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### You can't stop the music

The Docklands community choir project may be over, but the singing won't stop there.

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# Victory for short-stays

**By Bethany Williams** 

Short-stay operators breathed a sigh of relief last month, when the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT) found owners' corporation (OC) rules prohibiting the practice were invalid.

VCAT member Linda Rowland on June 29 found that the Watergate OC did not have the power to make a rule prohibiting stays of less than 30 days.

The VCAT decision paves the way for short-stay operators throughout the state as it means OCs can't make rules preventing short-term letting.

"The decision now effectively means that owners' corporations do not have the power to make rules that prohibit short-term letting in residential buildings," Strata Title Lawyers CEO and Watergate OC solicitor Tom Bacon said.

"The decision impacts on all owners' corporations throughout Victoria and affects all rules of this type made under either the 1988 or 2006 legislation," Mr Bacon said.

The Watergate OC is yet to decide whether it will appeal the decision at the Supreme Court.

OC chair Rus Littleson said the committee was disappointed by the decision and said it favoured opportunists in the short-stay industry.

"We are most concerned that apartment property values throughout the state will suffer because of this decision. It is effectively an open invitation to opportunists to exploit legal loopholes," Mr Littleson said. "The short-stay industry is unregulated – any outfit can start up, hold an apartment building to ransom and damage its reputation. The State Government needs to make changes to look after residents and their investments."

The Building Appeals Board, the Supreme Court, the Court of Appeals and VCAT, have now all tested the issue of short-term letting of apartments.

Having been tested across a range of courts and tribunals, it now appears that the only other option would be the introduction of new legislation by the State Government.

In February, Consumer Affairs Minister Jane Garret appointed a panel to look at the impact of short-stay accommodation in residential buildings and make recommendations to herself and Planning Minister Richard Wynne.

The seven-member panel, which includes Watergate short-stay operator and president of the Victorian Accommodation Industry Association, Paul Salter, has now made its recommendation and the ministers are expected to announce their decision this month.

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# DOCKLANDS A NEWS Saga just gets worse for **Queen of Melbourne owner**

Life has gone from bad to worse for Queen of Melbourne owner Farooq Qamar, after the Supreme Court last month dismissed his claim for almost \$150,000 worth of damages.

Mr Qamar made the claim against the City of Melbourne and Seaworks after the ship was refused berths in Victoria Harbour and Williamstown.

The Supreme Court decision is the most recent blow for the ship owner who purchased the Queen of Melbourne in Norway early last year for \$300,000 and hired a crew to sail it back to Australia.

But during the journey things turned sour, with half the crew taking part in a mutiny off the coast of Spain.

The ship eventually made it to Fremantle, following the intervention of the Spanish authorities.

Since being refused berths in Melbourne, Queen of Melbourne has been unable to secure a berth elsewhere and is currently anchored in Corio Bay near Geelong.

Mr Qamar took the City of Melbourne to the Supreme Court alleging it had promised him a temporary berth in Victoria Harbour for his ship Queen of Melbourne.

He also claimed damages against Seaworks, which manages the Williamstown Maritime Precinct, alleging the organisation had promised a long-term berth for the ship.

Mr Qamar maintained that his decision to bring the ship to Melbourne from Fremantle, where it had an ongoing berth, was based on the alleged guarantees of short and long-term berthing made by the City of Melbourne and Seaworks.

However, both organisations have consistently maintained that no promise of short or long-term berthing was made to Mr

On June 17 Supreme Court Justice Kevin Bell dismissed Mr Qamar's claims, finding that there was "no reasonable foundation for this belief" and ordered him to pay both the council's and Seaworks' reserved legal costs.

Queen of Melbourne had arrived in Docklands on May 10 and was moored



The Queen of Melbourne was berthed for several days at the Docklands working wharf without permision

without permission at the Docklands working wharf for a number of days.

Mr Oamar had previously met with City of Melbourne waterways operations coordinator Adam Buccholtz in May 2014 to discuss obtaining a suitable berth for the ship but was told verbally and by email that a berth was not available in Docklands.

In March this year, after becoming aware that the Queen of Melbourne was in Australian waters, having travelled from Norway, Mr Buccholtz emailed Mr Qamar to ask whether he had secured an alternative berth.

When Mr Qamar responded that he hadn't secured another berth, waterways manager Doug Jarvis intervened and emailed Mr Qamar, stating there was no suitable berth available in Docklands.

During the hearing Mr Qamar alleged that he had a phone conversation with Mr Jarvis on March 31, during which the promise of a temporary berth was made.

Justice Bell confirmed in his written decision that he accepted that Mr Qamar formed a "genuine belief" during this conversation that Docklands would provide a temporary berth upon Queen of Melbourne's arrival.

However, he also accepted the evidence of Mr Jarvis, who consistently denied that any promise of a temporary berth was made.

Justice Bell said this evidence was supported by an email Mr Jarvis sent to Mr Qamaron March 31 confirming there was no suitable berth available for  $Queen\ of\ Melbourne.$ 

In his written decision, Justice Bell said he accepted that Mr Qamar brought the ship to Melbourne in the expectation that a permanent berth would be available, "for he is a rational man who would not have done so without considering this question".

"It was Mr Qamar's belief that he had a shortterm berth for the ship at Docklands when necessary and a long-term berth at Seaworks subject to the possible requirements to move from time to time," Justice Bell said.

"However, the whole of the evidence reveals that there was no reasonable foundation for this belief either as to the City of Melbourne or to Seaworks."

Justice Bell also dismissed allegations made during the hearing that there was "dysfunction at the Docklands Waterways Office", saying this claim was completely without foundation.

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 $Harbour\ Town\ is\ set\ to\ receive\ a\ multimillion\ dollar\ upgrade\ when\ a\ transparent\ roof\ is\ installed\ and\ the\ centre\ is\ refurbished.$ 

# **Revamp for Harbour Town**

Shoppers will soon be shielded from the elements when a multimillion-dollar transparent roof canopy is installed at Harbour Town.

The move is the first in a series of upgrades for the centre under the management of Ashe Morgan and will also include redevelopment of mall facades and shopping amenities.

The transparent steel and teflon canopy was designed by The Buchan Group and aims to maintain the "open sense" of the existing centre, according to design principal Joe Genovesi.

"We have the opportunity to enhance the customer experience by providing additional protection from the elements by incorporating a simple and elegant floating canopy that allows natural light to penetrate and provide a year-round outdoor shopping experience," Mr Genovesi said.

Ashe Morgan has also commissioned the Red Design Group to create a design for the upgrade of the centre.

"We based our concept for the centre around the proposition that Harbour Town Melbourne was already unique in its outdoor living environment," Red Design Group creative director Colin Bell said.

"Using that, our design theme draws on the natural environment with recessed timbers contrasting with vegetation to soften the walkways – ultimately creating a 'green oasis' and an opportunity to engage with the customers with a range of pause points along their shopping journey."

The upgrade will also see under-utilised

pedestrian bridge and escalators removed, allowing for the creation of two major plazas.

Ashe Morgan principal Alton Abrahams said the company was set to undertake significant capital investment in the centre in the years ahead.

"We are pleased to see the initial stages of the overall master plan coming to fruition," Mr Abrahams said.

"These leading edge upgrades mark the beginning of the centre's multi-staged redevelopment project."

"We look forward to our vision for this unique shopping and entertainment precinct being brought to life."

### New chair for Destination Docklands

Destination Docklands has a new chairperson following the resignation of Dr David Cochrane.

Following two years in the role, Dr Cochrane stepped down from the position last month.

Existing Destination Docklands board member Darren Walls has been appointed to the position.

"I leave the role of chairperson in good hands and I am pleased that Darren Walls has accepted a nomination and has been appointed to the role of chairperson with the unanimous support of the board," Dr Cochrane said.

"I have full confidence in Darren to lead Destination Docklands into the next chapter."

Mr Walls has served on the Destination Docklands board since 2012 and has experience in tourism, leisure and sport.

He has previously worked with Grollo Leisure and Tourism and Zoos Victoria and in January this year established Darren Walls & Associates Consulting.

Mr Walls was responsible for conducting Destination Docklands' strategic review earlier this year.

"Given the findings of the review Destination Docklands has become more focused on stakeholder engagement and collaboration, as working together will see far greater outcomes achieved," Mr Walls said.

"I wish to thank David for his tenure and strong leadership over the past two years and also want to thank the City of Melbourne, MAB, Mirvac and Lend Lease for their ongoing financial and board support and the Docklands Chamber of Commerce for their support and partnership."



# Senate inquiry launched following Lacrosse apartment fire

The senate will investigate "dodgy" imported building materials following the fire that took hold of the Lacrosse apartment building in Docklands last year.

Independent Senator Nick Xenophon last month announced the senate inquiry into the safety and legality of imported building materials, in a move that has been cosponsored by Senators John Madigan and Jacqui Lambie.

The inquiry follows a range of incidents including windows falling off the new ASIO headquarters in Canberra and the November 25 Lacrosse fire.

In April, an MFB report found that noncompliant, combustible materials used in the external cladding of the building contributed to the rapid spread of the fire, which was started by a stray cigarette.

The inquiry follows consultation between Senators Xenophon, Madigan and Lambie with the Housing Industry Association (HIA), Australian Windows Association chief executive Tracey Gramlick and other representatives of Australian building product makers.

The HIA supports the move and last month called for a formal inquiry into nonconforming building products.

"The problem of non-genuine and nontested building materials and components making their way into the building product supply chain is growing. Regardless of where something is manufactured it should meet Australian compliance standards," HIA building products spokesperson Kristin Brookfield said.

"With more and more products being manufactured offshore, and increased access to these products by individuals, the need to focus on compliance has never been greater."

Senator Xenophon said a key aspect of the inquiry would be the inspection and regulation framework that was clearly failing.

"This inquiry is a breakthrough in addressing what many of the building industry and their clients have known for some time: Australia has become a dumping ground for some of

the world's dodgiest and most dangerous building products," he said.

The Senate inquiry will address:

- The economic impact of non-conforming building products on the Australian building and construction industry;
- The impact of non-conforming products on industry supply chains, workplace safety, costs passed on to customers and the overall quality of Australian buildings;
- Possible improvements to the current regulatory frameworks for ensuring that building products conform to Australian standards.

The Metropolitan Fire Brigade (MFB) has also called for a coronial investigation into the Lacrosse apartment fire.

The Coroners Court of Victoria last month confirmed it had received the MFB's request for State Coroner Judge Ian Gray to investigate the Lacrosse fire.

The November 25 fire caused more than \$5 million worth of damage and led to the evacuation of more than 400 residents.

While no deaths or injuries resulted from the incident, the Coroners Court can investigate

"The MFB had been advised that Judge Gray will consider the request to investigate the Lacrosse fire, Docklands," a Coroners Court of Victoria spokesperson said.

"The Coroners Court will advise the MFB of the State Coroner's decision in due course."

The Victorian Building Authority (VBA) is also continuing its investigation into the conduct of Lacrosse builder LU Simon Builders and the building surveyor.

A class action relating to the fire could also still be on the cards. In April, Slater and Gordon confirmed it had received enquiries from more than 100 Lacrosse residents and



The November 25 fire blazed up the building's exterior.

owners and was investigating whether they had claims against the builder and building

The law firm did not provide any further comment when contacted by Docklands News last month.

At the same time the VBA is conducting an audit of cladding on 170 high-rise buildings to determine whether there has been further use of non-compliant cladding.

