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Docklands' digital dream turns to dust

By Shane Scanlan

Docklands' fibre optic futuristic digital dream has faded away.

Four years ago VicUrban announced iPORT, a fibre-optic-based network and predicted a future of high speed internet, video on demand, lower phone costs and even free calls within a Docklands "digital village".

The reality has failed to match this rhetoric and in July this year residential subscribers who were still using the fibre network for telephony and internet access were disconnected.

In this newspaper in 2005 VicUrban was claiming joint ownership of iPORT, with predictions that new residential telco Arise would "provide a range of exciting services which truly capture our vision for a digitally integrated smart city".

The Arise website speaks of Docklands as a "digital village" and claims to operate under VicUrban sanction.

VicUrban's own Docklands website iPORT page says: "High-speed internet connections, provided at an affordable rate, allow people within the Docklands 'Digital Village' to make calls and exchange data free of charge. iPort is currently available for Docklands residents and businesses located in Conder, Village Docklands, Watergate and Victoria Point."

Today the fibre optic cabling is not being used while residents make do with satellite and copper-based phone lines for pay TV and internet access.

One building manager the DCN spoke with said residents were reluctant to take on Arise for internet services because it was too expensive. He said the fibre network had become a "white elephant".

VicUrban says the fact that the fibre has already been laid in Docklands positioned the precinct ahead of the national fibre optic roll out recently announced by the Federal Government.

VicUrban insists there is no issue with the iPORT high speed fibre-based infrastructure in Docklands and says it is



Conder Owners Corporation members (from left) Tony O'Donoghue, Sally Hewitt and Warren Mills ... looking for answers.

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aware of an issue with only one private retailer's delivery of service to one building.

VicUrban says that Docklands residents can choose to have fibre optic-delivered services by contacting a relevant provider but the DCN believes that no retail residential service providers are using the Docklands iPORT network.

VicUrban said if residents were having difficulty finding out what service providers serviced their building, they should ask their building manager to check the building's communications room, to determine which retail providers were connected into the building.

Industry sources said residential fibre

optic services had become less viable as other less expensive technologies such as 3G-delivered broadband had entered the market.

It is understood that iPORT is being used commercially in Docklands and currently carries video signal from Etihad Stadium.

Ownership of the iPORT network has changed hands three times in four years. Originally announced as a joint venture between VicUrban and PowerCor, PowerCor later merged to become Silk Telecom in early 2006. And last year, Silk was acquired by NextGen Networks.

In its termination letter to subscribers in July, Arise said it no longer had access to the physical iPORT network.

Conder owners corporation chair Sally Hewitt said MAB Corporation had unintentionally misrepresented the extent of services available through iPORT to apartment purchasers. "Their failure has been in not following through," she said.

She said the fibre optic cabling within Conder had been installed at great expense

but the cabling had never been used.

Conder apartment owner and barrister Tony O'Donoghue said: "We were told that we were getting a high-speed communications system with internet, Foxtel, movies and all sorts of exciting things."

"We were told that it would be many times faster than anyone in this country had ever experienced. And yet we have never had an opportunity to use that service."

"It's unacceptable and farcical and it calls the competence of VicUrban into question for not being able to facilitate a solution," Mr O'Donoghue said.

Conder resident Warren Mills said he had been forced to use ADSL internet access through the standard copper telephone lines as high-speed internet had never been available.

Arise would not speak to the Docklands Community News.



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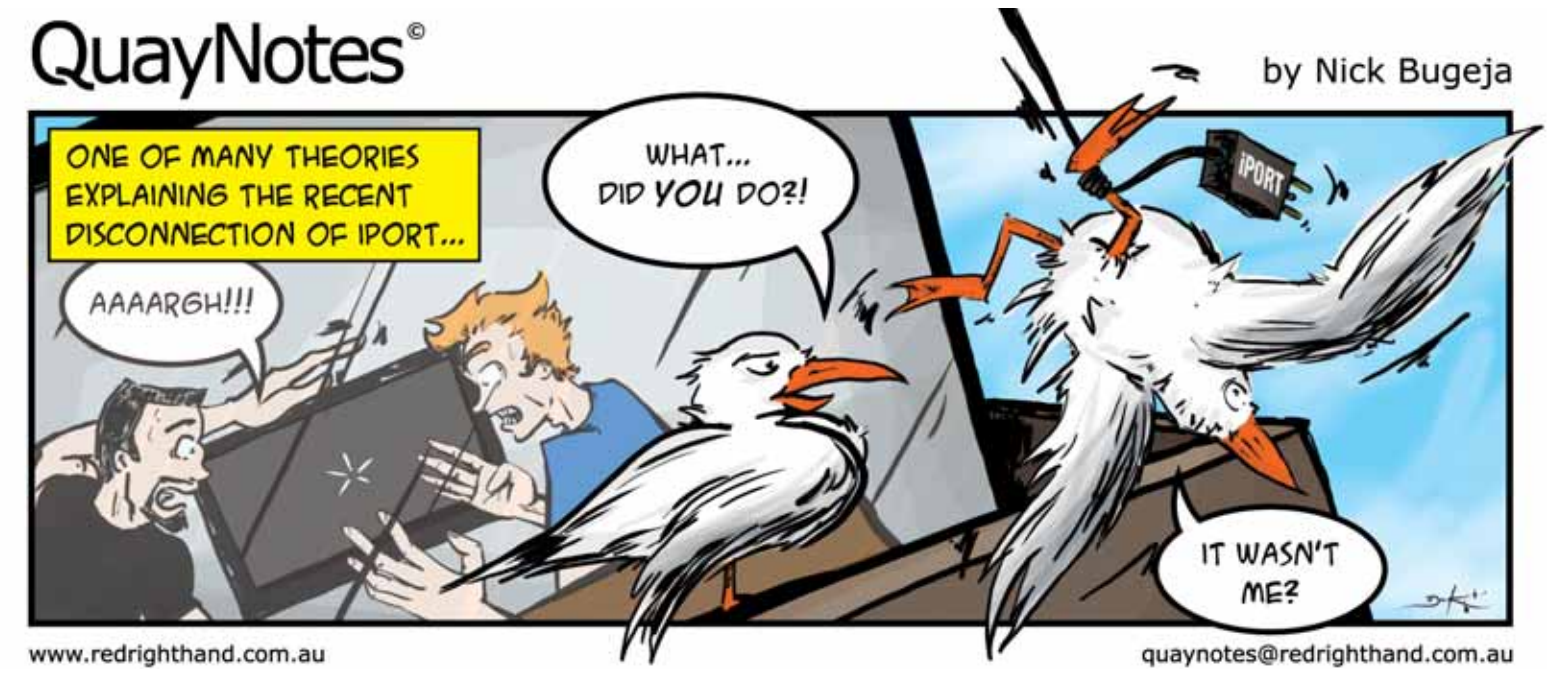
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Discover Docklands campaign underway

Another string to the marketing of Docklands is underway with the launch of the three-month Discover Docklands campaign.

This campaign is using television, radio, outdoor advertising, print and an online component.

Funded by City of Melbourne, ING, MAB, VicUrban, Rivers Restaurant Cruises, the campaign focuses on Docklands as a whole.

Rivers spokesperson Fiona Hoppe said: "It's letting people know that variety of activities that are available at the precinct."

"Docklands just isn't a place to have a great meal, there's shopping, public art, activities for families, Sunday market, and many other events," Ms Hoppe said.

The campaign has engaged an online specialist to progress the campaign via internet social networking outlets including Twitter, Facebook, blogs, forums, YouTube and online competitions.

"The internet is a very powerful marketing tool and great for building awareness of the precinct and keeping people informed on what is happening in the area," Ms Hoppe said.

VCAT hearing this month

The protagonists in the Woolshed Pub liquor licence application dispute head to VCAT this month in a bid to resolve the issue.

Owners of the Woolshed Pub more than a year ago applied for a general 1am licence for 1445 patrons for the Central Pier venue.

In January this year the Director of Liquor Licencing Sue Maclellan knocked back the proposal and the Woolshed Pub has applied to VCAT in a bid to have this decision overturned.

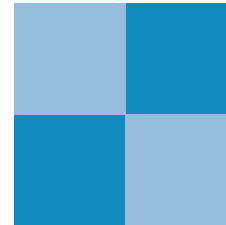
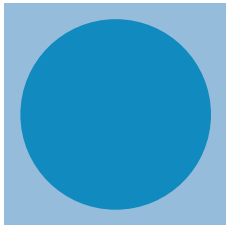
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Hands off building, says mission

Docklands' historic Mission to Seafarers in Flinders Street has become a hot issue in the precinct planning and development debate.

Mission to Seafarers Victoria CEO Andrea Fleming said charitable services to the 15,000 vulnerable and often-exploited seamen who use the heritage-listed centre every year was the priority purpose of 717 Flinders Street.

Ms Fleming said the port authorities granted the land to the mission over 100 years ago but some time later the land had reverted to Crown land. She said the mission was heartened mid last year when discussions took place with the Department of Treasury and Finance with regard to the Mission to Seafarers taking ownership of title and the building.

Subsequently the building has been determined a public asset, thus transfer of title is being contested as other government departments see the potential of the building for alternative uses.

Ms Fleming said that the organisation had warded off various government departments and VicUrban developers some months ago from discussion regarding potential uses for the site.

She said the site was purpose built for seafarers' welfare and maintains that the organisation will stand firm to ensure the on-going presence and preservation of the building for this purpose.

