens and lavish ensuite and bathrooms complete these outstanding apartments. Featuring a separate study and an entertaining terrace is perfect entertaining area that captures the amazing views of the City and parks.



Docklands Lot 20 Yarra's Edge
RIVER PRECINCT HAS TO BE SEEN

4 Bed 1 Study 4 Bath 4 Car

Price Private sale \$4.8m
Inspect By appointment
Contact Glenn Donnelly

River precinct offers a special opportunity to choose the sanctuary of home-style living in an already well established exclusive community. This north facing Riverfront Home captures enviable views across the Yarra to the city of Melbourne and beyond. This homes interior has been carefully designed to capture light, optimise views and maximise privacy. It offers the latest in style and innovation that has been planned around internal open spaces that include only the very best fittings and finishes. The floor plan best suits your lifestyle needs and comes with a large marina berth lease just metres from your front door.



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 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



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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Good? Friday

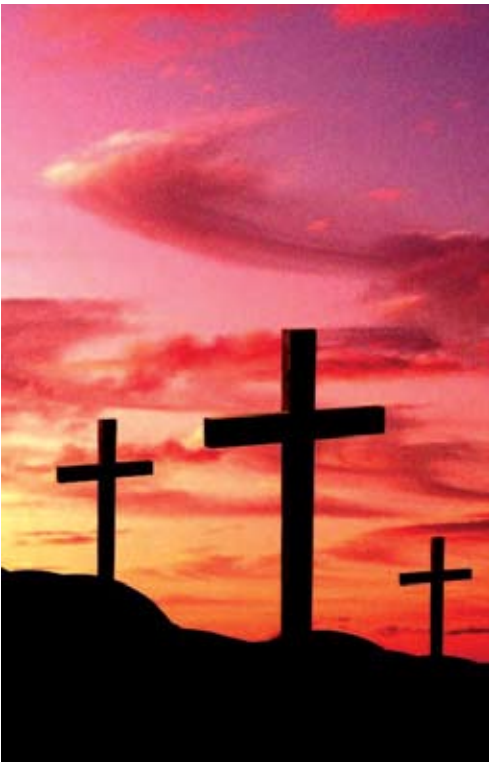
It seems a little odd that we refer to the brutal and bloody execution of Jesus as “Good” Friday – perhaps even outrageous. The hot cross buns are nice, and who can’t deny a public holiday – but to call it “Good Friday” is quite a peculiar statement.

I don’t know about you, but for me death never appears good. Death is about loss. Death is about regret. Death is about sorrow. Death is about never seeing those we love again. Death is about tears.

So why call the death of the world’s most influential man, Jesus, good? Why acknowledge the day people falsely arrested Jesus, tortured him, spat on his face, tore his clothes and nailed him to a Roman cross as good? Why continue to hold the cross, the symbol of execution, as the symbol of Christian faith?

It’s even more remarkable to know that this day has always been considered good. In fact, Jesus’ friends, family and followers referred to his death as the “gospel” – a word which literally means “good news”. Good news for our world, good news for Melbourne, good news for Docklands and good news for you and me.

This “Good Friday” we will be taking an opportunity to consider the death of Christ,



and in the midst of the blood and horror explore the goodness of God.

This special service will take place at 10:30am (James Squire Brewhouse, Waterfront City). Our Easter Sunday services will be at 10:30am and 6pm at the same venue.

Whether you’re a seeker, a sceptic or a card-carrying Christian it would be great to have you with us over the Easter weekend to remember this historical and world changing day.

MIA MIA is a regular visitor to Docklands

The vessel Mia Mia is a regular visitor to the Docklands and Marina YE. This summer’s visit has a special significance because, instead of it’s normal practice of leaving us and heading north to tropical waters, Mia Mia is heading to Queenscliff for a complete refit.

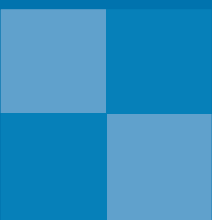
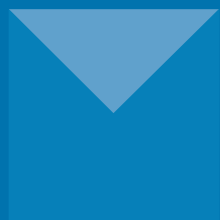
Built in 1964 to a design by Melburnian Eric Slater, the 80 foot Mia Mia is indeed a much-travelled vessel. Apart from its many ocean voyages, Mia Mia acted as Radio Relay Ship for the Sydney Hobart Yacht Race on seven occasions, a testament to the seaworthiness of this magnificent vessel.