The builders and building surveyors involved in the projects were asked to provide the VBA with evidence that the external cladding used complies with the National

Construction Code by June 19.

The VBA is currently examining the requested material and is following up with buildings and building surveyors who have not yet responded.

The VBA had also used its coercive powers to compel LU Simon to disclose any other buildings where it used Alucobest, the same cladding product used at Lacrosse.

In April LU Simon Builders' Peter Devitt said aluminium composite panels (ACP) such as Alucobest had been widely used in Australia and internationally and conformed to Australian building codes and standards.











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 $An\ artist's\ impression\ of\ Lend\ Lease's\ recently-approved\ residential\ towers.$ 

# Lend Lease turns its focus on people

Lend Lease will continue to focus on the residential market over the next 12 months.

The developer last month received planning approval for its dual apartment tower project on Collins St and plans to launch other residential projects over the next year.

Already 70 per cent sold, construction of the first of the Collins St buildings began at the end of last month.

The twin developments, located on the waterfront at 889 and 883 Collins St, each feature a podium, a 29-storey tower, and a 23-storey tower.

Combined the developments will add 1064 apartments and 18 mixed-use suites to Victoria Harbour.

According to Lend Lease's project director for Victoria Harbour, Tim Campbell, the current phase of development in Victoria Harbour is all about people.

"Together with two residential projects currently under construction, Concavo and 888 Collins St, these projects will add 1820 residences to the precinct over the next couple of years, which will triple our residential population and help deliver on our vision to create a true mixed-use community," Mr Campbell said.

"Architect Koichi Takada's fluid designs will define these rare Melbourne buildings that combine both a Collins St and waterfront address."

"We're seeing strong demand in the precinct and plan to launch further residential projects in the next 12 months," Mr Campbell said.

"It's exciting to see the community develop as the residential population increases."

Apartment prices will range from \$395,000 to \$1.8 million and the buildings will feature a pool, gym, lounge, rooftop terrace and outdoor dining and lounge area.

Construction of both developments is due for completion in October 2017.

# Docklands is a powerhouse

By Shane Scanlan

A major report from PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) last month reinforced what we Docklanders know, but is little understood or appreciated by outsiders – that we are punching well above our weight when it comes to driving the national economy.

The *Understanding the Economy From the Ground Up* report shows that the Australian economy grew 46 per cent (\$461 billion) between 2001 and 2014 and that the best performer during that time was Melbourne's CBD – which includes Docklands and Southbank.

Melbourne CBD contributed \$24.4 billion and grew 76 per cent during the 13-year period – more than Sydney CBD and more than the best Western Australian mining regions of Ashburton and East Pilbara.

The Sydney CBD economy grew 37 per cent during the same period, with the report authors pointing out that its potential growth, unlike Melbourne's, is geographically constrained.

The report shows a growing national reliance on a handful of standout local performers such as Docklands.

PwC looked at the "granular" modelling of more than 2000 locations across Australia to uncover how fragmented and concentrated our economy is, PwC economic director Rob Tyson said on June 25.

"This information provides a huge opportunity for business and government to tailor investment strategies to local nuances," Mr Tyson said while releasing the geospatial economic modelling (GEM) on each region.

The report found that economic development is concentrated in just a few locations, with nearly one in five dollars of Australia's national income comes from just 10 locations (out of 2214 locations).

"This implies that there are a very small

handful of locations that really matter to the Australian economy," the report said. "There are a very large number of locations in Australia that, from an economic perspective, matter very little."

"A key trend, masked during the recent resource booms, has been the role that CBDs and concentrations of high value add urban economic cluster have played in driving this trend"

"While the spotlight has been on the Pilbara and the phenomenal growth of economic activity generated from these resource deposits, it has actually been these urban areas which have been steadily generating a larger share of economic output."

"This has driven the bulk of this change and is also the most important factor as we move beyond the mining boom."

The report pointed out that, despite national growth, one in three locations went backwards during the study period.

And, while this is not so important from a national perspective, it highlights a growing gap between economic winners and losers.

"Fewer key locations will be relied upon to drive an increasingly large share of economic growth. From an economic point of view, this implies we should potentially be less worried about the fact that one in three locations are contracting," the report says.

"However, from a social and equity point of view this creates unique challenges and potential conflicts between economic and social policy and investment imperatives."

The regions where economic activity is going backwards include Churchill (-21 per cent) and Moe (-20 per cent) in the LaTrobe Valley.



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# **Concern over Collins Square**

Village Docklands' residents remain concerned over the development of neighbouring Collins Square.

Residents met with Collins Square developer Walker Corporation at the Library at the Dock last month to discuss their concerns.

Walker Corporation had promised to respond to the residents concerns raised in the meeting, however it had yet to do so when *Docklands News* went to print.

Docklands News attended to report on the meeting but was excluded.

Walker Corporation did not respond to questions raised by *Docklands News* about the meeting prior to deadline.

According to Village Docklands owners' corporation (OC) chairperson Graham Standfield, the meeting allowed residents to discuss issues and concerns relating to the Collins Square development.

"The most significant issues are the privacy of our north facing residents, who will now have office workers looking directly into their bedrooms and living rooms," Mr Standfield said.

Residents remain concerned over a lack of privacy due to the close proximity of the building and the transparency of windows.

According to a letter received by Village Docklands resident Janine Standfield in April from the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning, privacy of residents was a key consideration in planning approvals for the Walker Corporation development.

The letter states that windows adjacent to private space are required to be at a high floor level with translucent glazing and that this was a condition of the planning permit.

However, residents say the building's windows are completely transparent.

 $\hbox{``The usability of our podium level, outdoor}\\$ 



Village Docklands residents met with representatives from Walker Corporation last month to discuss their concerns.

recreation space and pool is also a great concern, with the surrounding office towers creating unacceptable privacy concerns, wind impacts and overshadowing."

"We are now also concerned that the latest Walker tower 5 has also been designed to vent all their car park pollution over our pool and barbecue area as well. All of these issues combined will cause our pool and barbecue to become unusable."

Mr Standfield said traffic management was also a concern, with car parks and loading dock entrances for the new building located directly opposite the Village Docklands building.

However, he said this was not a direct Walker Corporation responsibility, as their plans had been approved.

According to Mr Standfield, residents are also concerned about risks to pedestrian safety as a result of the Collins Square development.

Mr Standfield said the public realm at the front of the Goods Shed was transferred to Walker Corporation and a footpath used by Etihad Stadium crowds to access the Wurundjeri Way intersection had been fenced off.

"Significant crowds of people are now being funnelled around our building, via the tram stop stairs and platform, and we believe there is a high risk that someone will be injured here in the near future."

Mr Standfield said the issue remained with the City of Melbourne and Yarra Trams to resolve.

The commercial nature of the precinct surrounding their building came as a surprise to many Village Docklands residents, who bought into the development when it was part of plans for a residential enclave.

The Collins Square site was originally intended to be the site of four residential buildings, under a master plan by Malaysian developer Kuok Group.

However, the global financial crisis saw the developer sell the site to Walker Corporation, which then changed the development plan for the area.

Village Docklands is now the sole residential building on the site, in what has become one of Docklands' key commercial precincts.

# Tram accident

Morning peak-hour trams along LaTrobe St were disrupted on June 25 when a driver made a U-turn across the tracks without warning and collided with a tram.

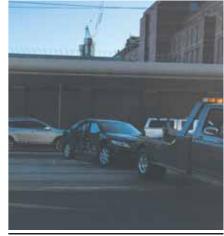
The driver of the car was taken to the Royal Melbourne Hospital for treatment, and the driver's-side of the car was significantly damaged in the collision.

The driver and passengers on the route 86 tram did not report any injuries, and were advised of alternative travel options.

The City Circle and route 86 trams temporarily terminated at LaTrobe St until the scene was cleared. Normal tram services resumed at 9.20am.

Yarra Trams Spokesperson Melanie Lim said this incident illustrated the need for greater awareness among the general public when travelling around trams.

"Our message to motorists is to stay clear of the yellow line and always check for trams before turning," Ms Lim said. "Righthand turns or U-turns without warning can give no time for a tram to stop."



A tram collided with a car on LaTrobe St last month.



# Victory at VCAT for short-stays

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Mr Salter said he was looking forward to the decision now that the panel had completed its joint submission and applauded the decision of VCAT member Rowland.

"I would like to thank VCAT Member Ms Linda Rowland for making her decision based on the relevant laws, she indicated she would take this approach at the end of the hearing in May," Mr Salter said.

"Her decision will enhance the fabric of the Melbourne community by enabling greater accommodation choice for consumers and it will further help to secure the city as one of the most liveable in the world, attracting both local and overseas visitors."

The VCAT decision follows action taken against nine lot owners by the Watergate OC.

The OC alleged owners had breached OC rules through the use of their apartments as short-stay accommodation as part of Mr Salter's Docklands Executive Apartments

In her written decision, published on June 29, Ms Rowlands said she proposed to dismiss the Watergate OC's application and make final orders at a hearing on July 29.

Member Rowlands found the Watergate OC's rule restricting stays of less than 30 days was invalid under both the Subdivision Act 1988 and the Owners Corporation Act 2006.

The additional rule was passed in August



2004, at the inaugural general meeting of the OC, and was made under the Subdivision

However, existing rules were carried on when the Owners Corporation Act 2006 came into effect, requiring Member Rowlands to test the validity of the rule under both Acts.

She found the decision was not valid under the Subdivision Act 1988 because there was "no specific function or power" given to bodies corporate to regulate the use of a private lot.

She said, under the Act the general functions and powers of the OC were to administer the common property.

But the rule in question regulated any trade, profession or business in residential lots and banned short-term letting altogether.

According to Member Rowlands, the only

source of power to make the rule would be with relation to the Standard Rules around preventing nuisance, hazard or noise.

However, she found it was not sufficiently connected to the Standard Rules to have been made by the body corporate and was "beyond powers" because it sought to prohibit certain types of uses rather than regulate activities of occupiers.

Member Rowlands also found the OC did not have the power to prohibit short-term letting under the Owners Corporation Act

The OC had relied on powers to make rules given to it under Schedule 1 of the Act, specifically relating to health, safety and security, use of common property, change of use of lots and behaviour of persons.

Member Rowlands said she was not persuaded the change of lots power enabled OCs to make what she called "town planning decisions" and said it did not give OCs the power to determine the use of a lot.

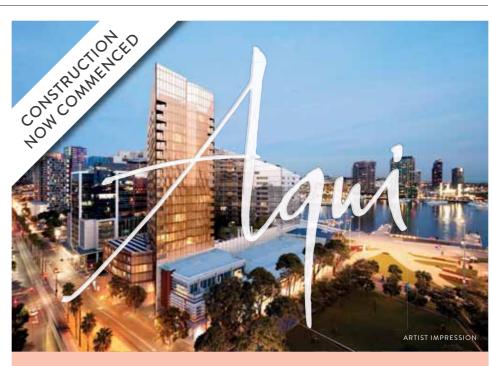
She also found that the rule could not be made under OC powers relating to health, safety and security because these powers did not extend to prohibiting a legal use or determining the use of a lot.

Member Rowlands found no factual basis that short-term letting affected the health, safety and security of other occupants.

In relation to behaviour, Member Rowlands said there was little evidence of the behaviour of long-term occupants and accordingly, it was difficult to determine whether short-term occupants caused more damage and created more nuisances.