Ms Fleming said it was important that the organisation demonstrate it had the

capacity to maintain and improve the building and that there was an undertaking from the Anglican Diocese and shipping industry stakeholders to support this.

She said she was confident that the mission could raise via public appeal the estimated \$5million that would be required to restore the aging treasure.

The building was built from funds raised early last century by a group of women known as the *Ladies of the Harbour Lights Guild* specifically for services to seafarers.

The building provides a home away from home for merchant seaman. Ms Fleming said the site was not just of historical significance, but "for a not-for-profit service like ourselves, it is integral to our service provision. The building provides a primary source of revenue that supports seafarers' welfare in the Victorian Ports of Geelong, Portland, Hastings and Melbourne."

Fundraising for seafarers' welfare would be dramatically threatened if the building was not available to the mission.

Ms Fleming maintains that public access to the site is important and the organisation welcomes visitors daily, mostly tourists from the City Circle Tram and passers by. The seminar and functions facilities are used by many corporate groups and private functions are growing in popularity as is the annual ANL Maritime Art Prize and Exhibition hosted annually in October.

A Treasury and Finance Department spokesperson said no decision had been made on the building which was part of a wider study of the North Wharf precinct. She said the Government supported the Mission's occupancy of the site.

Mission to Seafarers CEO Andrea Fleming. She is standing firm on the building's primary purpose.

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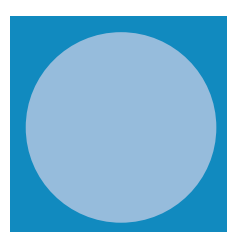
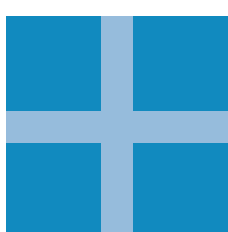
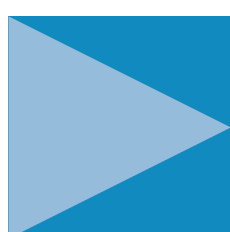
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A new era in business networking in Docklands was launched on August 7 with the success of the inaugural Docklands News Networking Lunch.

A select group of Docklands stakeholders were invited to come together and feedback their thoughts on an ideal format for local networking.

The overwhelming favoured format was for a high-end lunch, held quarterly and featuring either an address from a guest speaker or an interactive activity.

Most of the invitees said they would like to hear an address from one of the other local businesses attending.

The informality of the lunch was appreciated as it allowed people to meet and get to know each other without structure, speeches or any obligation to sponsors.

The Docklands News is conducting the events as a not-for-profit exercise to help build business relationships within Docklands.

Our events partner, Patricia Dupont, of Sublime Events, keeps a small proportion of the \$60 lunch fee to cover her administrative costs.

Local venues who would like to host a future Network Lunch are asked to contact Patricia on sublimeevents@docklandsnews.com.au.

Check next month's Docklands News for details of our next lunch. Also contact Patricia if you would like to be invited as a guest.

Community forum report

Docklands Community Association president Roger Gardner attended last month's City of Melbourne community forum on August 20 and reports the following:

"The community forum turned out to be a very useful exercise with round table discussion groups addressing various service areas including planning, transport, safety and parks and gardens."

"Some views had been put forward previously but the Lord Mayor, Councillor Robert Doyle, emphasised that he intends to ensure that council follows up

with action including pursuing the State Government where the responsibility lies with them in areas such as policing and liquor licencing."

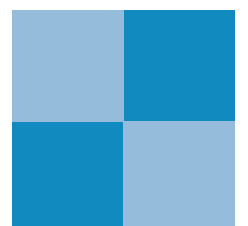
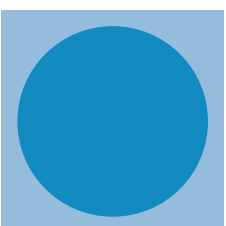
"Many suggestions included more late night public transport, review of planning and control measures for bicycle, taxi and pedestrian movement, zero tolerance, more police numbers and greater attention to serviced apartments in building planning."

"I put forward the need for more public open space, parks and gardens and land based recreation facilities in Docklands," Mr Gardner said.

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Community garden a step closer

Docklands has come a step closer to achieving a community garden with the establishment of a demonstration urban agriculture project in Victoria Harbour.

A project of the Future Canvas organisation, the garden is a six-month experiment playfully called "reforestation" and is the brain-child of 25-year-old environmentalist Emily Ballantyne-Brodie.

Ms Ballantyne-Brodie said Docklanders could expect to see food grown in raised beds in a small plot on Victoria Harbour in front of Dock 5.

"It's a demonstration in the art of being sustainable every day," she said. "Sustainable living is about well being and it's about being active. And gardening is part of that."

"We aim to use this garden as both a wonderful source of organic food, to find out about the Docklands community opinion for a longer term garden and a community art project," she said.

"We hope that it will become a hub for the community to gather, get to know each

other, and learn a bit about how they can garden and recycle organic waste from inner-city homes."

She said the site would be used to run programs such as composting, worm-farming, wise water use and to encourage people to think about how they acquire food.

Reforestation hopes to run environmental education programs with local businesses, primary schools and youth drop-in centres in the City of Melbourne, and work alongside existing sustainable lifestyle events such as Ride To Work Day on October 14.

"We have had amazing support from the City of Melbourne, Lend Lease and VicUrban, and we hope that we can really get to know the community while we're here and find out what they would really love to see in a community garden," Ms Ballantyne-Brodie said.



Emily Ballantyne-Brodie

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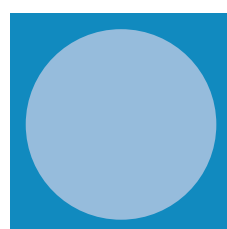
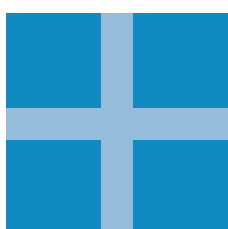
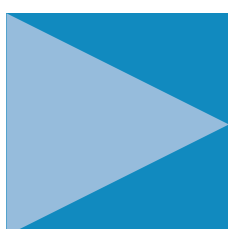
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Last month Central Pier hosted David Jones Spring Summer collection launch, featuring Miranda Kerr plus Sussan's fashion parade for their new season line.

And Foxtel's own Project Runway TV series filmed their finale in Peninsula which showcased local designers in competition to win the chance to launch their fashion careers.

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Community update

MAB NewQuay Gets Ready for the Future with the Appointment of Kevin Hunt

The team at NewQuay are discussing the precinct's future, with bold new plans in place, to be shared with the community next month.

Part of the plans for NewQuay's future was the appointment of Kevin Hunt who has recently joined the team at NewQuay's developer MAB Corporation (MAB). Kevin has been appointed as General Manager, Residential.

Previously Chief Executive Officer of Mirvac Victoria, Kevin was responsible for establishing the Mirvac brand and development business in Melbourne and has been instrumental in planning and delivering numerous successful landmark projects including, Beacon Cove, SY21, The Melburnian, Yarra's Edge, Waverley Gardens and The Heath.

Kevin has an unrivalled track record in planning and delivering residential developments and is a recognised leader in this field.

Kevin said, "Residential is where my passion lies – I have taken this unique opportunity to further expand a Melbourne-centric property group that has a track record in delivering leading-edge residential developments."

MAB has been in a planning phase with NewQuay for the most part of this year. "We will be revealing some

exciting news in the coming months about our future plans for NewQuay," said Project Director Rick Marshall.

"We have had successful sales at our new apartment project 'Harbour One' to be built on Docklands Drive.

"This has enabled us to look at other projects and move forward with the development of the remainder of the NewQuay," he said.

Since 1999 MAB has been responsible for significant development at Docklands, including a number of residential towers, a commercial office tower and the successful NewQuay Promenade retail precinct here at Docklands.

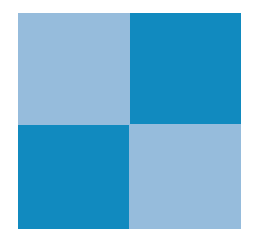
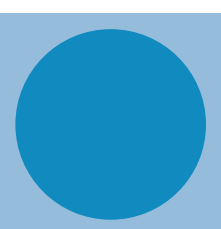
"We are really excited about this next wave in developing the precinct and the next decade for Docklands," said Marshall.

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Richard Marshall, NewQuay Project Director, Kevin Hunt, General Manager Residential and Rachael Hiscok, Sales Manager discuss the future of NewQuay.

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Bargain hunters descend on Docklands

These three amigos from St Albans were up before the sun to stake their place in Docklands history as the first three shoppers to Australia's first Costco store on August 17.

Kaylene Johnson, Helen Leighton and Josephine Gauci arrived at the store at 4.45am to take their place at the top of a queue of hundreds before the doors opened at about 7.45 am.

By the time the dignitaries had spoken and the red-ribbon had been cut, a couple of young males with super-sized trolleys had managed to push past the intrepid trio to steal line honours. But by then Melbourne's TV and radio stations had already immortalised the three friends as the city's shopping champions.

For the other contenders who had braved the pre-dawn chill, the prize was the bargains they had been told lay within the 14,000 square metre monolith.

Lord Mayor, Cr Robert Doyle, assured the awaiting masses that they would find something of value between the cheapest toilet roll and the store's most expensive item, a \$160,000 diamond ring.



Helen Leighton said her motivation to get down to Docklands by 4.45am was to buy a television for her son. Her friends were joining her in the adventure, lured by the prospect of finding a great deal on something they, hopefully, wanted.