Now owned by a syndicate with permanent skipper Neil Easson at the helm, a normal year for Mia Mia would see her setting sail from Melbourne to Bermagui after the grand prix to have annual maintenance carried out then north to Hamilton Island. From her winter base at Hamilton Island, Mia Mia cruises the South Pacific throughout the winter to places like Lizard Island for the fishing tournaments and New Caledonia and all places in between.

Christmas and New Year will see her in Sydney on the return journey to Melbourne for the Australian Open and grand prix. Melbourne is always a popular spot with the syndicate shareholders and their friends and Mia Mia can be seen cruising both the northern and southern areas of Port Phillip.

A veteran of several crossings to New Zealand, Lord Howe Island and even through the South China Sea to Hong Kong, Neil estimates that Mia Mia has travelled 250,000 nautical miles.

The major refit about to start will take most of 2009 and, as such, Neil will leave Mia Mia to start another adventure on the high seas. As Mia Mia sailed away from Marina YE for Queenscliff I looked forward to seeing what work would be carried out to this magnificently kept vessel.



FACES OF DOCKLANDS



Blair Leckie, 26
Barman, Ulumbra, Central Pier

Blair arrived in Melbourne last June from his native Auckland, New Zealand, "for a change" and "to see what Australia's like". He find Docklands "interesting".



Susan Maksymchuk, 25
Hair stylist Esprit Harbour Town

Susan as just packed up her life in Canada and relocated to Melbourne. Arriving in February, she has thrown herself into work in Docklands and the CBD.

"I love Docklands because it is so different," she said.



Dr Joseph Moussa, 47
Dentist, New Quay Dental Cosmetics

Joseph expanded his dental interests from Endeavour Hills to NewQuay five years ago and hasn't looked back.

"It was a great move. Docklands is amazing. There is still so much potential," he said.



Jeff Gordon, 57
Master, Lady Cutler, Melbourne Showboat

Jeff is a relative newcomer to the Docklands charter boat scene having started in 2007.

He is hugely excited about Docklands' potential and believes the area will become Melbourne's "excitement and amusement" suburb.

"It's the place to come if you want to keep the blood pumping through your veins," he said.



Jane Kinsey, 27
Marketing manager James Squires Brewhouse and Restaurant

With three years service under her belt, Jane is one of the originals of Waterfront City.

Jane loves working in Docklands because the people "are great".

"I think there's a great community feel with everyone working together," she said.



Martin Hie, 28
Sales consultant Subaru Interactive @ Docklands

Martin has seen Docklands grow over the four years he has been at Subaru. Now Mirvac is building town houses across the road in Lorimer St, the view will change again.

He is looking forward to even further transformation from industrial area to an exciting cosmopolitan neighbourhood.

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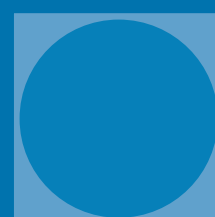
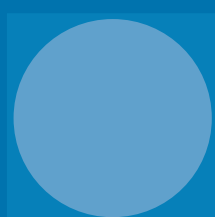
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The Market

Opening in April, The Market at Harbour Town shopping centre brings together fresh fruit and vegetables, fresh flowers and convenience stores. Located on Star Crescent on the ground floor of Harbour Town, The Market promises to be a modern and exciting retail outlet.

Here's just a taste of The Market:

TVG – The Village Grocer

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WHAT'S ON AT WATERFRONT CITY THIS APRIL



This school holidays there is no better place to be than at Melbourne's Docklands! Pull on your skates and hit the ice rink, collect an antique treasure at the Collector's Sunday Market or marvel at the Cirque du Soleil acrobatics – you're spoiled for choice with so many fabulous activities to choose from.



Cirque du Soleil - Dralion

Thursday 9 April – Sunday 14 June

435-507 Docklands Drive, Docklands

Cost: Children from \$35, Adults from \$55

After months of anticipation, Cirque du Soleil's exhilarating new show - Dralion – arrives at Docklands this month. Experience an astonishing journey through an inspirational, mythical and unforgettable world under the trademark blue and yellow Grand Chapiteau, located at Docklands Drive.



Wonderland Park

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

Thursday – Saturdays 10:00am – 9:30pm

Harbour Town Shopping Centre, Waterfront City

Cost: See website for pricing details

Experience Melbourne's newest and most exciting entertainment attraction, Wonderland Park. As the weather cools, enjoy ice skating, dodgem cars, the giant slide, spinning tea cups and many more carnival rides!