However, Member Rowlands said even if she accepted that short-term occupants did cause more issues due to their behaviour. the powers given to the OC did not extend to prohibiting a "lawful use" of a lot.





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# You can't stop the music

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The group behind the choir project, Open Door Singers, last month announced the choir would be continuing in Docklands as Open Door Singers Docklands.

Open Door Singers musical director and conductor Shaun Islip said the initial eightweek project had been a great success and had created enough momentum for the choir to continue.

"The eight-week project was a roaring success," Mr Islip said. "It's created a self-sustaining and rapidly growing choir."

Over the course of the choir project about 40 Docklands locals have joined the group, while a further 20 from other areas have also regularly attended.

The 60-strong choir performed together for the first time in public to a packed house at The Hub on June 17.

"From the moment that the choir began singing, I and many others there, were overwhelmed by the quality and volume of the sound produced," Mr Islip said.

"I could not have been more proud of everyone and it is my great honour and joy to continue as conductor of Open Door Singers Docklands as we now set our sails for all that lies ahead in the future."

The initial eight-week choir project was held at the Library at the Dock and was free for participants due to the support of The City of Melbourne.

Following the conclusion of the project, choir participants will be asked to pay an annual membership fee of \$75 and \$6 per rehearsal attendance.

The group is also looking to start a sponsorship program to allow people who may not be able to afford the membership fees to participate.

"We offer a warm welcome to anyone who is interested in joining the choir," Mr Islip said.

"Anyone is welcome, you don't need any experience and there are no auditions."

Mr Islip said he was confident the Docklands choir would grow.

He called on the example of the Open Doors

Singers choir in Camberwell, which started with 50 people and has now grown to over 300 members.

"My aim and hope is to unite the Docklands community in song and provide a place of warm and welcome," Mr Islip said.

The group has already been asked to perform at a number of events, including the 180th Melbourne Day celebrations in Docklands on August 30.

Open Door Singers Docklands gathers at the Hub in Docklands each Wednesday from 5.45pm to 7pm.

For more information about Open Door Singers visit www.opendoorsingers.org.au

## Docklands choir, a personal reflection

By Dr Yvonne Zhou-Grundy

#### On Wednesday June 17, the Docklands Choir held its first concert after eight weeks of rehearsal.

Thanks to Sarah Lindenmayer, our City of Melbourne neighbourhood development officer, who initiated a start-up funding from the council for us.

The purpose of setting up this choir project was to bring local residents out of their apartments to socialise and meet with each other through singing.

On the first day of choir rehearsal in April, we had more than 90 people gathered at one of the activity rooms at the Library at The

The choir attracted local residents from Yarra's Edge, Victoria Harbour and other parts of Docklands.

We also have people from other community choirs in other parts of Melbourne. Some of them travel to Docklands from Glen Waverley and Dandenong. Since its inception in April, we have international visitors and students from Japan, South Korea and Brazil come sing with us.

Reflecting on the past eight weeks of rehearsal, it was truly a little journey of finding my voice through joy of singing, meeting new friends and engaging and catching up with neighbours in the community.

I like music in general but never had any singing experience before. I wasn't sure what to expect at the beginning.

Nevertheless, I decided to join the choir project and see how I would go with the singing.

Our choir master and music director Shaun Islip is also the head of the Open Door Singers. His excellent skills and inclusive approach has brought out the best in us. His witty sense of humour really put new singers at ease

Each week as the project progressed, I found it easier to sing and my confidence in my singing ability also rose.

Eight weeks have gone so quickly and I have decided to continue with the Open Door Singers Docklands for the long haul.

My experience of singing in the choir project is truly an amazing one. I would never thought I could stand up singing in the public, but I have now completed the project



Docklands resident and Open Doors Singers Docklands member Yvonne Zhou-Grundy.

and attended this first choir concert and looking forward to many more to come.

I highly recommend the choir to anyone to join us at 5.45pm every Wednesday at the Docklands Hub.

Our repertoire is accessible to everyone and no audition is required.

As noted on the Open Door Singers website "All are welcome and it is open to everyone of every ability, age and background."





# Skies to light up

The harbour skies are set to sparkle this winter, with the return of the free Friday night fireworks at Docklands.

The weekly displays will run through July and August as a part of the Docklands Winter Festival along the NewQuay promenade.

Rug up and enjoy the all-ages event from the promenade, or get down early to watch the fireworks from one of the waterfront restaurants and bars.

City of Melbourne councilor Beverley Pinder-Mortimer said the fireworks program was designed to invigorate the precinct during the quieter winter months.

"With free entertainment and fireworks every Friday night we are encouraging everyone to rally friends and family and visit one of the many Docklands waterfront restaurants or bars for prime viewing," Cr Pinder-Mortimer said.

"The Docklands Winter Fireworks program has been a huge success in previous years, with up to 2500 people flocking into NewQuay on Friday nights to make the most of the entertainment."

"While many cities go into hibernation during winter, Melbourne puts on a show like no other"

Entertainment kicks off from 6.30pm on July 3 with performances from Swing Patrol dancers, The Snow King and Queen and Dream Bear. Fireworks begin at 7.30pm.

# Focus on attracting events

Destination Docklands will turn its attention to attracting events to Docklands rather than staging them itself.

Throughout its five-year history the local marketing body has staged numerous events, but events and marketing director Kelly Jensen said a recent review of the organisation had led to the new position on events.

"This is a significant shift for Destination Docklands, away from event delivery towards event facilitation," Ms Jensen said.

Destination Docklands plans to engage an agency to conduct a research project to determine Docklands' capability to host events and the suitability of events to precincts.

The agency will also facilitate connections with existing Docklands event organisers and connect Docklands to event organisers and communities who have not previously hosted Docklands-based events.

"We will then develop and negotiate opportunities to expand and enhance Docklands' event calendar to see existing and new event activity rolled out across the precinct," Ms Jensen said.

Destination Docklands' decision to move away from hosting events itself was prompted by a two-month strategic review of the organisation conducted earlier this year.

According to Ms Jensen, the review allowed the organisation to compare its activity with others in the industry and assess Docklands' needs as a maturing precinct.

"In many areas of our business plan for the year ahead we have refocused our objectives to better meet destination needs," Ms Jensen said. Other new initiatives include the development of a destination marketing plan, which Ms Jensen said would provide a detailed investigation into Docklands as a destination for visitors, workers and businesses.

The organisation will also seek to improve the public perception of Docklands and will engage publicity and media houses to promote Docklands in mainstream and alternative media.

Ms Jensen said Destination Docklands also planned to represent Docklands at upcoming trade shows in order to profile the area to people who support the visitor industry, including hotel concierges, front of house staff, conference organisers, tour guides, taxi drivers and City of Melbourne visitor centre volunteers.

Destination Docklands will also continue to focus on social media channels including Facebook and Instagram.

Ms Jensen said throughout the next year the organisation would have a greater focus on collaboration and partnerships.

Destination Docklands and the Docklands Chamber of Commerce have recently forged a stronger working relationship and the organisations are currently working to formalise their agreement.

Destination Docklands has also formed the Docklands Marketing Committee, bringing together representatives from across Docklands to share information and resources. You can learn more about the committee in our report on page 11.

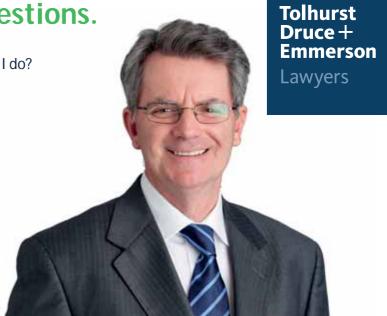
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Fancy taking a walk around NAB's headquarters? Or perhaps you'd prefer to explore the Channel 9 studios?

This month you'll have the chance to take a peek inside some of Docklands most interesting buildings, during Open House Melbourne.

More than 100 buildings across the city, including many in Docklands, will open their doors to the public as part of the

In Docklands, Open House participants can visit the Channel 9 Studios, Forte, Medibank, the Library at the Dock, the Mission to Seafarers and NAB's 700 Bourke St headquarters.

The Port of Melbourne will also offer boat tours of the port.

Open House Melbourne has been running since 2008 and this year has expanded from a weekend event to an annual program.

"Demand for Open House Melbourne's program has grown significantly and in order to meet this demand, we have moved to an annual program; augmenting the popular weekend with talks, exhibitions, special guided tours and kids' activities," creative director Emma Telfer said.

Open House Melbourne takes place across Melbourne from July 25-26.

For more information visit www.openhousemelbourne.org



NAB'S 700 Bourke St building will open its door



Members of the Docklands Marketing Committee

# Marketing group a success

A new Docklands-wide marketing group is helping local stakeholders share information.

Set-up by Destination Docklands, the Docklands Marketing Committee (DMC) has been meeting bi-monthly since February.

According to Destination Docklands events and marketing director Kelly Jensen, the group was established to open lines of communication between key stakeholders to share information and resources.

"The DMC representatives will take form as a steering committee which will act as advisors and collaborators on a variety of projects coming up later this year and into the future," Ms Jensen said.

The 18 members of the group include Harbour Town, City of Melbourne, the

Icehouse, MAB, Atlantic Group, Melbourne Passenger Boat Association, the Docklands Chamber of Commerce, Collins Square, Mirvac, Etihad Stadium, Wonderland Fun Park, Lend Lease, Places Victoria and Melbourne Star.

"The wonderful thing about this committee is it brings together a cross-section of intelligent Docklands marketing and communications professionals who are driving development, experiences and opportunities for Docklands, yet there is a shared goal of enhancing Docklands as a destination, whether that be for visitors. workers, business owners of residents," Ms Iensen said.

Ms Jensen said the DMC opportunity had been well received by members and that there was an opportunity for other parties to present information at the bi-monthly meeting. Interested parties are encouraged to contact Destination Docklands.

"Destination Docklands next seeks to establish a similar committee group with representatives of the major Docklands corporate organisations to strengthen the lines of communication between these workforces and ensure that Docklands workers have the full opportunity to understand and participate in local Docklands activity," Ms Jensen said.



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# Alma Doepel **Update**

It's full steam ahead for the Alma Doepel restoration team and its plans for a fundraising gala luncheon at Etihad Stadium next month.

The lunch is being hosted by Alma Doepel's owner Sail and Adventure and the Docklands Chamber of Commerce at Etihad Stadium's Medallion Room on August 28.

Attendees are invited to join Peter Hitchener from Channel 9 and other distinguished guests from Melbourne's business community to rally behind the cause.

The lunch will run from 12pm - 2pm and tickets are available for \$220 for individuals and \$2000 for tables of ten.

For more information and to book a table visit www.voyageofalifetime.com.au

The Alma Doepel restoration team have also launched a crowd-funding campaign to raise the \$5000 needed to replace the Alma's "knees".

The restoration is restoring the 50 wooden structural bracings or "knees" for Alma's

Professional shipbuilders have found that 35 of the knees can be repaired, but 15 will need to be completely replaced.

Since launching the campaign \$1555 has been pledged towards the project.

Visit www.letsact.com.au/projects/almaneeds-new-knees/ for more information and to donate.



And there's plenty more fundraising to be done with around \$1.7 million needed to complete the restoration of the historic top-sail schooner and return it to Docklands' waters.