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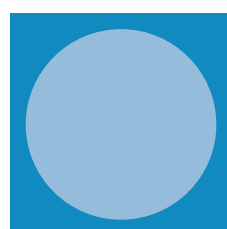
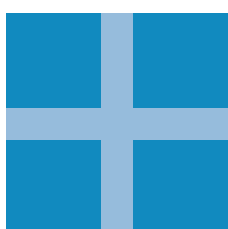
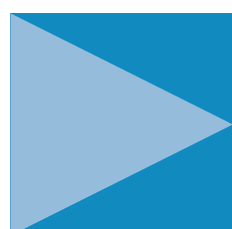
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Community building to start at Central Pier

By Sarah Murray

The rapid growth of Docklands, as exciting as it's been, has meant that not every aspect of life on the waterfront has kept pace with the vision. In particular, the usual community networks, activities and support services that help shape and define more established communities have tended to lag.

To fill in the gaps Anglican priest Fr James Grant, educational consultant Pam Burton and health professional Molly Carlile, working under the banner of Quay Initiatives Australia, have taken up the challenge to establish a dynamic community centre that will be as unique and diverse as Docklands and the people who live here.

"VicUrban has recently granted us 180 square metres of space for a community centre on Central Pier," Fr James said. "It's in the midst of the night clubs but we think that's quite good. We'll have a different audience during the daytime, more to do with the community ... Docklands has been missing something, which is something people can identify with and say 'that's ours'."

Over the last five years the idea of what a Docklands community centre could be has developed considerably. According to Fr James: "We started thinking about spiritual things, and we are still doing that, but we now want it to be wider so it incorporates community activities, be it book clubs, providing spaces for community meetings or running seminars, but particularly we want it to have a strong educational component."



Pam Burton is enthusiastic about what Docklands can offer students. With a strategic alliance with Kings Gate Hotel offering to supply cut-price accommodation already in place and a number of schools having expressed interest in participating, Ms Burton said: "There are three major aspects to the educational offering which would involve bringing students into Docklands from Melbourne and rural Victoria."

These include developing students' community interaction; introducing an ambassadorial program where kids at risk are aligned with people who have experience, talent and time to create new opportunities for them; and using the Docklands environment as a backdrop for enquiry learning.

"I've spoken to lots of Docklands residents, and there are many retirees

who've indicated that they would like to be involved in the ambassadorial program," Ms Burton.

Yet Fr James said there were other directions they wanted to take the community centre. "This is a chance to do something entirely different ... with a layered approach that for kids will be something great, but there will also be lots of stuff for adults."

Other ideas designed to promote connectedness include early morning "wellness" experiences for the community such as meditation and pilates, while Ms Carlile will focus on developing counselling services and other health programs.

Festivals are also something both Ms Burton and Fr James are enthusiastic about. "We'd really like to start a storytellers' festival, where storytellers would move through the restaurants. We'd also

set up tents for kids storytellers and incorporate indigenous elements and we'd like to establish links with the Melbourne Writers Festival," Ms Burton said.

When it comes to funding the centre, Fr James noted that MAB's Andrew Buxton had been a great supporter but they will be actively looking for more support from other businesses in the Docklands area.

With permit approvals now finalised, refit work will start on the Central Pier space. "The centre won't be ready to kick off until February, and we are under pressure to meet that deadline as we will be looking to get our first school groups through by February or March."

Anyone who is interested in finding out more about the community centre or would like to discuss program ideas or other ways to get involved is welcome to contact Fr James at frjames@keypoint.com.au

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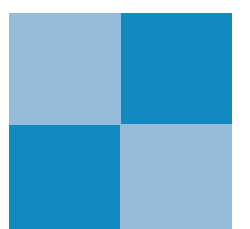
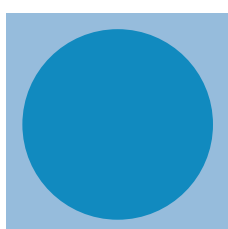
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Visiting US Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar Megan Voelkel recently visited the newly-formed Rotary Club of Docklands.

Members and guests were impressed by Megan’s journey which started in small-town Mississippi from where she went on to study in Birmingham and became editor-in-chief of the university newspaper.

This experience led to an internship on the world-renowned Washington Post newspaper. She came to Australia this year to undertake a post-graduate qualification in international studies

at Melbourne University. She has since signed up to undertake a masters degree.

The Docklands Community News invited Megan to share her impressions of Docklands, which was her home for the first few weeks of her Australian experience. (We know Megan, it’s quite a privilege isn’t it after writing for the Washington Post!)

The Rotary Club of Docklands meets from 6pm (meeting runs from 6.30 until 7.30pm) every Tuesday upstairs at Berth Restaurant, NewQuay. All welcome.



Docklands impressions - Megan Voelkel

Fresh off a 15-hour plane ride, I couldn’t pull my jet-lagged eyes away. From a 16th-floor balcony at Yarra’s Edge, I surveyed the city I had been planning for, dreaming about, and now would finally come to know.

A City Circle tram rounded the corner towards Flinders Street Station. A black swan glided close to the marina promenade and its mix of suited professionals and more casual passers-by.

And there, as the backdrop to it all, was the most stunning panorama of skyscrapers, luminescent in the sultry February sun. If first impressions are any indication of what is to come, I thought, I’m in for an absolutely breathtaking year in Melbourne.

Though I would eventually live closer to the university for study, my formative weeks in Docklands are fondly remembered as weeks of newness, of excitement, of possibility.

Webb Bridge was once my gateway to the unfamiliar streets of the CBD. Now I walk under its latticed arches with bittersweet reminiscence, amazed that

nearly seven months have passed since I first stepped onto its pathway.

A similar nostalgia accompanies other memories of scenes at the banks of the Yarra – the early-morning hot-air balloons hovering above the city skyline; the sounds of salsa at the Yarra’s Edge Bar & Cafe; the flock of seagulls’ daily flight upriver at dusk; and the brides and grooms taking wedding-day portraits on the dock of the marina, among them.

In many ways, in ways I’m still recognising, Docklands is both distinct and evocative of what I’ve come to adore about Melbourne.

It’s ambitious and creative, evidenced most visibly by its modern sculptures and contemporary architecture. It’s also uniquely historic. While still a young development, the location itself is a constant reminder of the city’s age-old maritime influences.

While there, I found these dynamics of the community, much like the harbour’s constant breeze, to be refreshing and inviting.

I’m thankful for the time I was able to spend in Docklands and for the remarkable journey that began at its doorstep.

While my memories and experiences as a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar have multiplied significantly since my early days in Melbourne, what were once first impressions have become lasting ones.

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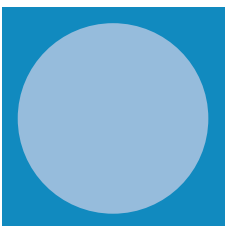
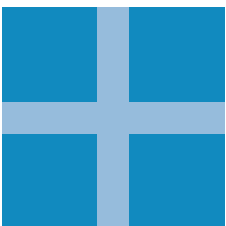
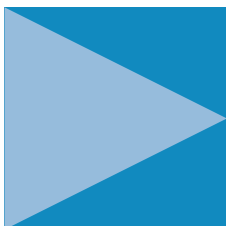
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Farewell, hurry back, Linda and Christiaan



Girls Night In Dock 5 Book Club members farewell Linda Botha (from left) Janette Cain, Chris Reiffel, Kay Setches, Linda Botha, Christine Ginn, Sharon Hedley and Dianne Thomas.

Docklands farewelled one of its favourite couples last month as chartered accountants Linda and Christiaan Botha launched into another international adventure.

The popular couple made a big impression within the close-knit Dock 5 community since buying an apartment via the internet in 2005 and finally moving in February 2007.

The South Africans love their Docklands home but they also share a passion for

excitement and have ventured to Lesotho as Christiaan takes on the role of financial director of leading African telco Vodocom.

Linda explained that Christiaan had represented Vodocom in Nigeria and Congo and his previous employer had recently phoned with the Lesotho offer which was "too good to refuse".

The Bothas decided in 2001 to seek permanent residency in Australia. It wasn't until December 2004 that they first set foot in Australia. After a whirlwind tour of Melbourne, Sydney and Cairns, they fell in love with Melbourne and bought their Dock 5 home.

It wasn't until their Nigerian sojourn came to an end in August 2006 that they were able to make plans to move to Docklands.

Linda said they were smitten when they finally walked into their apartment on February 24, 2007.

Christiaan found work with Jetstar and Linda joined Recoveries Corporation.

Their goal of becoming Australian citizens was finally achieved in May this year. Linda said she had been counting the days and when the woman at the Immigration Department counter casually told her their application was successful, she burst into tears.

"From the day we decided, it took us nine years to get citizenship. The emotion was overwhelming," she said.

Linda will miss her Docklands friends and, in particular, the Dock 5 Girls Night In Book Club. A highlight of her time spent in Docklands was participating in the book club Black Saturday bushfire relief fundraiser in March.

Linda said it was certain they would return to their newly-adopted Docklands community.

"Docklands is our home," she said.



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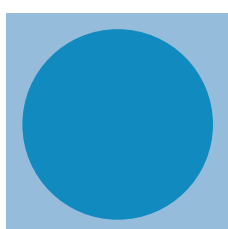
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Docklands backs boaties

Three quarters of DCN online survey respondents in August believe Docklands' charter boat operators are justified to feel aggrieved by the City of Melbourne's call for expressions of interest for commercial berthing.

