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Elvis is coming to Docklands

Promoters are bringing an Elvis tribute festival to Docklands in August. Their intention is to build the festival into an annual event and put Docklands on the international Elvis map. See our full story on Page 10.

Urban renewal is in the spotlight

The Planning Minister Matthew Guy received a lot of media attention last month for his vision to redevelop 200ha of light-industrial land in Port Melbourne.

Despite packaging this idea as part of the policy he took to last year's state election, the media got very excited about the plan.

There is a good deal of confusion around the plan and specific details won't be known until the formation of a new Urban Renewal Authority which is expected before July.

The Urban Renewal Authority is expected to subsume VicUrban's role as master planner of Docklands. It will also be responsible for redeveloping the 20ha E-Gate area to Docklands' north.

And while the details surrounding the Port Melbourne project are sketchy, Mr Guy has said the area in question is:

- Three times the size of Docklands;
- lacksquare Primarily south of the Westgate Freeway;
- Includes only a small part of land north of the freeway near the Bolte Bridge;
- Will not encroach of the Port of Melbourne's operation; and
- \blacksquare Will be developed in specific precincts.

He is talking about a 20-30 year project and, unlike the Docklands development, the area is mostly occupied.

Mr Guy has said he was not talking about relocating the heavy industry which is on the north side of the freeway. But, rather, it is the light industrial area of Port Melbourne south of the freeway which he intends to convert to high-density residential.



This would be primarily achieved by rezoning the land.

He was quick to point out that any residential redevelopment would have "corresponding services to match" in a reference to what lessons had been learned from the Docklands experience.

"It will be a residential suburb, without corporate headquarters or a stadium," Mr Guy said.



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Councillors want a review

Melbourne City councillors want a review of the way they are elected.

The electoral structure of the council is often criticised but, unlike other local councils which get reviewed regularly, it hasn't been looked at in 10 years.

Cr Cathy Oke successfully moved that the council ask the Minister for Local Government Jeanette Powell for the review. The council has twice recently asked for such a review but the previous State Government had ignored the request.

Ms Powell supported the idea of a review when she was in opposition.

Cr Oke said she didn't have a view on what might be a better system of governance, but she felt that residents were not adequately represented under the current system.

She said she felt the system was skewed in favour of business representation.

She said a review of the entire system was needed including voting systems, the number of councillors, possible reintroduction of wards and the direct election of the Lord Mayor.

"I'm not entirely convinced about the direct election of the Lord Mayor. At election time all the attention is on the lord mayoralty and councillors seem to escape scrutiny, and yet we all have the same voting weight," Cr Oke said.



What's up pussy cat?

Four-year-old Maddison Parker had a purrfect birthday party at Wonderland Fun Park on February 12.

Maddy's granny Judy Fisher got into the swing of things and also had her face painted.

Docklands News caught up with the Templestowe family after they had done their obligatory "Costco run" while they were in the area.

Don't hem me in



Docklands is in danger of losing its open horizons and water views because planners seem afraid of open space.

The vision of our founding fathers (and it was only 10 years ago!) appears lost on the current crop of people in charge. If we are not careful, our water views will be blocked from Harbour Esplanade.

I was appalled to learn that the City of Melbourne was seriously considering placing the long-overdue Docklands library on the waterfront between the NAB building and Central Pier.

As it turns out, timing and costs make this site unviable. But the fact that they even looked at this site for a substantial building should set alarm bells ringing for concerned Docklanders.

Elsewhere in this edition (Page 11) we have a story about an adverse reaction to the siting of a Circus Oz tent on the waterfront between Central Pier and NewQuay. This is a temporary structure but, again, it demonstrates the change in thinking by the authorities.

Ten years ago the government of the day "liberated" Melbourne's waterfront when it demolished a row of wharf sheds and opened up an entirely new vista for Melbourne.

A press release at the time said: "Harbour Esplanade will create an enormous open space which will provide the key public access to the CBD's newest waterfront - on Victoria Dock."

These days, it seems, "enormous open spaces" scare the planning fraternity.

When questioned about their desire to fill it in with structures, they talk about "activation" and argue that the public is uncomfortable unless they are within range of some type of built form.