Oyster Tasting at Fish Seafood Grill

Every Thursday from 6:00pm – 9:00pm

Fish Seafood Grill, G09 – 12, 439 Docklands Drive, Docklands

Fish Seafood Grill's weekly Oyster Tastings are now on! Sample freshly shucked oysters from up to 5 different regions across Australia.

A professional Oyster Shucker will be on hand to answer all of your questions while freshly preparing the complimentary oysters in front of your eyes.

Bookings Ph 9640 0686 or www.fishrestaurant.com.au

*Oysters are complimentary with every main meal purchase



Collector's Sunday Market

Sundays 10:00am – 6:00pm

Waterfront City Piazza and promenade

Cost: FREE

Discover treasures at the ultimate eco-friendly market and be amazed at what you will find, with everything from art and jewellery, to clothing and vintage books on offer.

The Collector's Sunday Market boasts unique and original products from some of Melbourne's finest antique and pre-loved specialists.



Action Zone

Wednesday - Sunday 10:30am – 5:00pm

Waterfront City Pavillion

Cost: \$2 - \$10

Promising some of the coolest, most exciting activities you have ever seen, Action Zone is an adventurous collection of the latest in inflatable amusement products and stunt bags.

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

Seachange for nanny HQ

Susan Rogan moved her team of child care specialists from the central city to Docklands late last year and is enjoying the “sea change”.

The business has great views of Victoria Harbour from a corner office at LifeLab in the Digital Harbour precinct.

Since 1991 Susan has built the business into Australia’s largest specialist agency for nannies.

Services include recruitment of permanent nannies, providing nannies for short-term and casual care and child care staff for functions.

She said career nannies were a great child care option for families families needing flexible ,one to one care for their children.

She also said it was difficult to attract the same government subsidies for nannies that typically applied to families with children in centre-based care.

Susan has been active in advocating for home-based child care industry at the highest levels. She is a former vice-president of the National Association of In Home Childcare.

Susan and her team are enjoying their new surroundings and Susan herself is appreciating the shorter commuting distance from her home in Williamstown.

She can be contacted on 9670 7686.



Susan Rogan (seated) and one of her consultants Sarah Meldrum ... enjoying the fresh air at Docklands.

Bike Force at Docklands

Bikeforce retail chain owner Bill Gordin has opened nearly 20 stores around Australia but none have had such a great opening as his new Docklands store.

The great result reinforces Bill’s decision to launch seriously into Victoria from a Docklands location. Bill Gordin started Bike Force 10 years ago in Western Australia where it now has 15 stores. It has two in Brisbane and now two in Melbourne.

The Docklands base was the idea of his son Matt, 23, who is now managing the 312 square metre Docklands Drive shop.

The Gordin family have been coming to the football at Docklands stadium for more than five years and would stay at Quest in Bourke St.

“Docklands is just such a vibrant place,” Bill said.

Matt said he was attracted to Harbour Town because of its unique out-door perspective and because it was located nearby Australia’s busiest bicycle commuting path.

Former professional cyclist Bill has moved the entire Gordin family to Melbourne with the ambition of opening more stores in Victoria.

He is opening another in Queensland in late June and aims to open another in Melbourne before the end of the year.

The former professional cyclist competed in the national track and road championships in the late 1970s. It is clear that he is just as competitive now in business.



Keeping the faith at Harbour Town

South African brothers Minal and Nilesh Doolabh have put all their faith in Docklands.

Motor mechanic Minal (left) and head chef Nilesh (right) have pooled their life-savings and taken the plunge with a Nando’s franchise at Harbour Town.

Strategically located under the Southern Star Observation Wheel and just across from the yet-to-be-opened Costco, the brothers are doing it hard at the moment but expect to reap significant rewards in the future.

Minal explained that Nando’s was a South African brand and he had planned to buy a franchise in that country.

But with a rapidly disintegrating society at home, he saw a future for himself and his family in Australia and migrated four years ago.

The brothers hope to bring their sister and parents to Australia.

Not so long ago Minal was a mechanic at Brighton Mercedes and his brother was a head chef in Kew. After approaching Nando’s for a franchise, the brothers were in their Docklands store within three months.

“We were given 24 hours to decide whether we wanted this location,” Minal said. “We came down for a look and peered across the building site wondering what to do.”

“We think Docklands has got a great future. It’s an up and coming area with a fantastic future.”

“If I didn’t think that I wouldn’t have put all my life savings into it,” he said.