Some 76.5 per cent (or 13 of 17) respondents said the boaties were justified in feeling hard done by.

In last month's DCN we reported that local charter boat operators believe they should have first right of refusal on the berth's they have occupied in recent years.

They claim to have been given certain assurances by the Docklands Authority and later VicUrban that encouraged them to endure difficult conditions while leasing arrangements were finalised.

But with authority passing to the City of Melbourne two years ago, the council has announced a competitive process for berthing rights.

Some six respondents left comments:

* Who would you believe? Council and VicUrban? Not likely. The charter boats help give a maritime feel to what would otherwise be just another bit of water. They should be encouraged rather than priced out of existence.

Eol closed

The City of Melbourne has closed expressions of interest in commercial berthing at the Waterfront City Marina.

However, the council would not say how many applications it had received.

When asked what the process would be from here, the council said: "The tender processes is robust involving evaluation, presentation and review. After the tender process is complete management will provide its recommendation to council."

* The on-going saga of long-term berth leases must be brought to a head. Uncertainty for future berth tenure creates a business negative which affects the industry and future investment - W&H Turner

* It appears there was inadequate consultation. Successful or effective outcomes require the consent or agreement of any industry. To date, the lack of support and encouragement for water tourism is obvious and disappointing.

* The charter boats add colour and life to Docklands and they should be accommodated in the precinct

* You can't move the goal posts half-way through the game!

This month's survey is on the adequacy of digital communications in Docklands (telephony, mobile phone reception, TV, radio and internet). Have your say at www.docklandsnews.com.au/comms



I have been operating in Victoria Harbour for 10 years and have recently been forced out of the harbour due to lack of berthing opportunities for small commercial operators.

The Tramboat is an extremely comfortable and popular vessel that predominately operates morning tea and lunch packages for Victorian seniors.

Our trouble started when our already-overpriced berth at Central Pier increased in value by approximately 40 per cent, so we were forced to find an alternative home.

On attempting to get another berth within the harbour I have been told by both private marinas that the Tramboat did not suit their image (even though there is plenty of available berthing space).

Then the City of Melbourne offered me a space against the shipping wharf.

Being a small vessel it was unrealistic to be alongside a wharf built for ships as getting access to the vessel would be almost impossible and totally unsafe.

I inquired as to the possibility of berthing at the Waterfront City Marina for the short term. I was told that even though the marina was empty, I was not welcome as I am a commercial operator.

Yes I do feel aggrieved and discriminated against in the fact that, even though we have been successfully operating in the harbour for years, including numerous cruises for both VicUrban and the City Of Melbourne, I have to compete against all other commercial vessels and probably operators from outside Melbourne for two berths.

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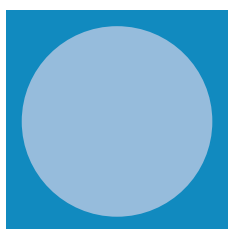
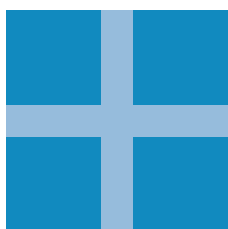
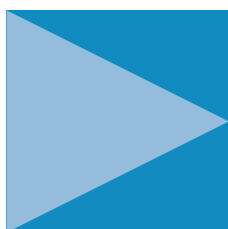
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Docklands 1701 / 60 Siddeley Street

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Docklands 38 / 801 Bourke Street

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Docklands 1212 / 8 McCrae Street

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Private Sale \$370,000

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Docklands 12 / 60 Siddeley Street

DIRECTLY ON THE WATER'S EDGE

3 Bed 2 Bath 1 Car

Private Sale \$700,000

Inspect By appointment

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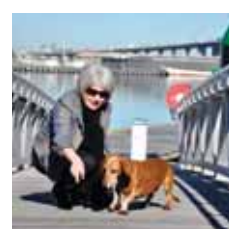
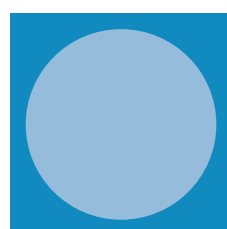
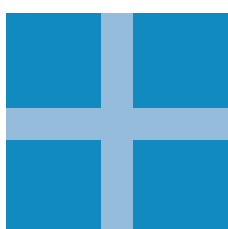
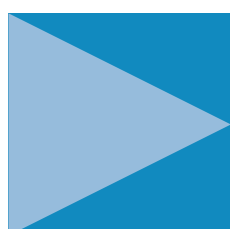
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Atlantic cleans up

Atlantic Group [v] was last month cleaned up at the Victorian Restaurant and Catering Association Awards for Excellence.

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The company will now contest the national award next month at a ceremony in Brisbane.

It caps off what has been an amazing two years for the Atlantic which officially opened its doors at Docklands on August 18, 2007.

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Amanda's angle



I want to start my column this month by thanking you all so much for all the kind cards and emails I have received following the death of my sister Fiona. Your support has been so comforting and I thank you all so very much.

I am not back at work yet, so I thought I would update you all on my plans. I return to Scotland this week to spend some time with my family and recharge my batteries. But I will be back.

How could I stay away? I love the paper and how well respected it is in the community. It makes me very proud to say I am part of it. So please be nice to Shane while I am away and if he seems a little bit more grumpy than usual, cut him some slack. He's got a lot on his plate!

This experience has taught me a lot but I have always been a

great believer that something good always comes out of something bad – like when I broke my wrist when I was 22. I was so upset. I had a big night out planned with my girlfriends and I was devastated, not to mention sore. So all my friends went out and I went to casualty feeling very sorry for myself.

Where is the good in that I hear you say? Well I ended up out the following weekend on a date with the doctor who bandaged my wrist up and my girlfriends were so jealous!

So every bad has some good in it trust me, and good friends are worth so much. Look after them. But there is another thing I learned that surprised me. Gin doesn't cure everything no matter how much you drink. Shocking isn't it? And believe me, I've done the research!



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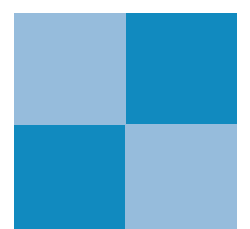
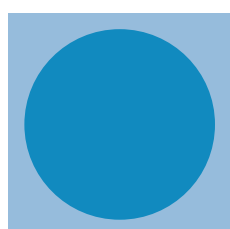



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Celebrating **being local**



Businesses at Yarra's Edge last month banded together to present a united front to their residential neighbours.

Local concierge service provider Shaun Bassett brought seven businesses together and organised the design, printing and distribution of a "Yarra's Edge Business Directory" brochure.

"The message is very much about letting the residents know who their business community is and what we have to offer," he said.

"We want local residents to be part of the great community vibe we have down here."

He said operators from outside Docklands were generally able to bombard residents with letterbox drops.

"So our delivery will be made to residents' doors," he said.

Mr Bassett said surplus brochures would go into resident kits which were handed to people moving into Yarra's Edge apartments.

Local eatery awarded

Fish Seafood Grill last month won the state section of the I Love Food Awards as Victoria's Favourite Seafood restaurant.

The Waterfront City venue was chosen as part of Australia's largest peoples' choice restaurant awards.

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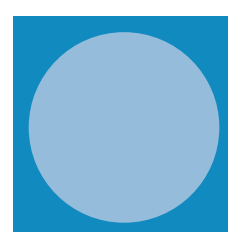
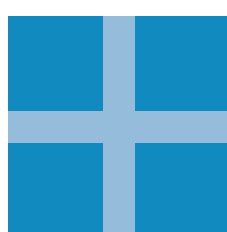
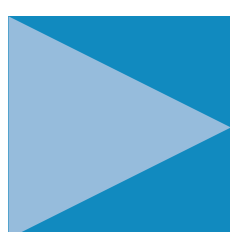
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Va Bene

A lot of good things came out of the 1990s. Pearl Jam, for one. Winona Ryder, *Clerks* and *Silent Bob* – not to mention Grange vintages 1990, 91, 96 and 98.

It's almost ironic then, that the same decade to produce the "Best Red Wine in the World" (Penfolds Grange 1990, as voted by *Wine Spectator Magazine*), was also responsible for popularising one of the worst fads ever to blight the food and wine industry – serving wine in latte glasses.

Thankfully, in most places the phenomena seemed to die out as quickly as wearing flannelette shirts in public. But, just as the occasional good looking farmer sometimes wanders into town still sporting plaid – occasionally, a restaurant that should know better dishes out its wine in these glorified coffee cups.

Va Bene pizzeria e pasta cucina is one of these restaurants. What hurts the most is that I genuinely consider this relative newcomer to Docklands' dining

scene to be one of the best. The food, service, atmosphere and Italian wines are hard to fault – it just brings a tear to my eye every time I direct a drop of one of their light and savoury Italian varieties onto my tongue, and due to the awkward thick lip of the latte glass – it falls to the completely wrong area of my palate!

However, now that's off my chest, let me focus on all that is good here, which certainly outweighs this one (easily fixable – hint, hint!) oversight.

I first visited Va Bene when it just opened – smack bang in the middle of the L'oreal Fashion Festival and full to over-flowing with beautiful people. I've since been many times to find it packed yet not once have the gracious A-Jay, Michael, or any of the floor staff ever appeared flustered or dropped their smiling, "it will all be okay" demeanour. I am neither beautiful not special, but somehow, they always make you feel that way and always sort you out.