But the argument is also about money. The redevelopment of Harbour Esplanade is being conducted in three stages. We are still enduring the pain of the first stage (and will be until mid-year), but this is the only stage which is fully funded.

Stages two and three still lie before us and VicUrban doesn't have the cash to pay for them.

Readers may recall the initial plans for the waterfront when the grand "verandah" project was first announced in 2008. The plans were for a series of passive and active open spaces. The only mention of buildings were "small street vendors".

Like many other aspects of life in Docklands, "consultation" was duly performed with a promise that this would result in concrete plans and, ultimately, action.

However, it appears that these days all bets are off. The project is being revisited and money is central to the outcome.

The risk is that the authorities view parts of the open space as a saleable commodity which can be traded to fund the rest of the project.

The outcomes of decisions taken around these principles will be with us for generations to come.

My fear is that unless Docklanders stand up and oppose it, the authorities may well "sell off the farm" to fund the development.



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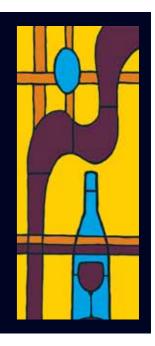
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\$20,000 raised for flood victims

Docklands hit the dance floor on February 24 and, in the process, raised more than \$20,000 for Queensland and Victorian flood victims.

More than 200 people attended a fundraising evening at Watermark in Victoria Harbour and were well entertained by Bobby Valentine's Very Tall Show and Switch Music and friends.

Harbour Town Shopping Centre sponsored the night with a \$5000 donation, while the musicians and venue staff all worked for free.

Money collected from entry tickets, donation and charity auctions amounted to more than \$20,000 which will be shared between the Oueensland Premier's Disaster Relief Appeal (75 per cent) and the Red Cross Victorian Flood Appeal (25 per cent).

The event was organised by Docklands News in response to January's devastating floods.

Editor Shane Scanlan said he was pleased with the result. "It was great to be able to provide an opportunity for Docklanders to respond to the disasters."

"And these events also help to build community spirit, so that was a good outcome too."

Mr Scanlan thanked Harbour Town, Docklands News staff, the musicians, Natasha Ferre who was MC for the evening, Cheryle Street for auctioning donated items, JC Street staff, Tanja Karavesov and all the donors.

"But I reserve two huge thank yous - one for Tanina Osborne who organised the entertainment, and one for John Ahern and his team at Watermark," Mr Scanlan said.

"Watermark put all the food and drink on for nothing. The security too. And all the staff gave their time too. It was a massive effort,"

Mr Scanlan said the final total was not yet clear.



Docklanders rock out at the flood relief fundraiser on February 24.

"We have to chase a few people who left before collecting their auction items or paying for them," he said. "But we should know the total very soon."

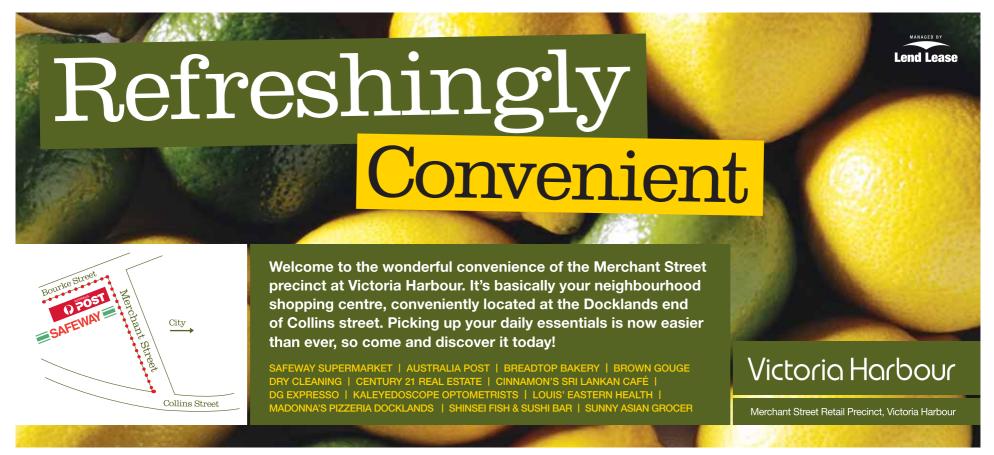
In a separate fundraising effort, Melbourne Ice, the Harbour Town Hotel and the Medibank Icehouse raised \$3445 through a "Pucks for Buck" charity exhibition match at the Icehouse on February 11.