The total fundraising tally for June is

Denis Spinley:	\$1000
Norman Boreham:	\$500
Old Hogs Cycling Group:	\$500
Janette Spinley:	\$500
Garry and Jan Dell'oro:	\$100
Hermione Agee:	\$500
Barbara Dann:	\$62
D Baddington:	\$50
Roger M Parish:	\$200
LK and RM Woolley:	\$1000
Ian Savins:	\$500



Artist Demian Gibbins has opened a pop-up gallery at Array in Yarra's Edge

# New art space for Yarra's Edge

Yarra's Edge now has its own art gallery after artist Demian Gibbins opened a pop-up space at the Array tower last month.

The acclaimed artist unveiled his entry into the Archibald Prize, a portrait of Australian actor Russell Kiefel, at the new gallery in Iune.

Created in a retail space at the base of the building, the Global Perspective Gallery will showcase Mr Gibbin's Archibald entry and his Global Village series.

"The Global Perspective Gallery will be a culmination of two year's of hard work, inspired by the places I've been and the people I've met," Mr Gibbins said.

The gallery will be open Wednesday to Friday from 11am to 6pm until July 31.

Mr Gibbins will be painting in the gallery and will be available for personalised tours.

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### **Docklands News says** "Yes" to that

The City of Melbourne has allocated \$50,000 to assist small, local publishers like Docklands News.

The council currently spends hundreds of thousands of dollars on corporate advertising with large media conglomerates, despite these publications having limited local reach.

When adopting its 2015/15 budget at a special Future Melbourne Committee meeting on June 18, councillors accepted the recommendation that:

"An additional \$50,000 to be spent on advertising in line with Council's small business grants program, with the funds to be directed to smaller innovative start-up or digital publications which are distributed or consumed in the City of Melbourne or align with specific council goals (such as sustainability)."

Cr Jackie Watts wanted to know whether this included print publications, to which City of Melbourne finance chair, Cr Stephen Mayne, replied:

"The idea is that it covers all small start ups in the City of Melbourne. So it's meant to be broad, boutique and newish-type publications."

Cr Watts said: "As long as print media is considered as well."

Cr Mayne replied: "Yes, that's the idea."

Docklands News says: "Yes, Stephen, that's a great idea!"



An artist's impression of the Banksia project.

# MAB launches the **Banksia** project

MAB's latest residential development Banksia was officially launched earlier this month as part of Dockland's NewQuay Precinct transformation.

The \$140 million project will also see a 4600 sqm park set around the new tower allowing residents plenty of green space.

MAB founder and executive director Andrew Buxton said the new venture would enhance the waterfront living lifestyle of Docklands.

"There are only a handful of locations with the necessary attributes for a true luxury project and we felt that the Docklands was one of those opportunities. We wanted to optimise this spectacular site and are delighted to showcase what MAB can achieve with Banksia," he said.

"Banksia and public spaces like this new park provide a boost to not only NewQuay but the Docklands as a whole, helping to fulfil its potential as one of Australia's prime waterfront locations."

"We want Docklands to become more than just apartments and office buildings, but a place people love to live, work, play and visit. Having public spaces including waterfront gardens, parks and art will drive this transformation."

Banksia will include 108 apartments across 18 levels varying from one to four bedroom luxury residences, as well as penthouses.

Construction of Banksia is set to begin later this year with completion aimed at early 2018.

### **New towers** planned for Harbour Town

Capital Alliance Investment Group plans to construct two buildings, potentially including a hotel, above Harbour Town Shopping Centre.

The investment group last month held a consultation session to inform the community of its plans to seek an amendment to the existing Waterfront City Outline Development Plan.

Capital Alliance is seeking an amendment to allow construction of a 36-storey mixed-use development comprising residential apartments and a proposed 5-star hotel along with a 30-storey residential apartment building.

Subject to planning approval, construction of the first building is scheduled to begin between November 2016 and September 2017, with completion of both buildings due in 2021.

The investment group secured the development rights for the site from Ashe Morgan, which had earlier secured the Harbour Town site, including undeveloped land parcels, from ING for \$150 million.

Ashe Morgan's plans for development of land parcels surrounding Harbour Town are yet to be confirmed.

However, the Sydney-based real estate investment group has previously told Docklands News that its first task would be the revitalisation of Harbour Town.



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The Woods Bagot residential design for the site.

## **High hopes for LaTrobe** St development site

By Alana Beitz

The Millennium Site at 1000 LaTrobe St is expected to draw local and international developers as expressions of interest close this month.

Colliers International has been taking international expressions of interest for the Digital Harbour site, which already has approval for a 23-storey commercial tower.

While the 6000sqm freehold development site has approval for a commercial building, Colliers International agent Trent Hobart said the site offered a prime residential development opportunity.

"Melbourne as a city has a diminishing supply of prime residential development opportunities, with development sites increasingly hemmed in by adjoining buildings." Mr Hobart said. "Docklands is not as intensively developed on a site-bysite basis, so it is becoming increasingly desirable for residential development."

Woods Bagot has put residential concept plans forward for The Millennium Site. It is anticipated that a 28-storey apartment tower could be constructed on the site, offering more than 600 new apartments.

The approved height of both plans will transform Digital Harbour's current mid-rise nature, and will offer uninterrupted views in both the city and waterfront directions.

## **School holiday** fun in Docklands

The winter school holidays are here and Docklands is the perfect place to explore when cabin fever sets in.

There's always plenty happening in Docklands and, come school holiday time, there are even more options for all ages.

Docklands' Library at the Dock is hosting a range of activities throughout the school holidays.

Learn how to build a game controller using bananas at the "Makey Makey" session on July 1, develop cake decorations skills at "Cake decorating with Pearly" on July 8 or get creative at "Ultimate Crafts" on July 10.

Film lovers will also enjoy screenings of Wallace and Grommit on from 11am-1pm on July 3 and The Gruffalo and The Gruffalo's Child from 11am-1pm on July 5.

For more information and to book your place visit www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/ MelbourneLibraryService/Kids/Pages/

There's also plenty happening on the other side of the harbour at Harbour Town Shopping Centre.

Until July 3, kids can have fun decorating their own Giggle and Hoot ceramic owls from 11am-3pm at the Harbour Town craft village. Characters Hoot and Hootabelle will also be making daily appearances.

Between Monday, July 6 and Friday, July 10 the Transformers will assemble at Harbour Town's craft village.

Between 11am and 3pm daily kids can get creative and decorate their own facemasks and Transformers hero Bumblebee will make daily appearances.

Wander through Harbour Town and you soon reach Wonderland Fun Park, another great school holiday location.

There are plenty of rides to entertain the kids and during the school holidays and zoologist Chris Humfrey will bring his live show "Zoo Comes to You" to the Wonderland Spiegeltent.

Running from July 2 to July 12, visitors will have the chance to meet a koala, pat a possum, say hello to a giant python snake, smile at a crocodile and see many other Australian animals.

For more information visit www.wonderlandfunpark.com.au

With so much happening in Docklands over the winter school holidays you're sure to find plenty to keep the kids entertained.

### **New trams for Docklands**

E-Class trams are now running in Docklands on Route 11 from West Preston.

It's the first time the new Melbourne built trams have run outside Route 96.

According to Minister for Public Transport, the move was great news for passengers on Route 11, which is one of Melbourne's husiest tram routes

The E-Class trams are 33 metres long and

have the capacity to carry more than 200 people. They are also Melbourne's most accessible trams with a low-floor design, wide doorways and dedicated spaces for wheelchairs, scooters and prams.

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## Join in the networking fun

#### Some 60 local stakeholders gathered for an afternoon of food and fun in Docklands last month.

The ever-popular Docklands Networking Lunch was held at Merchant Society on June 12.

The quarterly lunch is hosted by *Docklands News* and the Docklands Chamber of Commerce and offers a great opportunity for local business people to get to know each other

The next networking lunch is on September 18 at Berth restaurant on NewQuay Promenade.

The menu for the September lunch is:

Entrée: Crumbed calamari served with homemade tartare sauce and a salad of rocket, capers and red onion.

Main: Lamb Shanks serviced with creamy garlic mash potato and garden salad. (vegetarian and other dietary requirements available).

Dessert: Berth's pavlova, homemade meringue served with berries, whipped cream and finished with fresh passion fruit.

Beverages: White, red and sparkling wine, tap beers and non-alcoholic beverages.

As always the lunch is \$60 and must be paid in advance.

Contact *Docklands News* via **lunch@ docklandsnews.com.au** or call the office on **8689 7979** to book.

Enjoy some photos from the June Docklands Networking Lunch below.







Randall Bradshaw, Gregor Evans and Cr Kevin Louey.



Natalie Bevan and Georgie Dwyer.



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# **Networking with the Chamber** and Destination Docklands

Local stakeholders gathered for a night of networking with the Docklands Chamber of Commerce and Destination Docklands last month.

The networking event, at Sketch on Central Pier, provided an opportunity for local business people and stakeholders to learn more about both organisation's plans for the year ahead.

The two groups have recently announced plans for greater formal co-operation and are currently developing a memorandum of understanding

Last month's joint networking event offered further evidence of the two organisations' strengthened relationship.

Attendees at the June 24 event heard from new Destination Docklands chairperson Darren Walls, Destination Docklands events and marketing director Kelly Jensen and Docklands Chamber of Commerce president Joh Maxwell.



Josephine Tan, Meaghan Emery, Cr Ken Ong and Tim Brache



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# HEALTH & WELLBEING



#### Exercising your core-2015 vs 1985

Training your "abs" in the '80s and '90s was all about the ab-crunch! There was the basic crunch and side crunches, with the only real variation being how many you did (if you did

These days much has changed and training the core has become more sophisticated and

A great core workout consists of exercises and routines that integrate threedimensional movements of the spine, hips, and shoulders. This makes sense as these muscles all work together to assist us in our movement and maintenance of good posture for most hours of the day.

With core training, the focus should be on the quality of movement, proper alignment, adequate and challenging resistance and natural breathing. Core training is ideally combined with some general stretching, especially around the upper and lower back, hip flexors and hamstrings, inclusive of controlled spinal rotations and articulations.

The end result (which should be the key motivation for training your core in 2015) is a healthy spine. Like most good things, it takes time, knowledge and commitment.

#### Tips for losing abdominal fat

Excess abdominal (visceral) fat is not healthy and its presence is commonly linked to cardiovascular disease, type-2 diabetes and

other lifestyle diseases. Unfortunately for men, the health risks for us are much higher than for the ladies.

Following is a list of nutrition, exercise and lifestyle tips for you to consider or apply to your daily routines for losing abdominal fat:

#### **Nutrition:**

- Don't avoid fat, just avoid bad fats and highly processed foods. Seek out and consume good fats from nuts, seeds, avocados, fish and olive oils;
- Always eat breakfast and try to include a serve of protein in your daily selection. Avoid heavy carbs and sugary cereals;
- Don't just over consume protein. Aim to increase the amount of high quality protein in your diet; and
- Drink lots of water. Tea and coffee are better than alcohol, juices and sugary sport drinks.

#### **Exercise:**

- Build muscle and strength through weight training and some power-type lifting;
- Your daily training should include a variety of high volume, moderate to high intensity workouts that physically challenge you; and
- Quality time is better than quantity of

#### Lifestyle:

- Get plenty of rest and quality sleep; and
- Reduce stress stretch, take yoga or meditation classes.

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#### Thanks for reading this, my final article

After almost three years writing this column for Docklands News, the time has finally come to pack up the typewriter.