"Va Bene" supposedly means "all good" in Italian, and the vibe at Va bene is intended to capture the casual, community feel of a European village. The long, communal tables (and no doubt the latte glasses!) all contribute to this feel, as does the

unflappable friendly vibe of the staff. If communal tables aren't your thing – don't worry, a space just big enough to make you feel "separate" to those next to you is provided between groups and is surprisingly effective.

Va Bene certainly filled a gap in Docklands. Not only through literally providing a place to stop and eat in between the promenades of Victoria Harbour and NewQuay / Waterfront City, but through providing a place with unique atmosphere, charm and food. Yes, there's plenty of pizza to be found in Docklands, but none quite like this. Ex-Mr Wolf chef Marisa Travain keeps things simple and fresh. Vegies and herbs are delivered daily, bread is baked prior to every shift and the home-cooked feel permeates everything from the fresh gnocchi to Italian sauces.

Pizza bases are thin and crisp and while the toppings are never excessive, the flavours combine to create taste sensations. The Pepperoncini is a favourite – the sweetness of baby peppers and caramelised onion is perfectly offset by the savoury bite of tomato, mozzarella and parsley. The Salsiccia is a close second, the crumbled chunks of Italian sausage and strong flavours of oregano and fresh chilli, melting

into the creamy yet bitey mix of fior di latte, mozzarella and parmesan.

The pastas are also worth a mention. The delightful polpette (veal and beef meatballs) can be found on both a pizza of the same name, and within the spaghetti. The veal ragu gnocchi and the lasagne, which comes in its own terracotta oven dish, are exactly what I imagine people with Italian nonna's would claim to be "just like nonna used to make".

The "spuntini", or light entrée bites are also wonderfully authentic Italian treats. Again, I really do raise my hat to what Va Bene has achieved, but I must sign off with where I began – if I could only reach out for a big, bulbous glass within which to swirl my tasty red and release its true flavours in order to appropriately accompany this top-notch food – it really would be perfect.

OVERALL RATING

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What Women Want

with Abby Crawford



Do you feel it? New energy breaking through, the excitement of things to come, the feeling of freedom as we're released from the weight of our winter coats? Spring is here!

Surely, the most spectacular change of season on the calendar, as we watch our surroundings burst into colour and new life at the touch of the sun's warmth. A little like love?

Absolutely, spring is the honeymoon period of the year. It courts us with new flowers, it sends us heavenly scents on the warming breezes, and it brings such positivity and hope as animals on the land choose this perfect time to give birth to their young. Nature at its best, spring nurtures life back to things we'd forgotten could be so beautiful.

Bring the spring into your heart and your life. If your relationship has lost the honeymoon period and instead has felt like a never-ending arctic winter, remember the beauty and joy of the things you were first attracted to in your partner.

Recall the ease of laughter, the eagerness to spend time together, and the excitement of their touch.

Often, like a beautiful flower, those things haven't disappeared but have withdrawn to the safety of their protective bulb waiting for a spring to draw them out again. Show some warmth, speak to each other about the things you love and you will find them re-emerging.

"I remember the butterflies I would get when your lips first touched mine," will get your partner remembering the tenderness and passion of your honeymoon start. Perhaps it was running along the beach and the sharp saltiness of kissing in the crashing surf.

Or maybe the way her glasses would slip to the tip of her nose whilst she was consumed in her novel cuddled under your arm. Cast your mind back to your most treasured moments, and bring them back to life.

The honeymoon or spring period of a relationship can be brought back as easily as remembering how you attend and react

to someone you have just met. A few simple things and you will find that with the special "spring attention" to your partner, your love will be blossoming with renewed growth.

Try really listening to your partner, actually stop multi-tasking – or attempting to! – and look at them and listen to what they are saying. The art of conversation seems to be something that gets prioritised below the sports channel and washing when you've been together a while, but make chat time a priority again and it will bring you closer and the romantic touches will start to bloom again.

Or something as simple as holding hands when you go for a walk together and take in the beautiful air. If that would just be plain weird in your relationship, then an arm around her shoulders as you walk for a coffee, or even a hug before you leave the house.

Just find a way to bring some tender physical contact back in at unexpected times, and she'll be thinking of you all day. And when you're thinking of each

other whilst you're apart, the passion increases when you're together!

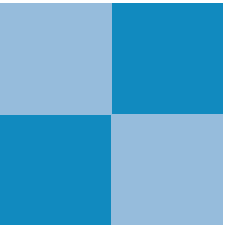
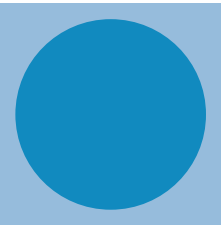
Gentlemen, believe me when I say that reaching out to your partner and simply placing your hand on her cheek, arm or around her waist, and looking her in the eye to say "I love you" will be as breathtaking to her as the first time you ever said it.

Love never has to fade, but we all just need reminding to put some "spring" in our lives and encourage those little buds to bloom again. What Women Want is for our love and relationships to last and for spring to enter all our hearts as well as the garden!

Have a great month, and don't forget you can email me any questions on What Women Want to life@docklandsnews.com.au

Abby x

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Schnitzel, Docklands pioneer

From his private balcony high above NewQuay, Schnitzel the dachshund has seen them come and go since 2002.

He and his owners Budi and Adelheid Sutanto were the third “family” to move into the Palladio building back in 2002.

They signed up for their apartment in 2000 when excavation for the nearby Arkley building had just begun.

The Sutantos were living in Wheelers Hill at the time had been entertaining a Dutch aunt with a boat tour of the Docklands.

“My aunt insisted we sign up,” Adelheid said. “When she got back to Holland she rang to make sure we had committed ourselves.”

Adelheid said coming from Germany 20 years ago, the couple felt more at home with apartment living than with suburban living.

Schnitzel also feels the same way. Adelheid said the 11-year-old dachshund used the Wheelers Hill backyard for ablutions only.

In Docklands he has his own balcony, complete with dog flap and wooden decking.

He is walked twice a day and notices every change to the landscape.

“He barks if there is something new or something has changed,” Adelheid said.

Schnitzel came to the Sutantos when he was seven weeks old. He had been earlier purchased by a family with one-year-old twin boys.

“The family wasn’t coping and told us they Schnitzel was going back,” Adelheid said. “All that night I couldn’t sleep. I woke up and said let’s go and get that dog.”

The rest is history.



Pets Corner

Economic development forum

What ideas do you have for helping businesses be successful in your Docklands community?

Come and share your ideas and suggestions at a discussion forum on Thursday, September 10. You’ll join other residents and business owners from Docklands, as well as members of the Docklands Co-ordination Committee.

All your ideas and suggestions will help the City of Melbourne write a strategy on economic development in Docklands. The strategy aims to set out some long-term strategies as well as some shorter term actions and that will help businesses in Docklands be successful.

The forum will be held at the Digital Harbour Theatre immediately after the Docklands Co-ordination Committee meeting on September 10. A starting time is scheduled for around 6.30pm.





To attend the forum, please register by visiting www.melbourne.vic.gov.au or calling the City of Melbourne Hotline on 9658 9658.

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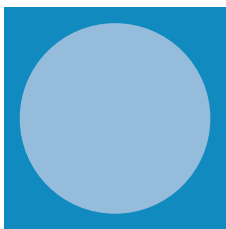
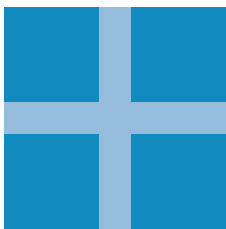
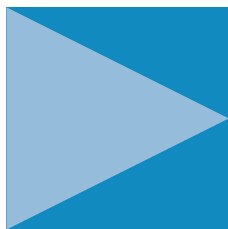
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HE SAID WHAT?

Mark this date!

In just over a few months Docklands Church will be celebrating its second birthday! It's a fantastic opportunity to look back at what has been a great 24 months of growth and new beginnings and also look forward to the journey ahead.

In light of this, we are going to be hosting a very exciting community weekend from Friday, October 30 to Sunday, November 1. The events will be in Docklands and for the people. We thought this would be a great way to, not only mark the occasion, but also let people know how much we love and appreciate this great community.

Docklands is a special place full of all kinds of great people and our hope is to provide something for everyone in the community. This is what its shaping up to look like:

- Friday (Business/Retail)
- Industry breakfast
- Lunchtime activities
- Evening community ball
- Saturday (Health/Wellbeing)
- Fun rides/run

- Community brunch
- Outdoor sports
- Evening concert
- Sunday (Funday!)
- Outdoor entertainment
- Activities for the family
- Docklands Church celebration services
- Giveaways

The whole weekend is set to be blast! If you have any ideas as to what you would like to see happen on this weekend please drop a line to info@docklandschurch.org.au. Otherwise we look forward to seeing you there!

Docklands Church, meets on Sundays (10.30am and 6pm) at James Squire Brewhouse, Waterfront City – to find out more visit www.docklandschurch.org.au



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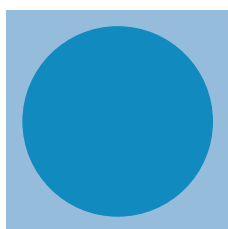
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Marina Notes

by Allan Cayzer, Manager Marina YE



Greetings from Roger Gardner -
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President

Cruising with no limits

Marina YE is currently playing host to New Zealanders Bruce and Gina Blayney aboard their yacht Karinya.

Karinya, a Tayana 37 designed by Bob Perry, is on an extended world cruise with no time limit.