Josephine Tan (right) and friends at the fundraiser.



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Yes, this is really Docklands

You could be forgiven for thinking this crowd shot was taken at the St Kilda Festival or a similarly popular event. But it was taken on February 12 in Docklands at the hugely popular Japanese Summer Festival.

The organisers are claiming that 100,000 people participated and, while *Docklands News* does not necessarily accept this figure, there were an awful lot of people there.

The festival plans to return to Waterfront City again next year.

The festival, also known as "Natsu-matsuri", is traditionally held every summer in Japan.

It was traditionally celebrated as a reminder of the gratitude one should feel toward one's ancestors. A traditional dance, called "Bon Odori", is performed at the festival where cotton kimonos are worn by the dancers.

The Docklands version also featured the dance, as well as live entertainment and many carnival-type stalls.









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New Docklands land release

VicUrban has found some more Docklands land to sell and is offering developers two hectares of mainly fresh air above Wurundjeri Way, between Collins St and Flinders St.

In the process, it has turned 140 metres of worthless bridge into 140 metres of exclusive frontage on Melbourne's most exclusive business address - Collins St.

Planning Minister Matthew Guy made the announcement on-site with VicUrban acting CEO Sam Sangster and Docklands general manager Simon Wilson on February 24.

Mr Guy said a registration of interest process would be advertised nationally and internationally but said he did not know how much money the Government would make from the sale.

"The ability to provide such exceptional opportunity for mixed-use development so close to the CBD is one of Melbourne's competitive advantages over other capital cities," Mr Guy said.

"Adjacent to Southern Cross Station and neighbouring the sophisticated Media House building, this site will see the gap closed along Melbourne's prestigious Collins St and become a gateway development linking the historic CBD with Docklands."

Registrations of interest close on March 22. with the successful bidder expected to be announced early next year.



(From left) Planning Minister Matthew Guy, VicUrban acting CEO Sam Sangster and Docklands general manager Simon Wilson survey the new land release

Docklands leads the way in commercial property

Melbourne commercial property vacancy rates are the toast of the nation and Docklands is leading the way.

Despite the addition of an extra 47,605sqm, Melbourne's office vacancy rate has fallen from 6.5 per cent to just 6.3 per cent and Docklands has the lowest vacancy rate. According to the Property Council's Office Market Report released last month, Docklands accounted for a large proportion of the CBD's 38,278sqm net absorption, recorded in the six months leading to January.

Property Council Victorian executive director, Jennifer Cunich, said the manner in which Docklands and the adjacent Spencer precinct continued to hold strong showed that the master-planned community was developing nicely.

"The Docklands precinct demonstrates that good planning and vision can result in successful master-planned communities with a mix of residential, retail and commercial space," she said.

"With 10 years to go until the Docklands vision is complete, this new wave of campus-style developments with a focus on sustainability, shows the Docklands vision is becoming a reality."

According to the report, the development of Docklands has helped Melbourne cope with the increased demand for office space.

"It is important with the growth Melbourne is experiencing that we ensure the opportunity to continue developing in these commercial precincts is not hindered by unnecessary obstacles, such as reduced density requirements."

Over the next two years more than 3.4 per cent of the market's current size is due to be added with at least 50 per cent of the additional 140,544sqm already pre-committed.

Despite the overall decrease in the vacancy rate, St Kilda Rd experienced an increase to 12.9 per cent, its highest level of vacancy since July 2004, and there is no new stock planned for the precinct in the short-tomedium-term.



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(From left) Virginia Gould, Sue Cox (and Lucy), Sally Hewitt and Bill McDonald (and Coco), and Phillip Burckhardt (and Rusty) pose for a photo during Coco's "debut party" on February 20.

Coco is the toast of the town

Barely bigger than her owner's hands, 10-week-old puppy Coco was the toast of Docklands on February 20.