I would like to thank Shane and Bethany for their support and for giving me this terrific opportunity to share my health and wellness knowledge with the Docklands community.

If you know me at all, you will know that my two workplace passions are health and wellbeing and community engagement this column brings both together and so, has been a joy to write.

I sincerely hope you have found the content of the column interesting and informative over the past three years. If you have ongoing questions about your healthy lifestyle pursuits, you can find my team and I at the YMCA Docklands on Collins. I am always available for a chat and some friendly advice.

I will leave you will the following tips, which are really just the basics:

- Exercise 30 minutes per day, every day;
- Always look for the more active option;
- Train with weights two or three times per week to maintain healthy bones;
- Stretch daily, find some quiet time;
- Follow government recommendations in regards to healthy eating;
- Balance life and encourage others; and
- Remember, exercise is not just about fitness. It's about living better for longer.



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WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE ITEM

**OF CLOTHING:** Yankees jacket.

WHAT BRINGS YOU TO

**DOCKLANDS:** I'm from Sydney so I'm just looking around.

#### WHAT MAKES A GOOD OUTFIT:

Dress for your body shape and wear more form-fitting clothing than baggy.

Joel Smart, 32

**LOCATION:** DFO

DESCRIBE WHAT YOU'RE

**WEARING:** Black jacket, chino jeans, dress shoes and Ray Bans.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE ITEM OF CLOTHING: Jackets and trench

WHAT BRINGS YOU TO

**DOCKLANDS:** Work.

WHAT MAKES A GOOD OUTFIT:

Shoes

Justin Leow, 26

**LOCATION:** DFO

DESCRIBE WHAT YOU'RE

**WEARING:** Chino jeans, Nike kicks, khaki jacket and a cap.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE ITEM OF CLOTHING: Hats.

WHAT BRINGS YOU TO

**DOCKLANDS:** Shopping.

WHAT MAKES A GOOD OUTFIT:

Shoes.



#### **Local venue rocks**

If rock is your thing, you don't have to leave Docklands every Friday and Sunday night to get your fix.

Performing from 8.30pm at the James Hotel in NewQuay, cover-band Shameless, has a repertoire to please every audience.

The raunchy band, fronted by the dynamic Jo Fraser, was formed six years ago and has been going strong ever since.

"Shameless came to fruition when we realised there were not enough rock chicks fronting bands in Melbourne," Ms Fraser said.

She said the band made no apology for its "kick-arse, in-your-face" party

Shameless has a wide range of material covering the best of pub rock classics from the '80s and '90s to popular Top 40 hits.

On Sundays, it's Stand and Deliver tribute band that rocks out the weekend at the James Hotel.

The James Hotel (formerly James Squires Brewhouse) has a dedicated upstairs performance venue. It is the most westerly venue on NewQuay Promenade.

Owner David James invites Docklanders to join the Friday night party before 7.30pm during July and August to take advantage of the Docklands fireworks.





If you were one of two people left on this Earth, who would you want to be with and why?



Emma [Blackham] because she is my best mate, she's a good laugh and always fun to be around. You always know you're gonna have good time.



Johnny Depp because he's so funny and outrageous all the time. I reckon he'd be awesome to hang out with.



Tori [Healey] because I'll get in trouble otherwise.



Daniel [Mendes] so we can start the population again.



My sister because she knows things and is resourceful.



My boyfriend because I love him.





### Big dogs on the block

Porscia and her kelpie cross Roxy have lived in Docklands for just under a year and have loved every minute of it.

However, the two are sadly leaving our lovely neighbourhood. Porscia has found it difficult to find a spot where Roxy can really stretch her legs and run free off her leash.

"She needs to have a spot where she can run around, socialise with other dogs off-leash. Because we are in an apartment, it's even more important that we get our off-leash time," she said.

While there are green areas in Docklands catering to pets, it seems that big dogs are a little forgotten.

"The assumption is that it's mainly little dogs, but there are actually a lot of large dogs.

There's a German Shepherd that lives right up there and there's a big, black hairy dog that I see walking in the mornings," she said.

Roxy is six years old and has been with Porscia for three years, so their bond is close. Roxy goes everywhere with Porscia and has really become a part of her friendship circle.

"I take her everywhere with me, including my friend's houses. She's just like a good friend of mine," Porscia said.

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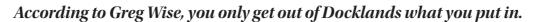


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# Wise-ing up to Docklands





**Profile by Bethany Williams**  Greg and his wife Julie moved to the area a few years ago and initially found it difficult to meet people and make friends when living in a high-rise suburb.

But then they discovered the Docklands Community Garden.

"We thought it would be very interesting for us on many fronts. It would give us an opportunity to meet more people who are similarly interested, have some free time and get involved in the community," Greg said.

For the past three years Greg and Julie have been part of a core group of community members who have kept the community garden running.

"The garden has been, to us, an insight into Docklands because once you meet some people in a group, then they have other friends who you meet," Greg said.

"We got involved in other social and community aspects of Docklands and have developed a very broad group of friend and community associates."

Having been born and spent most of their lives in Perth, Greg and Julie first moved to Melbourne 15 years ago.

After returning to Western Australia for a few years, the pair then returned to Melbourne and moved into the Docklands apartment they had originally purchased for their

"We'd enjoyed our first stay in Melbourne because it's such a vibrant, dynamic city compared to Perth," Greg said.

"It was always going to be exciting to come back and it was even more exciting because we moved back to Docklands, which is very central to everything that happens in the city of Melbourne."

Greg said he loved the lifestyle in Docklands because everything was so accessible.

"We've lived the suburban life and had the half acre block and the house. At my age I no longer want to spend my leisure time maintaining things and renovating and mowing lawns," Greg said.

"I'm much more interested in getting into the city and being involved in the culture and the food, the people and the entertainment."

"Docklands gives us a very convenient opportunity to do all of those things, so we're really enjoying our lives socially and in a community sense."

While he loves living in Docklands, Greg says the main thing he would live to see developed in the suburb is a greater connection with the arts.

"There's no cinema or theatre," he said. "Although none of that is far away, I think it would definitely help the culture of Docklands and community engagement within Docklands."

But, for the most part, Greg says Docklands is a great place to live and can't imagine leaving.

"Once you crack that outer skin of Docklands, there's a great culture, lots of lovely people and lots of things to do."

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# COUNCILLOR PROFILE By Shane Scanlan

# The making of a lord mayor

Robert Doyle's six years as Lord Mayor of Melbourne has benefitted both the city and the man himself.

Melbourne has had a highly articulate, hard working and talented champion. And Cr Doyle has experienced a rehabilitation of sorts and has emerged a better person.

This is largely because of the nature of local government. Although still robust and potentially poisonous, it is not institutionally adversarial.

The attack dog who was dumped by his own as leader of the state opposition in 2006 is today a master of collaboration, consensus and compromise.

"I supposed if you've got the numbers, it's winner takes all. But I don't find that a very attractive or satisfying way of operating," he

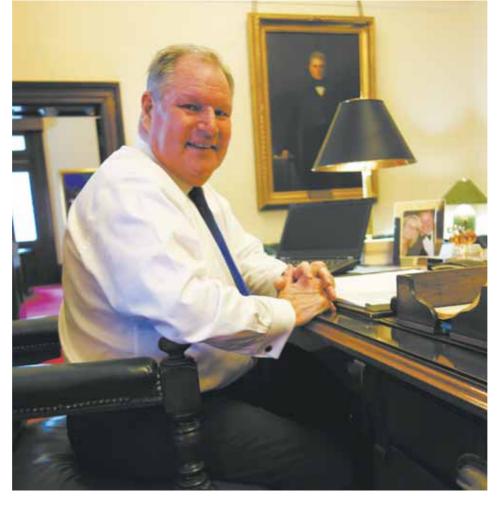
"Part of that collaboration is knowing where people are coming from and what's important to them and being able to deliver for everyone without compromising yourself."

"This is a town of conversations and of networks. There is something deeply satisfying about putting together coalitions of people in order to work on a problem of mutual interest and get a great resolution. I think that I have that skill."

Cr Doyle is proud of the way a politicallydiverse group of councillors keep their squabbles behind closed doors and, by and large, present a united front. Gone are the public brawls and the "clown hall" headlines.

No doubt, tactical regrets remain from his state political career. But he doesn't miss the politics.

"State politics is so partisan and I look at it now I think it is so much more bitter," he said. "I think there is a rancour there which I don't think serves the public well."



It would be wrong to characterise Cr Doyle as "gone soft". He runs a tight ship, often displays a short fuse and can be savage when his buttons are pushed.

He says his mother attributed his selfassuredness and independent thought to leaving home at 10 for boarding school and never really coming back.

His parents divorced when he was very young, with mum taking the three kids and scratching out a living as a hairdresser in multiple Victorian country towns.

He speaks of cold Myrtleford mornings in a small flat with a tin bath, no indoor plumbing and an outside toilet.

"I remember when there was a hole in that

bath, mum would drip candle wax to seal the hole," he said.

"I don't want to overplay this. I didn't have any sense that we were destitute or anything like that. I didn't have a sense that we were terribly poor but, then again, there were quite a lot of poor kids in Myrtleford."

The obviously brilliant young Robert was encouraged to sit scholarship exams and successfully won a valuable, classical education at Geelong College.

He blossomed in this environment and went on to study law but opted for teaching without ever finishing his law degree.

Teaching at some of the finest schools brought him in contact with top-level Liberal

Party luminaries and his activism against ALP education reforms kick-started his political career.

The conservative and strict school master is still evident as chair of the city's Future Melbourne Committee and council meetings.

"Rules are very important to me - following the right process is important to me," he said.

And woe betide anyone taking advantage of public submissions or questions who crosses the line.

"In public meetings, there should be respect, but I don't think it should be looselywrapped," he said. "It's not a coconut shy either. We're not sitting back there so people can chuck rocks at us. That's not appropriate either. I expect respect to be both ways."

It's hard to say what drives Robert Doyle to do what he does. For someone so outwardly self confident, he is very sensitive to criticism. He has a fine record of public service - both as a teacher and politician. But he also takes enormous joy and satisfaction from the lord mayoral role.

"I feel it a very deep honour and a privilege to walk into this building every day," he said.

He is at the top of his game. In his personal life too, he has recovered from divorce, has experienced new love and has a young child.

With two years left in the current term, will he again contest the lord mayoralty?

"I'm going to try to make a decision by Christmas this year," he said.

"For me, it would have to do two things. I would have to have a sense that I had unfinished business that I need to see through and, secondly, that the challenge and my energy for the challenges remained."

And how would be like to be perceived?

"If I reflect on what is said of me the most, I hope that people observe that I am very passionate about the city, that I am committed to it, that I see the promotion of it and its wellbeing as a really worthy enterprise," he said.

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## Meditating Mike rises above it all

Docklands is the perfect place for meditating. Who would have thunk it?

My work mate, Tam, and I recently attended a few meditation sessions in Docklands as part of Mindfulness Month.

You're probably thinking this involved a nice, comfy cushion, peaceful music playing in the background and lovely harbour views?

It was more a case of sitting on a rock-hard chair, hearing the whir of a nearby coffee machine and pretending we're not in the lobby of one of Australia's largest banks.

But that's the beauty of meditation. You should be able to plonk yourself wherever you like, shut your eyes, and block out - or at least accept - your immediate surroundings. Only then can your mind be taken away to the subconscious.

Do you know what meditation is? When I first heard about it, almost 10 years ago, I didn't have a clue. So to learn more about it, I decided to sign up for a short course.