Bruce and Gina departed New Zealand last November bound for Hobart. After enjoying Hobart and exploring the east coast of Tasmania Karinya set sail for Melbourne and Marina YE which they have made their base during winter.

In early November they will set sail for West Australia for an extended stay before heading to Mauritius then on to South Africa. After South Africa it is around the Cape of Good Hope and off to Brazil then a cruise up the east coast of the Americas then back across the Atlantic to Europe.

After Europe they will head west again and through the Panama Canal and home to New Zealand with perhaps a cruise up the West Coast of America before crossing the Pacific.

Bruce and Gina are impressed with Melbourne and the close proximity of Marina YE to the city centre. They both agree that Melbourne has so much to see and do and will leave with great memories of their stay here.



I am pleased to tell you that our new committee is settling in and developing an action plan which will incorporate both social activities and the taking up of amenity and infrastructure issues on behalf of residents.

We are planning more resident input into our activities. Some things we are looking at doing include surveying residents on what activities they prefer and what issues they would like us to take up on their behalf. We will be liaising with authorities including VicUrban and the City of Melbourne.

On the social front you will recall our highly successful "meet and greet" function in July and we are scheduling a Christmas function in December.

Regarding issues, we have written to the Minister for Transport requesting her assistance to provide a shelter at the Docklands Park tram stop, after approaches through normal channels got bogged down.

I have been invited by the Lord Mayor to take part in a community review and discussion with councillors of the Council's 2009-2013 Plan for the city including Docklands being held on August 20. I will provide a report.

We plan to keep residents regularly informed on activities and also develop use of our website.

What would you like to change????

Change the World was approached in August to participate in the "what would you like to change" campaign that is currently being advertised and promoted around Australia.

The demand for change is definitely in the collective conscious and Change the World is proud to be involved in this important initiative.

This initiative is asking all Australians what they would like to change. Involvement is via the website www.whatwouldyouliketochange.com.au

Change the World CEO Brent Masters was asked to be one of five ambassadors and you may have heard him on the airwaves in late August and you will hear him throughout September.

"I agreed to be involved because it is important for Australians to start the conversation on change," Brent said.

"The first thing I would like to change is the perception that only those who have money, power or influence can make

change. I believe that everyone has the capacity to change. You only have to change a small part of the world to change the entire world."

Change the World hopes its partnership with this initiative will motivate people to come up with solutions to the questions on change. Once areas of change are identified the next step is for people to come up with inspiring ideas on how to implement effective change and this is where Change the World is so important.

So go online, have your say and remember you all have the capacity to ensure change.

After you have done that go and be one of the first and to check out our new website at www.changetheworld.com.au

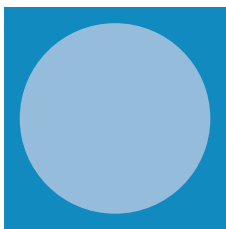
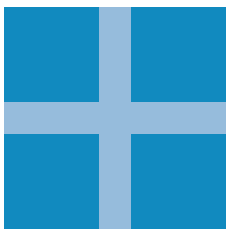
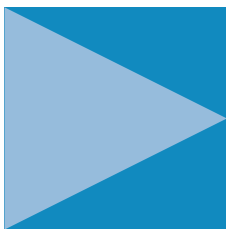
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Letters to the editor

Open letter to 3AW's Neil Mitchell
Subject: Docklands bashing
Date: August 18, 2009
From: Docklands stalwart Peter Kelly

Hello Neil

I am sick of you constantly bashing Docklands and everything about it and I would suggest you just stop and appreciate what has occurred here in less than 10 short years and comprehend the following that I have seen transpire in that period.

Yesterday's outburst for me was the final straw as I have heard you bash the area for years and I had to get this off my chest once and for all

My name is Peter Kelly, a Docklands resident and business owner since December 2001 and I have seen the area grow from nothing to what it is now, although only half way through.

I have seen 9000 residents move in, 25,000 workers (when the ANZ move in from October) come daily and over 2 million visitors a year come to the various precincts.

I have seen the first affordable housing building nearing completion that has floors dedicated to Docklands workers at reduced rentals.

At the other end of the scale, waterfront town houses on both the Yarra and Victoria Harbour are under construction and have all been sold for between \$1.5m and \$5 million.

I have seen corporate businesses like Channel 7, VicUrban, NAB, Bendigo Bank, Fujitsu, Lend Lease, Ericsson, Medibank, Bureau of Meteorology, Customs, National

Foods, AXA and MLC, all move their head offices here and the ANZ, BP, Myer, Media House (inc 3AW) Enterprise Business Services (Singapore Power Co) Quay Health (Sports & Medicine Centre) are all due to move in over the next six to 12 months.

I have seen the Kangan Batman TAFE College and the Carrick Institute both relocate campuses to Docklands and there also two child-minding centres now operating.

The Fox motor car museum continues to be a favourite for corporate events and car enthusiasts.

Under construction is the National Ice Sports Centre consisting of two huge ice skating rinks – an Australian first – and these two buildings are adjacent to Studio City a world-class film making facility that has been operating for about six years.

Tourist accommodation includes a nearly completed Travelodge Hotel, a Quest apartments complex, a Grand Mercure Docklands and the Sofitel Grand – in total offering over 500 serviced apartments and on the fringe we have a second Hilton Hotel offering in total over 500 hotel rooms.

900 trams come daily to Docklands including the free City Circle together with the free shuttle buses between Southern Cross Railway Station and Harbour Town. Added to this is the north-south free city bus which goes through the precincts on its free sightseeing route of top Melbourne tourist stops.

Over 100 restaurants, cafes and bars. 140 retail shops inc Harbour Town (still not fully open). Plus the DFO at Southern Cross Station all form part of the Docklands

precinct and all have strong visitations especially at weekends. A Safeway and four IGA supermarkets are in the precincts to serve the locals. The YMCA gym has a huge membership in the Victoria Point building.

Of course the Etihad stadium is the biggest drawcard to Docklands and I believe Costco (the eighth biggest retailer in the world) is likely to join it as a favourite with their first outlet open yesterday.

Central Pier now rivals any other Melbourne location as the premier function and event centre offering over a dozen different venues since moving from South Wharf a couple of years ago

Certainly ING/Waterfront City has been the biggest disappointment to the area as they just haven't done it right but I think, when the whole plan is completed, it could be the diamond in the ring.

The Southern Star, which is the third biggest observation wheel in the world, will hopefully become the icon the developers believe it will.

Docklands has for its residents and workers the following clubs: Chamber of commerce, traders association, Rotary, Toastmasters, community association, reading, coffee, craft, yoga, walking and petanque groups to name a few that come to mind.

So Neil, I would like you to take in what I have stated and give the area a go and I'm certain that, among docklands developments throughout the world, Melbourne's will be one of the best.

Send your letters to
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Docklands on display



The Rotary Club of Docklands and ING Real Estate are presenting on September 10 the unique and interesting works of local international artist Marco Luccio.

Docklands features heavily in Marco's latest works which are inspired by construction works and the creation of icons and monuments.

Our Southern Star wheel, South Wharf footbridge, and the new Myer and ANZ constructions feature heavily among the collection of drypoints, etchings, drawings, paintings and sculptures.

The exhibition will be held from 6pm until 9pm on Thursday, September 10 in unit 204 at 440 Docklands Drive, Waterfront City. This is one of ING Real Estate's Watermark town houses and was recently used by contestants from the television series *Project Runway*.

Marco is generously donating to Rotary projects 10 per cent of all sales made on the night. Come along and enjoy a free glass of wine and some finger food.

Gold coin donation not required, the event is free entry with donations to Rotary welcome (free catalogue for donations of \$10 or more).

For further inquiries including RSVP's, contact Jude on **8628 6000**.



Desert meets Docklands

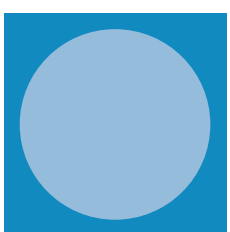
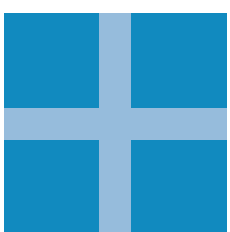
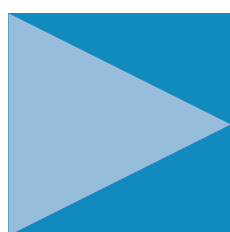
Docklands residents Kevin and Jenny Winward and their sons (pictured) hosted a special art exhibition at their World Trade Centre-based gallery last month.

On August 12, the family launched Utopia: Colours of Country - an exhibition of paintings from the Eastern Desert Community of Utopia, 230km northeast of Alice Springs.

A percentage of sales from the exhibition will be donated to the Women of Melbourne

(Melbourne Football Club) inaugural Indigenous Scholarship.

At the launch guests included Women of Melbourne Director Karen Hayes, Melbourne players Aaron Davey, Neville Jetta, Matt Whelan, Jamie Bennell, Liam Jarrah, Ausie Wonaeamirri, Bridget McIntyre and WTC owners Clement Lee with wife Betty.



WHAT'S ON AT WATERFRONT CITY IN SEPTEMBER



Celebrate Spring at Waterfront City – there's so much to see and do. Pick up your spring fashions at Harbour Town Shopping Centre, and relax in the sun at one of the events along the waterfront. You'll be spoilt for choice!