The toy poodle was the centre of attention as proud owners Sally Hewitt and Bill McDonald hosted an afternoon party to show off their new pet.

Doggy biscuits were provided for the fourlegged guests, while the humans enjoyed champagne and other refreshments.

For Sally and Bill, taking on another dog has been a big step. Their beloved Peaches passed away two years ago and it has taken this time for their feelings of loss to subside sufficiently. Sally said she was encouraged back into dog ownership by Lea and Paul O'Halloran who alerted her that Coco was available. Coco is a sister to Mia, the O'Hallorans' toy poodle who was featured in *Docklands News'* Pets Corner column late last year.

"She's absolutely stunning," a clearly smitten Sally said.

"We're calling her Coco because she is the peak of elegance and class."

It's crunch time for Docklands' community garden

Docklanders are going to have to decide whether or not they want a community garden as sustainability group Urban Reforestation is no longer prepared to do it for them.

Speaking on Docklands TV on February 18, Urban Reforestation director Emily Ballantyne-Brodie said she no longer had the energy to keep pushing for a more permanent garden without community and institutional support.

The current garden was due to be transferred to a more permanent site late last year but Ms Ballantyne-Brodie said that despite months of discussions and negotiations with Lend Lease, VicUrban and the City of Melbourne, nothing had eventuated.

She said she was personally exhausted and had to pass the project to the community if it was to continue.

"Unfortunately, the people and the plants surrounding the garden are about 20 per cent of what I experience with the garden," Ms Ballantyne-Brodie said.

"The other 80 per cent is unfortunately a lot of red tape and bureaucracy as well as a lot of apathy."

Ms Ballantyne-Brodie said the City of Melbourne had offered money to help but this was dependent on VicUrban granting a permanent site.

"We will be leaving the garden and leaving Docklands because there is not any certainty around our future here," she said.

Ms Ballantyne-Brodie said the community needed to step into the role if the garden was to have a future. She said a date would soon be announced for a community meeting to form a locally-based committee of management.

Lend Lease, VicUrban and the City of Melbourne have all responded by pledging their commitment to the initiative.

Lend Lease Victoria Harbour project director Ellie Schwab said she would continue to support community-led initiatives aimed at providing social and environmental benefits.

"Lend Lease has been a genuine supporter of Urban Reforestation and of the great work they do. We've lent our support in several capacities," Ms Schwab said.

Cr Cathy Oke said the City of Melbourne was also very supportive of Urban Reforestation and a Docklands community garden.

She said the council had allocated \$9000 to help move the current garden to a more permanent site in Docklands as well as a further \$7000 to run community-engagement programs.

However, Cr Oke also said the funding was conditional on Urban Reforestation successfully receiving a lease from VicUrban for a new garden site in Docklands.

VicUrban general manager for Docklands Simon Wilson said his organisation was committed to supporting the community initiative.

"VicUrban is also supportive of developing a longer-term site for a community garden within Docklands and has commenced preliminary discussions with key stakeholders, including Urban Reforestation, to resolve the ongoing governance and management arrangements associated with this," Mr Wilson said.





Artwork completed

Sculptor Mark Stoner has completed the installation of his 'The River Runs Through It' artwork at Collins Landing in Victoria Harbour.

The work has been progressively installed and the "shells" were the last items to be placed last month. The installation references the alluvial mud flats, estuarine tidal zone, marshes and the impenetrable tea tree that once lined the river banks. It comprises paving, sculpture and plantings.

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Land for library swap mooted

The City of Melbourne and VicUrban have proposed giving away public waterfront land to developers in exchange for building a Docklands library.

They say that the \$9 million they have allocated between them is not enough to build the library and community centre, which was announced last year for construction on the Hub site in Harbour Esplanade.

The council says it costed a number of options to build the complex on the Hub site but couldn't make the available budget stretch.

But rather than allocating more funds, they suggested exchanging public waterfront land between the NAB building and Central Pier to a private developer who would include the library and community centre as part of a commercial development.

This public open space had previously been earmarked for active recreational activities as part of the Harbour Esplanade redevelopment.

Not surprisingly, the council says a number of developers are interested in developing a proposal for this prime site.