I was quite proud of this first step and even told my boss about it. "Do you mean you're learning how to chant?" she replied apprehensively.

After a few classes, I discovered that apart from the occasional "om" mantra, chanting is not mainstream meditation at all (quite a relief for someone like me with a shocking singing voice).

In a modern Western context, meditation is the practice of stilling the mind. It allows the body to achieve a deep state of relaxation, and the mind to find a place of inner stillness, heightened awareness and focus.

In fact, regular meditation can reduce stress, improve health and even increase productivity. And who wouldn't want to achieve all that?

I recently put my meditation into practice when I witnessed a heated exchange between two colleagues. As the confrontation played out, I focused on maintaining my inner calm and keeping regular breath.

Momentarily, I felt that I was rising above the people around me - not out of pretentiousness or the shutting out of reality,

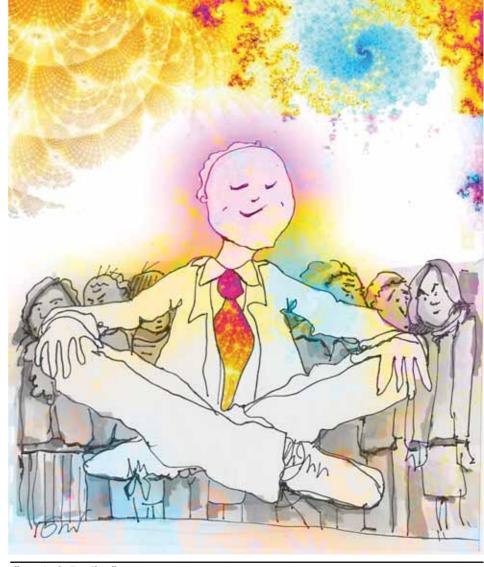


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but with tolerance of what I would normally find an unpleasant situation.

Afterwards, I felt quite blissful. It was like the feeling you get from the first bite of a Tim

Apart from the Mindfulness Month sessions, I must admit I've been pretty slack at meditating. I shall blame this on my office building having only three floors.

(Side note: I previously worked on the 37th floor of a skyscraper in the CBD and I used the time spent in the lift to meditate. This is called a 'spot meditation' - typically a quick meditation that you squeeze in when you can, often in an unusual setting. I like to call it good time management!)

In the coming months, I plan to meditate more often. It's a good "winter sport" as it's easy to do indoors. Stay tuned for an update!

So whether you meditate by the waterside, in an elevator or in a bank's lobby, the Docklands is a wonderful place to do it.

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### Letters to the Editor



### Litter concern

I am new to Australia. I came from India recently to find a new life in Australia. I chose Melbourne as my first city to visit because I learnt that its world's most liveable city.

When I landed in Melbourne and experienced it myself I can definitely say, yes it is the most liveable city in the world.

However, my heart bleeds to see plastic bottles and other non-disposable and non-biodegradable waste in the water in the Docklands harbour area. The Dockland offers such a beautiful landscape and is a home to aquatic animals.

Plus Melbourne being such a beautiful city, I feel it's our responsibility to keep it neat, clean and most liveable city in the world for generations to come.

I just wanted to raise this with you so that you may spread awareness about this. I appeal to all Melburnians not to litter around

It is the responsibility of us all to keep it clean. For reference I am attaching photos of Docklands and harbour area water pollution.



# Happy financial new year

#### To our Docklands business community.

As June 30 has come and gone, the Docklands Chamber of Commerce wishes all our business community a prosperous 2015-2016 financial year.

We all know that business challenges come and go, and depending upon your industry, they differ. Being a member of the Docklands Chamber of Commerce not only brings you together with other business operators, it keeps you updated on information of what is happening within our precinct and keeps you updated on offerings from the City of Melbourne for marketing, events and small business funding.

Our newsletter, delivered electronically, brings information on upcoming events, opportunity for marketing, legislation changes, networking opportunities, hints and tips and much more.

On Tuesday, June 23 we held our Docklands Chamber of Commerce and Destination Docklands joint Stakeholder Event held at Sketch, at Central Pier, where the strategic plans for Destination Docklands for 2015-2016 and an overview of the year ahead for the Docklands Chamber of Commerce were delivered.

The Docklands Chamber of Commerce funding application is currently with the City of Melbourne and will be ratified shortly - confirmation on this will be received just as the paper goes to print, however we are very confident of success for 2015-2016 funding under the City of Melbourne precincts program. This will allow your chamber to continue supporting the business community through networking, information,

The City of Melbourne is again hosting winter fireworks in Docklands every Friday night in July and August, bringing nine Friday nights of action and activity. Make sure your business joins in the festivities and makes the most out of the increased visitation that this will bring.

We encourage chamber member businesses to "like" our Facebook page and we will then share your posts as part of our daily updates on Facebook and Twitter. Sharing your information is a benefit of being a Chamber of Commerce member.

August will be a busy month in Docklands with a number of events, please check out the following events.

Melt Away Chocolate Festival - August 7, 8 and 9. www.meltawaymelbourne.com For lovers of chocolate, this is a must-attend

Sail and Adventure presents a "Voyage of a Lifetime" gala luncheon to raise funds for the ongoing refurbishment of the Alma Doepel. Join Peter Hitchner from Channel 9 and other distinguished guests. Held in the Medallion Room at Etihad Stadium on Friday, August 28, come and help raise money to continue providing your programs and restore the Alma Doepel. Supported by your chamber, visit www.voyageofalifetime. com.au for further information and to make a booking.

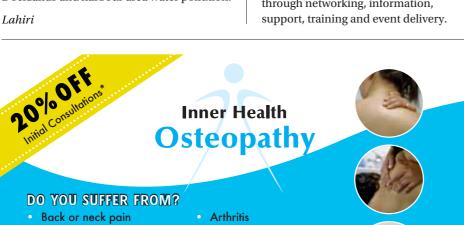
We are having another sensational event in Docklands on August 30 when Melbourne Day is coupled with Melbourne Regatta Day. Join in the celebrations both on land and water. At the Blessing of the Fleet, Victoria Harbour will come alive with vessels of all kinds while music and entertainment on the foreshore will go from 11.30am to 5pm. For more information visit www.melbourneregatta.com.au or www. melbourneday.com.au

Your chamber continues to work in partnership with the Department of Health and Human Services and the City of Melbourne to support Docklands as an agefriendly precinct. We encourage businesses within Docklands to join the seniors program and be part of this wonderful initiative. Customer service training will be offered to chamber members' staff to assist in delivering excellence in customer service to the senior demographic. October 10 and 11 will see Docklands come alive with a festival to close the 2015 Seniors Festival. Watch out for updates on this in the chamber newsletter and make sure your business is

The proposers of the Fountain and Flames installation continue to work behind the scenes in developing a business case and liaising with stakeholders and potential funding partners. As I talk to both business and community representatives, the constant question is "when will we have the fountains and flames"? This is an exciting concept for Docklands and we look forward to sharing progress on this initiative.

If you are looking to join the Docklands Chamber of Commerce, have information you wish to share, or you are seeking assistance as a member, please email: admin@docklandscc.com.au or visit our web site www.docklandscc.com.au

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Something wonderful is about to happen. Something really magnificent, the type of thing where you just pause and really feel almost overwhelmed by your good fortune. The equivalent of a tidal wave of goodness from the universe is about to wash over me. I'm sure of it.

I'm seeing signs of it already. Well, I'm determined to see the signs. Let me give you a little example.

I wasn't planning on driving down the M1 from my country home to the city - and back - last Friday. It's a 2.5 hour trip down, but closer to a three hour trip back on a Friday afternoon in the rush of commuters evacuating the city for the promise of a twoday snapshot of lifestyle balance on the north coast. But I found myself doing exactly that.

I was doing exactly that, as I was the sponsor of a rather large charity fundraiser on the Saturday night. I had been looking forward to the five-course degustation menu, the black tie glamour - I even had a new dress.

Not having a date didn't deter me, I asked one of my nearest and dearest to help me out and attend as my "plus one". Unfortunately he pulled out the day before, and I decided having attended so many things solo, that this one was just too hard to muster the strength to be the seventh person (with a spare seat to my right) on a table of eight yet again.

"No problem" said I (with gritted teeth), and changed my work load, relegated my unworn fitted black lace dress to the wardrobe (in my head it was stunning, however the mirror seemed to add a few years and a few kilos to my intended look!), and honoured my commitment to provide the event decorations - 250 of my business's flameless candles for the tables.

As luck and fate would have it, on that very trip down, whilst comforting myself with the thought that, even though I couldn't go to the ball, I was still being a good person - a stone hit my windscreen.

It was a little more dramatic than that - it hit with such a force and noise that it not only sounded like my car had been shot, but the impact was spectacular with an immediate starburst shatter on my windscreen and the end of one windscreen wiper (going at moderate pace as it was pouring rain) completely knocked off. And so I spent some time pulled over in the emergency stopping lane, trying to figure out what to do.

At first, I was angry given I'd done nothing wrong and in fact had done everything right -I didn't deserve this. And it piled up with the other things that have happened this month that I didn't deserve - that happened when I had done nothing wrong - such as the people who let me down, the emotional ups and downs I was put through, the simple stubbing of a toe (and subsequent loss of nail!).

It all seemed really unfair, particularly as I've been working harder than I have ever worked in my life, seven days a week

I've contributed significant time to charity, lovingly raised a child, tried to get fit (ok, it's a work in progress), and believed in people even when they lost faith in themselves.

And that's when it hit me - there must be something so, so, so good coming, that the universe is balancing it out early by giving me some tough times first, just to make sure I appreciate the magnificence of the gift that is about to arrive!

So I say "bring it on universe!" Each tough new day that you deliver, I am grabbing with both hands and celebrating, because each undeserved bad day is a step closer to reaching my destination.

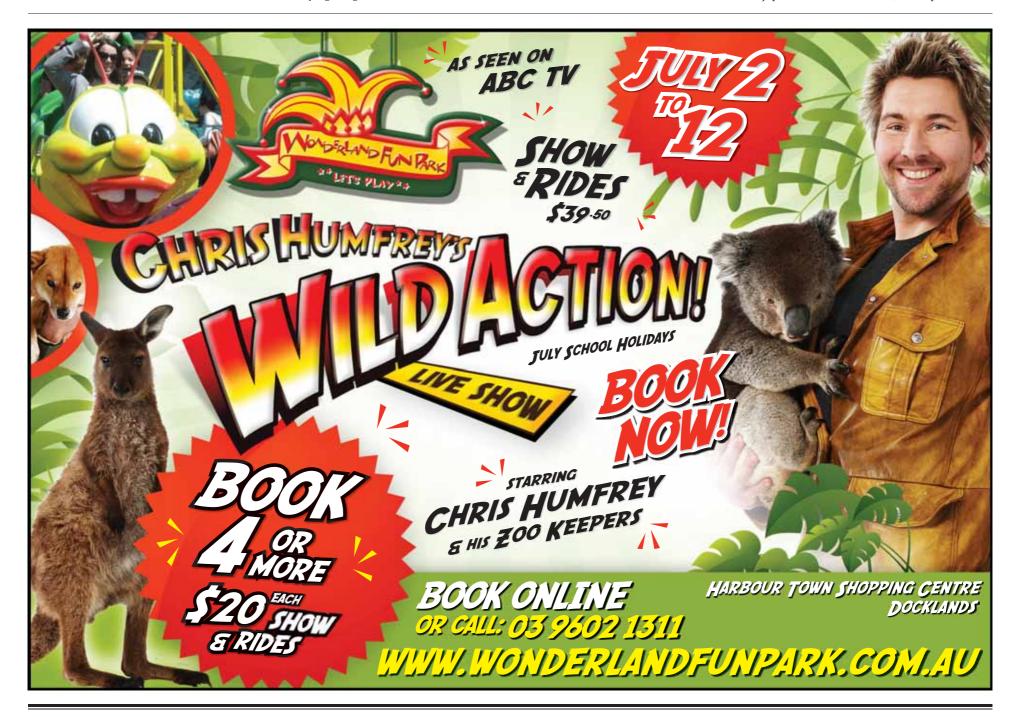
I know that there will be a day when I see why it is all unfolding the way it is. But until then, I am going to have faith that there are far, far better things ahead than any days that Heave behind.