Designers' House Styling Workshop

Saturday 5th September, 2pm – 5pm

Designers' House, Level 1, 26 Star Crescent, Harbour Town Shopping Centre

Cost: Invitation Only

Designers' House, in collaboration with Melbourne Spring Fashion Week, will host a Styling Workshop featuring special guest, Australian Designer - TIM O'CONNOR. Tim O'Connor will showcase his stunning Spring/Summer Collection. A fashion parade featuring other Designers' House labels will follow the workshop. Contact Designers' House on 9670 8118 for further information or to request your invitation.



Marco Luccio Art Exhibition

Thursday 10th September, 6pm – 9pm

Watermark Townhomes, 440 Docklands Drive, Docklands

Cost: FREE

Enjoy champagne and nibbles in the company of the locally and internationally renowned artist Marco Luccio. Marco is an Italian born artist whose artwork has been included in major National and International collections. The exhibition includes artwork inspired by construction sites and monumental structures of Melbourne. All proceeds from catalogue sales and 10% of all art sales on the night will go to the Rotary Club of Docklands. RSVP: judith.armstrong@ingrealestate.com.



Footy on the Waterfront

Saturday 26th September, 10am – 2pm

Waterfront City piazza & promenade, Docklands

Cost: FREE

Watch the big game on the Waterfront City screens and enjoy free footy activities for kids in the piazza. Activities include face painting, handball competitions and goal kicking competitions. There's plenty of prizes to be won! Visit www.waterfrontcity.com.au for more information.



International Moke Day

Sunday 27th September, 10am – 4pm

Waterfront City piazza and promenade, Docklands

Cost: FREE

International Moke Day is an opportunity for Moke owners around the world to enjoy their Moke with others in their area. Come and celebrate these unique vehicles as they are proudly displayed along the promenade. Visit www.moke.com.au for more information.



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New businesses in Docklands

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Docklands dreaming

For Gwendoline, being in Docklands is part of a business dream which is unfolding as if it was meant to happen.

Gwendoline has learned plenty from previous business highs and lows and appears to have an inexhaustible reserve of high-octane energy to drive the dream.

She recently opened Just Lashes at Digital Harbour and has plans for national expansion.

She never planned a career in beauty therapy but stumbled across a unique opportunity in Las Vegas in 2007 which she has now introduced in Australia.

The new Lash Lounge at Shop 3, 198 Harbour Esplanade follows a start in a home office, followed by a small suite in West Melbourne, and is now one of the major progressive steps in an unfolding journey.

"I'm amazed how easily everything is just falling into place," she said. "Nothing is hard. Doors are just opening."

"Success in business doesn't come from the commodity you are selling, but rather how you treat your customers. It's all about the service."

Gwendoline has a marketing background and has previously owned and operated a diverse range of businesses. When she's not working, you might find her piloting helicopters (which she says she took up to distract her from maternal urges!).



Just Lashes is a specialist in eye lash extensions. And, in an apparent contradiction to the name, it also offers professional teeth whitening, pure mineral cosmetics and quality clip in hair extensions.

Just Lashes can be contacted on **1300 790 898**.

Quack if you think this is mad

There's nothing mad about this Yarra's Edge mother and son.

Vivienne and Sam Rowe own and run the Mad Duck Café which has become an extension of the lounge rooms of many a tower resident.

Mad Duck combines elegant chic with cosy comfort and has been operating at the base of Tower 5 for the past eight months.

The Mad Duck story is a Docklands community story.

Vivienne and Trevor Rowe introduced their family of three to the joys of inner city apartment living from rural Warrnambool 10 years ago.

Originally settling at Southbank, the Rowes have been a permanent fixture in Docklands for the last five years.

For most of this time Sam has been travelling – working in his chosen career of hospitality and later chasing the big money during WA's resources boom and wandering South East Asia.

Putting his savings towards revitalising a struggling café upon his homecoming and creating the Mad Duck was an organic decision.

Between the two of them, Sam and "Vee" manage to put in all the necessary hours and intend pushing the boundaries even further when the warmer weather returns.

With a permit for 80 outdoor seats, the Mad Duck intends to take full advantage of its north-facing aspect and French Riviera ambience.



The Rowe's claim to have the best coffee south of the river and the foot traffic from the nearby Lorimer St businesses would attest to this.

They say their \$15 lunches are a drawcard for the rest of Docklands but perhaps the best reason for northern Docklands to trek across the Webb Bridge is Sunday night roast for \$18.50. Bookings are necessary.

The Mad Duck is at 92 River Esplanade and can be contacted on **9681 8882**.

The comfortable Curves Bar and Restaurant



There's something very comforting in the name "Curves Bar and Restaurant".

Curves has emerged from the old Lot 50 establishment in the base of Yarra's Edge's Tower One. It is the inspiration of energetic duo Meri Aceska and Miki Kostantinovic.

The two young women have been on a steep learning curve since opening the doors for the first time on June 18.

The 14 to 18-hour days have just been the start of it. Being relatively new to restaurants, there is much to learn.

But with unbridled passion for the task and enthusiasm to burn, success is coming to Curves.

The women look forward to the warmer weather when they can bring to life the outdoor space next to the curved road (Wurundjeri Way) and the curved (Webb) bridge.

"We've got quite a few adjustments in mind," Meri (pictured left) said. "We want to bring the locals out of their apartments to enjoy the sunshine. In summer time, you won't want to be anywhere else."

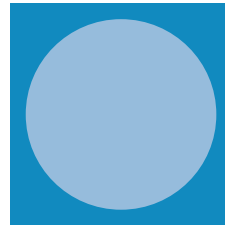
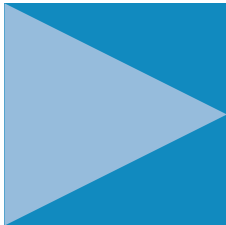
Miki said inexpensive, quality food and good entertainment would become Curves' hallmark.

So what does the name really mean? "It's a number of things, but we are not afraid to admit that we are two females with the curves in the right places," Miki said with a grin.

The business partners met through mutual friends. Meri is an accountant and has run many varied businesses in the past. Miki started her career in fashion before moving into hospitality two years ago.

Miki had been looking for a suitable business since early this year. As her accountant and adviser, Meri gave her the thumbs up the Yarra's Edge opportunity in March. Miki then challenged Meri to join her in the venture. "It took her just three seconds to say yes," Miki said.

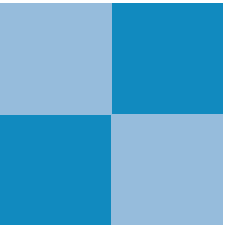
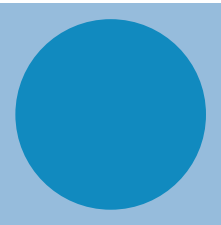
Curves Restaurant and Bar is at 50 River Esplanade and can be contacted on **9646 6250**.