Docklands Community Calendar

Date and time	Event	Venue and location	Description & contact details
Every Monday at 11am	Storytime	The Hub, 17 Waterview Walk	Storytime is a special time for children (aged 2-5years) and their care-givers to share time together enjoying stories, songs, rhymes and simple craft. No bookings required.
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, 6.30pm	Trivia Night	BCM, Waterfront City	Form a team and join the fun. Prizes and glory on offer.
Every Tuesday, 6pm to 7pm	Kickboxing	The Hub, 17 Waterview Walk	First class free during April. To book your place, email Kacey Chong at info@corporatekickboxing.com.au
Every Wednesday at 5.30pm and 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 Thursday – 10 weeks from April 23. 7.30am to 8.30am and every Friday – 7 weeks from April 24. 12.30pm to 1.30pm	Yoga	The Hub, 17 Waterview Walk	Stretch and relax into Autumn with a breath-centred hatha yoga class. It's suitable for all ages and levels of ability. Call Nadine on 0450 634 589 or visit nadinefawell.net for more details.
Every Thursday, 6pm to 7pm	Kickboxing	The Hub, 17 Waterview Walk	First class free during April. To book your place, email Kacey Chong at info@corporatekickboxing.com.au
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. Please 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
Mon to Fri 9am to 5pm and Saturdays 10am to 2pm until April 18	Arts Splash "Harbouring local art at Docklands"	The Hub, 17 Waterview Walk	Come along and have a look or email docklandshub@melbourne.vic.gov.au
Every Saturday and Sunday. 10am to 5pm	Action Zone	Waterfront City piazza	100 per cent bouncy castle free, Action Zone is where it's at for the latest in inflatable fun. Cost varies for each activity. Call 8628 6000 or visit waterfrontcity.com.au for details.
April 6 to 17	Autumn school holiday program	The Hub, 17 Waterview Walk	The Melbourne City Baths will keep the kids entertained with a school holiday program of exciting activities and excursions. Visit city attractions, play games and sports and make new friends. For children aged six to 12 years The program costs \$34.95 per day per child - plus excursion costs. Bookings: 9663 5888 . Visit melbournecitybaths.com.au for details.
April 7, 8, 9 (9.30am to 4pm) & 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
Friday, April 24. 8 pm to 1am	Launch of Future Canvas Space	Shed 4, North Wharf Road, Victoria Harbour	Join us for a night of celebration as we toast the opening of the FC space at the Docklands. For more details visit www.futurecanvas.org
Saturday, May 3. 10am to 4pm	Future Canvas Space Blitz	Shed 4, North Wharf Road, Victoria Harbour	Join us for an adventurous day of fusing art, gardening, composting and sculpture creation at Shed 4. For more details visit www.futurecanvas.org

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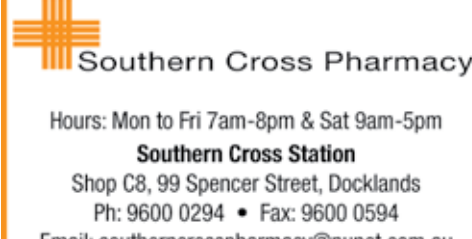
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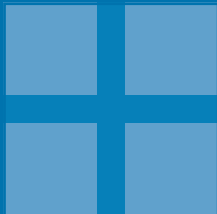
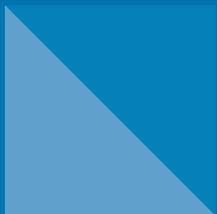
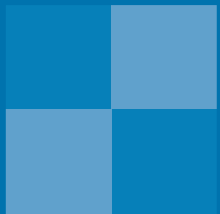
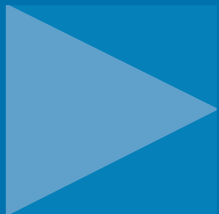
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The club offers a "spin" around Victoria Harbour onboard its Access dinghys every second and fourth Sundays of the month from 11 am from its base at Shed 2 North Wharf Rd.

According to Rear Commodore Terence O'Donnell, quite a few locals have now taken family memberships to enjoy the year-round fun and racing on Victoria Harbour.

"We were delighted to commission our new club committee/race start 'tinnie'," Mr O'Donnell said.

"We are most fortunate to also have three ladies as part of our management committee. Docklands ladies are particularly encouraged

to Try Sailing with DYC and become part of the increasing number of DYC 'girl power' members," he said.

Mr O'Donnell said the local community had welcomed the colourful spectacle of teams racing, firstly with the Tasar high performance demonstration during the recent boat show and followed by four days of secondary school teams racing.

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