What a woman wants is to never have an undeserved bad day, but what a woman needs to believe is that everything happens for a reason, and it will all work out in the end. Good things are coming, just be brave my darlings.

With much love,

Abby x

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# **Businesses in Docklands**

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### PIZZA BY THE HARBOUR



Rob Glaister takes a ride around the harbour on an Avo Gourmet Pizza delivery bike

#### There's a new pizza player in town.

Avo Gourmet Pizza on Victoria Harbour Promenade opened in May and is ready to wow Docklands' tastebuds.

"We've had customers coming back repeatedly and I'm getting plenty of people saying they are absolutely loving what we have on offer," store manager Rob Glaister

Avo Gourmet Pizza isn't your standard takeaway pizza shop. All the classics,

including Hawaiian, vegetarian, Aussie and capricciosa, are on offer. But you'll also find a "deluxe" menu featuring a range of gourmet

Mr Glaister is a qualified chef who has worked in the pizza industry for the past 13 years. He said he had carefully developed the

Why not try the pulled pork pizza? It comes complete with apples and raisins, sautéed red cabbage and pomegranate molasses.

Health food fans will love the super food vegie with sweet potato, baby spinach, avocado, roasted capsicum, buffalo mozzarella, feta cheese, chia seeds and

"The king prawn pizza is a standout, with prawns on skewers," Mr Glaister said.

And if you have a sweet tooth, you can finish your meal with a dessert pizza, combining Nutella, apple compote, banana slices, mango cheeks and mascarpone cheese.

Although close to the city, Mr Glaister said there was a sense of community in Docklands that made a local pizza shop, like Avo Gourmet Pizza, a perfect fit.

"There's some great community here," Mr Glaister said. "The people living in these apartments are absolutely lovely, so many have come down and introduced themselves."

According to Mr Glaister, Avo Gourmet Pizza is a unique offering for Docklands.

Located on the waterfront at Victoria Harbour, Mr Glaister said the store offered seating outside, providing a great spot to enjoy a meal and a wonderful view, particularly when the weather warms up.

But in the meantime, Avo Gourmet Pizza also offers a convenient delivery service to Docklands residents and businesses for \$5.

You'll likely spot Avo Gourmet Pizza staff members commuting around the harbour on tricycle making deliveries across the suburb.

You can find Avo Gourmet Pizza at 73 Victoria Harbour Promenade.

Orders can be made online at www.avogourmetpizza.com.au and Avo Gourmet Pizza is currently offering 10 per cent off first-time online orders.

### FOR THE TEAM AT TDE, THE FOCUS IS ON PEOPLE

"We deal with day-to-day people, that's the basis of our law firm and always has been," partner Randall Bradshaw said.

Originally established under the name Tolhurst and Druce in 1896, the firm has a long history of providing legal services to Melburnians and Victorians.

Based in Bourke St, Tolhurst Druce and Emmerson offers a range of legal services, focused around the ethos of "working with individuals, families and business".

Mr Bradshaw said the mid-sized firm was a rarity in the CBD in that it wasn't focused on big commercial dealings, but rather the legal needs of everyday people.

"We're people focused," Mr Bradshaw said. "It's unusual to find this kind of firm in the city.

The firm's four partners, Randall Bradshaw, Peter Weller, Paul Webster and David Phelan, lead teams who which specialise in different areas of law and offer a wide range of legal expertise.

The team at Tolhurst Druce and Emmerson provide legal services in wills, probate, estates and trusts, property law, family law, commercial and business law and litigation and dispute resolution services. The firm also provides notary services and immigration law expertise.

According to Mr Bradshaw, the firm has formed a strong connection with Docklands.

"We have a strong association with Docklands and have been a member of the Docklands Chamber of Commerce for around four years," Mr Bradshaw said.

Mr Bradshaw said the firm's location, at the corner of Bourke and Williams streets, made it convenient for local workers and residents seeking legal advice or services.

"We provide a range of expert, cost effective and convenient legal services for people who live and work in Docklands," Mr Bradshaw said. "We're right on their doorstep".

The firm is also part of the Law Network Australia, an association of medium-sized law firms.

Tolhurst Druce and Emmerson's involvement with the network means its clients can be assured of recommended legal



Tolhurst Druce and Emmerson partner Randall Bradshaw with family lawyer Eilish Cooke.

representation around Australia.

Most importantly, the firm prides itself on providing a level of service that commonly sees it recommended by clients.

"Most of our work comes from word

of mouth," Mr Bradshaw said. "People prefer to deal with someone who's been recommended by family or friends."

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### WANT TO FRESHEN UP YOUR LOOK?



Robyn Barrett-Roydhouse and Dr Bronwen McGraw.

#### Instead of getting a new haircut, why not pay a visit to the Docklands Cosmetic Clinic?

Located inside the Victoria Harbour Medical Clinic on Merchant St, Docklands Cosmetic Clinic offers a range of facial enhancement treatments.

According to Docklands Cosmetic Clinic nurse Robyn Barrett-Roydhouse, patients at the clinic often comment that they feel "fresher" after a treatment.

"People don't want big lips, they don't want major change, they want subtle enhancements," Ms Barrett-Roydhouse said.

Having worked in the field of cosmetic aesthetic injecting for 13 years, Ms Barrett-Roydhouse

has extensive experience in administering cosmetic treatments.

"I love it, I find the artistic challenge really rewarding," she said.

Docklands Cosmetic Clinic offers antiwrinkle treatment for crow's feet and wrinkles between the eyebrows, forehead and lower face.

The clinic also offers a range of dermal fillers, from very thin fillers to address fine lines, to heavier fillers for re-volumising and shaping of the face.

Located close to Docklands' commercial hub, Docklands Cosmetic Clinic offers lunchtime appointments, with most treatments generally taking between 15 and 30 minutes.

"People want to be able to duck in and out for a treatment during the day, where there's no down-time, minimal bruising and stateof-the-art treatment," Ms Barrett-Roydhouse

"We want to offer a walk-in, walk-out treatment."

In addition to state-of-the-art treatment, Docklands Cosmetic Clinic also offers patients a thorough consultation process with GP Dr Bronwen McGraw.

"I see any new patient and will take a look at their medical history along with thoroughly explaining to them the way the treatments work and what can be achieved so they have a good understanding," Dr McGraw said.

"A lot of people don't really understand how they work so I think that explanation puts people at ease."

Having previously worked as a GP for seven years, Dr McGraw moved into the field of cosmetic medicine 12 months ago.

"I like the fact that we can help people feel better about themselves," she said.

You can find Docklands Cosmetic Clinic inside Victoria Harbour Medical Centre at 850 Collins St (enter via Merchant St).

Contact the clinic on **0419 224 491** or visit the website for more information www.docklandscosmeticclinic.com.au

### WELCOME BACK TO OSCARS TABLE

NewQuay favourite Oscars Table has re-opened its doors for business and is ready to serve up delicious meals to Docklands locals and visitors.

The restaurant is now under new management, with professional chefs Hari Karki and B.K. Khadka now running the show.

"We provide an experience that sets us apart from other restaurants," Mr Khadka said.

The restaurant re-opened in June and has a strong focus on Spanish and Mexican cuisine.

"We stay true to our cuisine and never chase food trends or experiments with unrecognisable flavours," Mr Khadka said.

"We have carefully planned the menu to provide our guests with a combination of Mexican and Spanish favourites, as well as introducing Jambalaya rice and Churasco."

And what's a Mexican or Spanish meal without a cocktail?

Oscars Table offers a range of drinks including the signature Sangria, Mojito, Caiprinha and Margarita.

Both Mr Karki and Mr Khadka have extensive international experience in the restaurant industry, which is sure to set Oscars Table apart as a culinary experience.

Mr Karki developed his culinary skills in Hong Kong, where he was the executive chef and owner of two established restaurants.

Mr Khaka has also worked as a head chef around the globe including Hong Kong, Bermuda and the Maldives.

"As chefs, we cherish the role we play in your overall experience at Oscars Table," Mr Khadka said.

"Whether or not you have been here before, a great meal is waiting for you, cooked with care and dedication."

Mr Khadka also said Oscars Table could



Chef B.K. Khadka invites you to visit the recently re-opened Oscars Table at NewQuay.

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"Why would you buy a high-end brand suit off the rack when you can pay less for a better one made just for you?" Mr Edwards asks.

"These days, it is a myth that tailor-made suits are unaffordable," he said. "If you need a suit to really perform for you, you are very

unlikely to find it hanging on a rack, no matter who's name is on the inside."

"If you put a premium on performance, that's when you need made-to-measure."

Operating from elegant show and fitting rooms in Hardware Lane, shopping for a suit at Oscar Hunt is a pleasure.

The business qualifies as one of Melbourne's hidden secrets and Hardware Lane is an appropriate home to the fascinating craft that is made-to-measure suiting.

From long-forgotten markets of the 18th Century, to cloth suppliers to the city's famed rag trade, the lane has been integral to Melbourne's development through the decades

It forms a classical backdrop to Mr Edwards' dream to make premium suiting available to the average Australian male.

"I wanted to offer that wonderfully old-world service of made-to-measure tailoring at an accessible price point," Mr Edwards said. "It's our aim to make every suit purchasing experience a truly remarkable one."

Mr Edwards typifies the Oscar Hunt male: Nine-to-five, three-piece suit during the week; a relaxed silhouette at weekends.

Head tailor, Oscar Lake, learned the craft as a bespoke tailor at Hemden Shirtmakers &

Tailors and transitioned to made-to-measure area in response to the current suiting trend.

"I noticed the difficulties in operating as a bespoke tailor in Australia and realised the future of suiting is in the high quality and more affordable made-to-measure," he said.

And it wasn't just this that inspired him. Mr Lake said: "You can't replicate the confidence of a client wearing a garment that's tailored to every aspect of their body and to their style. Not often does anyone get exactly want they want, so it's a special feeling."

Oscar Hunt has a broad appeal: From older gentlemen who have a long-founded appreciation for quality tailoring to younger men who wish to step up their style and gain access to the custom-made experience.

From initial appointment to the final product, a tailored suit takes six weeks to produce, and starts from a \$845, depending on the fabric used and the desired construction.

Oscar Hunt is located at Level 3, 43 Hardware Lane, Melbourne; for appointments call the showroom on 0499 000 011 and discover the fascinating craft that is made-to-measure suiting. Or visit the website www.oscarhunt.com.au

### NOT JUST A NIGHT OUT

The small team at Temple Brewing thought they were just going for a night out when they attended the Australian International Beer Awards in Docklands in May.