Docklands Community Calendar



Designers' House Styling Workshop <i>Saturday 5 September, 2pm – 5pm</i> Designers' House, Lvl 1, 26 Star Cres, Harbour Town Shopping Centre A fashion parade featuring other Designers' House labels following a workshop. Contact Designers' House on 9670 8118 for your invitation.	Father's Day Yum Cha Cruise <i>Sunday, September 6, 12.00noon to 3.00pm - Boarding from 11.30am - Melbourne Showboat</i> Thinking about taking your dad out for a special treat on Father's Day, then look no further. Price: Adults: \$49 - Children \$13 - Family (2 Adults 2 Children) \$110. Ph: 9499 9371	Marco Luccio Art Exhibition <i>Thursday 10th September, 6pm – 9pm</i> Watermark Townhomes, 440 Docklands Dr Enjoy champagne and nibbles in the company of the locally and internationally renowned artist Marco Luccio. RSVP to judith.armstrong@ingrealestate.com	Storytime <i>Every Monday at 11am</i> The Hub, 17 Waterview Walk Storytime is a special time for children (aged 2-5 years) and their care-givers to share time together enjoying stories, songs, rhymes and simple craft. No bookings required.
Toastmasters <i>Second and fourth Mondays (except public holidays), 7pm</i> The Hub, 17 Waterview Walk E-mail docklandstoastmasters@yahoo.com.au if you wish to speak to someone about coming, otherwise feel free just to turn up on the night.	Docklands Rotary <i>Every Tuesday, 6.00pm</i> Berth Restaurant, NewQuay First Tuesday of the month is happy hour. Regular meetings on other Tuesdays. All welcome. RSVP to Peter Blainey by noon on meeting day for catering purposes: 0408 319 695 .	Open days for groups & individuals <i>Every Tuesday, February to November, 10am to 2pm</i> Fox Classic Car Collection Cnr Batman's Hill Drive and Collins St, Docklands. Entrance off Batman's Hill Drive. For car enthusiasts, visit www.foxcollection.org	
	Meditation <i>Tuesdays 6-7pm, Wednesdays 12.00-12.30pm, and 12.45-1.15pm, Fridays 5-6pm. 11 Aug to 18 Sept.</i> Long Room, The Hub, 17 Waterview Walk Try meditation and check out the benefits. Call Carey Rohrlach on 0438 371 488 for more information.	Hatha yoga <i>Every Tuesday, 7.30pm to 8.30pm</i> The Hub, 17 Waterview Walk Breath-centred hatha yoga class. Suitable for all ages and levels of ability. Call Nadine on 0450 634 589 or visit nadinefawell.net for more details.	Pram Walkers <i>Every Wednesday, 10am</i> The Hub, 17 Waterview Walk For more information contact Anita at The Hub on 8622 4822 or Fiona Burnes at YMCA on 9347 3677 .
Mum and Bubs Yoga <i>Every Wednesday, 10.30am to 11.30am</i> The Hub, 17 Waterview Walk Heal your body, build strength and learn to relax in a peaceful and rejuvenating way while bonding with your baby! Call Nadine on 0450 634 589 or visit nadinefawell.net	Lunchtime walks <i>Every Wednesday, 1pm to 1.30pm</i> The Hub, 17 Waterview Walk For more information contact: Forecast Pty Harbour Town - 9607 7482 Anita at The Hub on 8622 4822 or Fiona Burnes at YMCA on 9347 3677 .		Community Walk <i>Every Wed at 5.30pm and Fri 12.30pm</i> YMCA Docklands, Level 4, 100 Harbour Esplanade In conjunction with the Heart Foundation, a great opportunity to meet new people, walk and talk.
Yoga <i>Every Friday, 12.30pm to 1.30pm</i> The Hub, 17 Waterview Walk 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.	Trivia Night <i>Every Thursday, 6pm to 8pm</i> The Nixon Hotel, 757 Bourke St To register or find out more, email info@nixonhotel.com.au or phone 9642 3272 .	Hatha yoga <i>Every Thursday, 7.30pm to 8.30pm</i> The Hub, 17 Waterview Walk Breath-centred hatha yoga class. Suitable for all ages and levels of ability. Call Nadine on 0450 634 589 or visit nadinefawell.net for more details.	Collector's Sunday Market <i>Every Sunday, 10am to 4pm</i> Waterfront City Docklands Drive Discover treasures from the hoards of some of Melbourne's finest antique and pre-loved specialists, including art, jewellery, retro clothing, vintage books and car boot sales.
Salsa Dancing <i>Every Sunday, 5pm</i> Yarra's Edge Bar / Café Free. Bring the family, the kids, the dog! All welcome.		Docklands Dinner Book Group <i>First Wednesday of the month</i> 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	Residents' night <i>First Thursday of the month</i> Alumbra, Central Pier RSVP is essential. Please contact Mia via email on mia@alumbra.com.au or phone 8623 9669 .
	Action Zone <i>Every Saturday & Sunday, 10am to 5pm</i> Pavilion, Waterfront City Piazza Action Zone is where it's at for the latest in inflatable fun. Bring those legs of steel and dive into the inflatable challenges. Call 8628 6000 or visit waterfrontcity.com.au for details.	Try Sailing Day for the Community <i>Second and fourth Sundays of the month, 11am to 3.30pm</i> Docklands Yacht Club, Shed No. 2 North Wharf Rd Suitable for all ages and abilities and no booking required. Contact Terence O'Donnell 0425 737 389 or visit www.docklands.yachting.org.au	International Moke Day <i>Sunday 27th September, 10am – 4pm</i> Waterfront City piazza and Promenade Come and celebrate these unique vehicles as they are proudly displayed along the promenade. Visit www.moke.com.au for more information.



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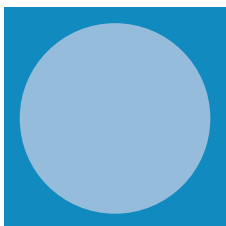
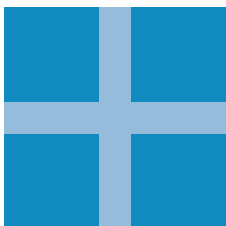
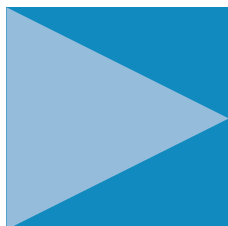
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Harbour Town – 9670 7000

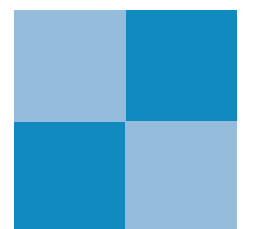
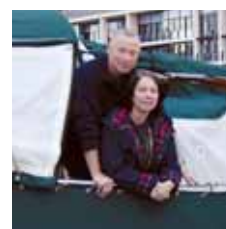
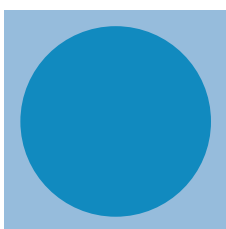
Gold Leaf
Lvl 1, Shop 10-11, Star Circus Harbour Town
9670 1128 - www.goldleafrestaurant.com.au

Harbour Town Hotel
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G12, 439 Docklands Drive
9642 1818 – www.hotchocolate.net.au

Iku Isikaya
9646 2400 – www.iku-izakaya.com.au



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55B NewQuay Promenade

9642 1500 – www.livebait.com.au

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9642 1300 – www.meccabah.com.au

Melbourne Yacht Club Hotel

Boardwalk G13-G14/439 Docklands Drive

9670 6611 – www.mych.com.au

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MYO Sandwiches

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www.ninas.net.au

The Promenade Cafe

82 River Esplanade via 80 Lorimer St

96817922 – www.thepromenadecafe.com.au

Renzo's Bar Café Italiano

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www.renzosbar.com

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9285 0000 – www.rivers.net.au

Saganaki Greek Cuisine & Grill

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9606 0008 – www.saganaki.com.au

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66 NewQuay Promenade

9640 0808 – www.steakhouse.net.au

Squires Loft

Ericsson building, Docklands

9670 9968 – www.squiresloftdocklands.com.au

The Coffee Club

Harbour Town – 9670 0906

The Lounge

28 NewQuay Promenade

9600 0565 – www.theloungeroom.com.au

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Harbour Town – 9670 1060

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Harbour Town – 9600 4426

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Harbour Town – 0433 218 643

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Harbour Town – 9642 3020

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Harbour Town – 9640 0544



Diadora Sporting House Direct

Harbour Town – 9600 2520

Discount Vitamin Centre

Harbour Town – 9602 3914

EB Games

425 Docklands Drive – 9600 4165

Ed Harry

Harbour Town

9602 2789 – www.edharry.com

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Harbour Town – 9600 2611

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Waterfront City – 9670 9810

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Harbour Town – 9670 0751

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Harbour Town – 9602 0265

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Harbour Town – 9602 2134

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54 River Esp – 9646 8548 – www.iga.net.au

Supermarket

IGA The Dome

Crn Batman Hill and Bourke St

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TVG – The Village Grocer

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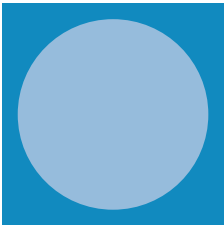
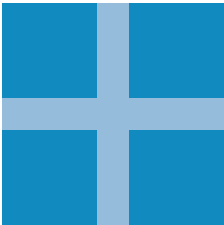
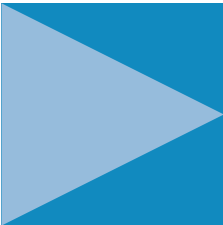
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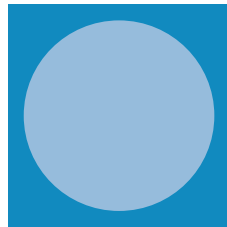
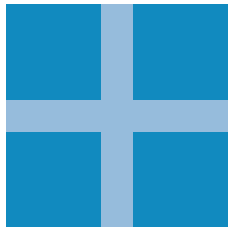
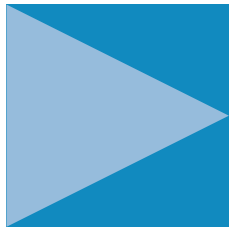
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DOCKLANDS community sports page

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Get off the couch and onto the court

Melbourne Netball director Clare Heasley is looking for Docklanders to form a mixed netball team.

She said if enough men and women rang her this month to play she would give the new Docklands team a season without charge.

"I just want people to get off the couch and get out and start playing," she said. "It's a great way to get to know new people and the friendships formed can last a lifetime."

Docklands-based worker Andrea Boielle confirms the benefits of social netball. The Subaru office worker started playing in a work team in 2007.

"It's amazing how it brought the whole workforce together," Andrea said.

Andrea said mixed netball was more fun to play because of the competitiveness that men brought to the game.

"I don't currently live at Docklands but I would 110 per cent be interested in a Docklands team. It would be much closer and easier to get to for those early games" she said.

For more information, call Clare Heasley on **0419 887 719** or visit **www.melbournenetball.com**



New name for yachting series



The Docklands Invitational yacht racing is coming back next January under a new sponsorship regime.

Previously part of Skandia Geelong Week, next year's event will be part of Audi Victoria Week.

The Royal Geelong Yacht Club said it amicably concluded its relationship with Skandia after the Australia arm of the company was sold and Audi had stepped into the breach.

The Victorian Government has also entered the sponsorship space with a three-year deal.

The yacht club says the sailing series is Victoria's oldest sporting event.

"We have seen a few changes over time, but we regard this as the most significant, and the most exciting, in the 165 year

history," Royal Geelong Yacht Club Commodore Graeme Ritchie said.

There have only been five name changes spread across three centuries.

"Victoria Week best describes where the event is now at in terms of development. Audi Victoria Week is staged in both Melbourne and Geelong and the event showcases how the waterfront cities are linked by Port Phillip," Commodore Ritchie added.

Audi Victoria Week is expected to attract more than 500 competing yachts over six days from January 21-26, 2010.

Racing begins in Melbourne with the Docklands Invitational and the sailing version of 20/20 cricket – King of the Docklands. Fleets then combine for the annual Melbourne to Geelong race and the program continues in Geelong through to Australia Day on 26 January.

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