Managing director Nick Pang said the expectation of being awarded was low, so when their "Anytime IPA" pale ale was announced as a gold medalist (out of 180 worldwide beers), the team was ecstatic.

After all, they'd only been making beer for 18 months, so being awarded gold was like a dream coming true.

"There were only two gold medals awarded in the pale ale category, so we were well placed to win the Best International Pale Ale award," Mr Pang said.

"When the MC called our name, we just went ballistic," he said. "To take out this award against the best brewers in the world was a truly humbling experience."

Mr Pang bought the East Brunswick-based brewery from a liquidator 18 months ago.

Recruiting top brewer Glenn Harrison and applying strict business principles has turned the company around in a rags-to-riches story. New beers have been added to the repertoire and production has been cranked up to get the best out of the small,

state-of-the-art brewery in Weston St.

Temple entered six beers in the Australian International Beer Awards and five of them were awarded medals.

"Apart from our pale ale triumph, we brought home three silvers and a bronze," Mr Pang said.

Temple's signature Bicycle Beer took bronze for the Best English Style Summer Ale, with silver medals going to its Powerstance pilsner, New World Order stout and the Rye Hard IPA for the Best German Style Pilsner, Best Stout and Best IPA (other), respectively. This year, the worldwide awards attracted a record number of applicants from 35 countries.

"It is a real credit to our team and the hard work everyone has put in. For a small brewery in Brunswick to receive this recognition only one and a half years after launching is amazing," Mr Pang said.

"We are all about brewing great quality Australian beer that's fresh and balanced. I'm so proud of Glenn and the team."



Brewer Glenn Harrison and managing director Nick Pang show their delight at winning the international award for their Anytime pale ale.

Temple Brewing beers are available in the CBD at Thousand Pound Bend, Sister Bella, Mesa Verde, Cookie Bar, Spice Temple and Three Below - City Square.

Temple Brewing has a bar and restaurant at 122 Weston St, Brunswick East and is open on Thursdays between 5pm and 11pm; on Fridays and Saturdays between 12 noon and 11pm; and on Sundays between 12 noon and 9pm. The business is closed to the public on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

For further information, see www.templebrewing.com.au



# GREETINGS FROM THE DOCKLANDS COMMUNITY



#### Greetings Everybody.

I trust most of you are well. I know we can't all be all the time. I'm reminded of this as one of our members was hit by a car and left with a serious injury and we wish her an early recovery. There's a lot to talk about so I'll get on with it.

#### Esplanade redevelopment

The  $Docklands\ News$  stated in April " the 'master plan report' needs to be put on hold while a new, honest and open public discussion is conducted about how this public land is to be traded".

Well it hasn't happened and no time was wasted in quietly submitting it to council for approval at its meeting on June 2. No councillor or officer had the courtesy to notify us of its inclusion in the agenda. By chance I happened to notice it in glancing through the agenda online two days before.

How does this "secrecy" come about? It occurred again recently with council in April quietly approving a building on the piazza. As I've previously said it's at least partly explained because, unlike other councils, where I have direct experience, the City of Melbourne has no ward system by which councillors are required to look after the ward area they are elected to represent and in which they normally reside. No councillor lives in Docklands and, to my knowledge, CoM councillors in the main do not often visit it. Hence their apparent lack of knowledge and interest.

I attended the meeting and was given their standard two minutes for a member of the public to speak, regardless of the Esplanade being a multi-million dollar long-term project and that I was representing the community association as its president.

Given the blank faces around the bench, the disinterest was almost palpable. The really telling thing was there was no debate and after a couple of questions, the project plans were passed unanimously!

This appears to be to a limited extent explained but not excused by, as I found out councillors meet behind closed doors in advance with officers who "explain things" in what's called the councillor forum [not to be confused with an open forum]. From reading the documents supporting the agenda item, it is clear the officers detail their presentation but do not include community comment or any contrary views or options.

This process is flawed because of that and also because the items including pros and cons should be debated in open council and not decided on beforehand behind closed

In my brief address to council I reiterated that the Docklands community voted online for a linear [long] park and is opposed to up to 12 buildings being installed along the 400m stretch as shown in the master plan, with buildings up to three storeys high! We are even supported in the criticism by a

major developer. This plan will obliterate the water panorama.

I want to emphasise that support for the linear park is not primarily for locals but to provide a welcoming vista and relaxing area to attract visitors to Docklands and present it well. But for the last few years Places Victoria and council officers have determinedly adhered to this master plan without modification. We still don't know why.

Given that the main feature is the long stretch development, associated services such as a ferry service if viable and heritage vessel mooring would obviously be good.

In response to a point I made, a councillor asked the officers was it correct that they did not include a linear park as an option in a general public survey they conducted.

A Places Victoria officer present answered true and, when asked why, replied it wasn't considered a practicable option, which is clearly ridiculous.

Wind has been used as an excuse but wind only applies beside buildings at either end and not along the open stretch any more than anywhere else, otherwise open beaches around the bay would be built on.

Additionally, the plan includes placing two large old cargo sheds on the Esplanade. referred to as heritage sheds to appeal to respondents, but their survey failed to mention there already are a number of the

sheds lining both sides of Central Pier, thus rendering more unnecessary.

Regardless, the motion to adopt was put and passed unanimously without detailed debate, with the proviso that the development stages would be subject to review. Unfortunately however experience shows that a master plan is rarely if ever significantly changed.

#### **Meeting with Planning Minister**

I will be joining a few representatives from other community groups in a meeting with Minister Wynne in July to discuss development policy.

That's all I've got space for this month

If any reader would like to become a member of the DCA or has any suggestions they wish to put forward regarding activities or issues, they are welcome to contact us on docklandscommunityassociation@gmail. com. We're also on Facebook.

If you would like to contact me about any aspect or becoming a committee member you are welcome to email as above.

Regards to all

Roger Gardner President DCA



# **CORPORATION LAW**

With Tom Bacon

Tom Bacon is the principal lawyer of Strata Title Lawyers. Tom@stratatitlelawyers.com.au

#### Car-share arrangements can be a winner

With the sheer scale of new high-rise developments that have gone up in recent years in inner-Melbourne, the challenge for these buildings is to maintain and maximise the value of the units and the common property by providing unique services and facilities to residents that have a tangible, beneficial and practical impact on the residents' daily lives.

A number of new developments offer interesting communal facilities such as and the like.

One area where existing buildings can seek to differentiate themselves from the rest is through the provision of on-site share-car services or "pods".

The trend towards high-density living means car ownership is increasingly a burden. With the ease of public transport trams and the increased network of bike lanes springing up all over the city, a lot of inner-city dwellers will now only use their vehicles on the weekends to get the weekly groceries or for the odd trip out of town.

Providing a car-share pod within a residential building provides the residents (and nearby businesses) with the convenience of accessing a car when they need one, without any of the maintenance costs. The cars can be booked on an hourly basis for as little as \$10 per hour including fuel and any tolls. Some car-share operators even offer free membership for tenants residing in the buildings.

Statistics from the City of Melbourne and Go Get reveal that for every share car introduced, a total of 12 private cars are removed from Melbourne's roads. Throw in the reduced greenhouse gas emissions, and there's a scalable community benefit for all residents.

Some local councils are even prepared to award Green Star Points towards green building accreditation for buildings that install car-share pods.

The trend towards electric and hybrid cars such as the Tesla means that in the future, owner' corporations may need to contemplate the installation of re-charging stations on common property to allow electric cars to recharge their batteries. As

always, the early adopters of innovation and technology will stand to benefit the most.

However, before an owners' corporation races off and enters into any agreements with a car-share provider, a special resolution may need to be passed if there is to be any alteration to use of common property, such as the deletion of any visitor parking spaces, or through the utilisation of a previously non-specified area of common property.

Care will also need to be taken to read the fine print if there is proposed to be any lease or licence agreement entered into with a car share provider, as this would trigger the need to pass a special resolution also.



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# 2015 WHAT'S ON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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#### **DOCKLANDS HISTORY GROUP**

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Mondays at 10.30am

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#### SONGBIRDS

Wednesdays at 10.30am

Come along for songs, rhymes and stories to engage your budding book worm's mind and introduce them to the fun and rhythm of language. Suitable for babies and toddlers aged up to 18 months old.

#### CREATIVE KIDS AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

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#### **BABY BYTES**

Last Thursday of the month 10.30am to 11.15am. Ground floor activity room.
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# DOCKLANDS SPORTS PAGE

# **Boating concerns ease**

Concerns over a lack of boating infrastructure at the new Community and Boating Hub have been put to rest by the City of Melbourne.

The future boating co-tenants of the facility last month raised concerns at the City of Melbourne's Future Melbourne Committee meeting that there was no boat launching area considered within the current plans.

In their written submission the future boating hub co-tenants, Dragon Boat Victoria, Docklands Yacht Club and Melbourne Outrigger Canoe Club said without a launching area, clubs would be unable to put boats in the water from the hub.

However, a City of Melbourne spokesperson last month confirmed to *Docklands News* that a launching area would be provided at the hub.

"The boating clubs currently operating out of Shed 2, North Wharf Rd access the water via a pontoon at this location," the spokesperson said.

"Places Victoria control this pontoon and will be relocating it to the community hub to allow access to the water by the clubs. It is proposed that they will operate from this pontoon as they currently do from Shed 2."

Dragon Boat Victoria president Eliza Campbell said her organisation understood that dock infrastructure was yet to be determined by Places Victoria and the City of Melbourne, however preliminary plans had been shared with the co-tenants.

The \$8.1 million Community Hub and Boating Hub was funded through an



 $Construction\ of\ Docklands'\ Community\ and\ Boating\ Hub\ is\ due\ for\ completion\ in\ December.$ 

agreement between the City of Melbourne, Places Victoria and Lend Lease.

"The three organisations have provided boat specifications to ensure that all can be serviced by the boat ramps and the launching facilities," Ms Campbell said.

"The three organisations will have the chance to review the drawings prior to work commencing."

Construction of the \$8.1 million facility began in November last year and is well underway, with completion, including fitout, scheduled for December. Currently based at Shed 2, the boating clubs expect to move into the facility in the first quarter of 2016.

In its submission to the Future Melbourne Committee, the boating co-tenants also requested \$190,366 in council funding in order to fit-out the new boating facility.

At the June 18 Future Melbourne Committee meeting Council committed \$150,000 towards the fit-out, with the boating clubs to secure the remaining funding from other sources.

According to Ms Campbell, the remaining funding will be sought through fundraising.

# Paddlers in action

Witness the Australian
Dragon Boat team in
action in Docklands this
month before they head off
to the World Dragon Boat
Championships in Canada.

The Australian team, the Auroras, includes 41 representatives from Docklands-based clubs the Yarra River Dragons, Melbourne Flames and the Dragon Masters.

And Flames coach Serghei Cusca is also head coach of the Australian team.

The team will compete in a range of categories at the world championships including under 24s, premier and senior.

Docklands-based team members are currently training six times a week, on and off the water, and will hold an open training session in Docklands this month.

Come along and watch the team on Sunday, July 26 from 9am to 10.30am at Shed 2, North Wharf Road, and then join in for refreshments afterwards.

The Auroras will battle it out against teams from over 20 countries at the world championships, which are held in different locations every two years.

The World Dragon Boat Championships will be held at the Welland International Flatwater Centre in Ontario, Canada from August 19-23.