However, it is understood that the site could not be prepared in time to meet the council's timeline and that the council and VicUrban are now examining the practicalities of building the complex on the open space in front of the NAB building on Harbour Esplanade.

Other options are:

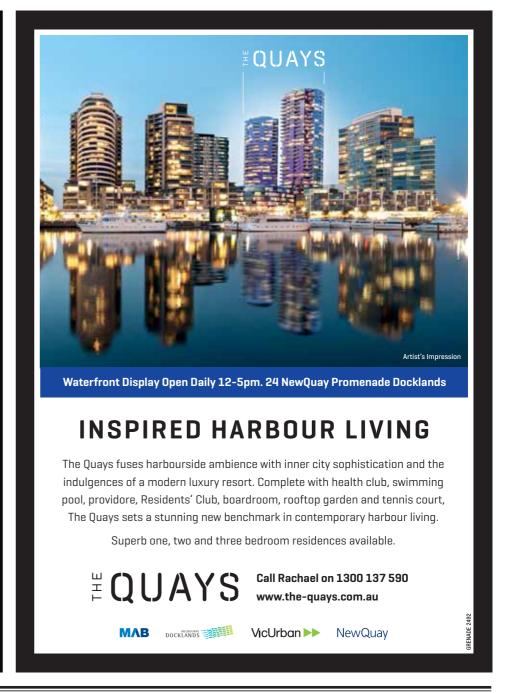
- To build only the library next to the Hub and later extend the Hub into a community centre;
- To contribute the \$9 million to another private development in exchange for a library and community centre.

The council has given itself a 10-week deadline to decide on a course of action. It then expects the library to be built within 12-14 months.

A VicUrban spokesperson said that, while VicUrban was contributing to the project, it was being led by the City of Melbourne.

In his *Docklands News* column this month, Docklands Community Association president Roger Gardner complains about lack of consultation on this project.

"The council report states that extensive consultation has taken place with Docklands. We presume this refers to VicUrban as there has been none with the DCA or anybody else," Mr Gardner said.



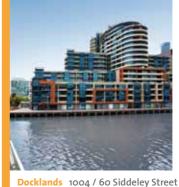
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It's cops on the docks

By Alison Kinkade

As the City of Melbourne takes a "back to basics" approach to policing, Sergeant Brett Clarkson and Acting Sergeant Kerrie Hicks have become the faces of policing in Docklands.

Under the new City of Melbourne Precinct Policing Project, launched last October, the municipality has been divided into 38 separate policing precincts, with Docklands being divided into two – precincts 8 and 9.

Though each precinct varies, generally each has two sergeants and about 10 constables/ senior constables to get to know the community and work with it to address any safety or criminal issues they may be facing.

Acting Sergeant Hicks, who has been a member of Victoria Police for more than nine years, is working with Sergeant Howden to cover Precinct 8, which takes in the eastern side of Docklands from LaTrobe St.

Sergeant Brett Clarkson, who has been a policeman for 17 years, is working with Sergeant Mason to cover Precinct 9, which takes in the western side of Docklands beginning from LaTrobe St.

Acting Sergeant Hicks said the teams consisted of operational members from Melbourne West police station who performed duties such as divisional van, foot patrol, licensing duties, and public order management and that they would spend time patrolling in Docklands where possible.



Acting Sergeant Kerrie Hicks, Sergeant Brett Clarkson and Senior Constable Matt Fitzgibbon on patrol in Docklands.

"Precinct policing will allow residents and businesses to have a familiar face when working with police on crime and safety issues." "By having direct access to a precinct police team, local people will be able to share information on crime issues and work with police on long-term solutions." "This is not about quick fixes to local issues," Acting Sergeant Hicks said.

Acting Sergeant Hicks said residents and business owners were encouraged to contact their precinct police team about non-urgent crime issues they were concerned with such as graffiti, property damage, anti-social behaviour or drug activity.

All urgent criminal matters should be directed to 000, but Acting Sergeant Hicks and Sergeant Clarkson are encouraging the Docklands community to contact them for any non-urgent matters via email at: melbournewest.precinctpolicing@police.vic.gov.au.

Precinct 8 boundaries are: Wurundjeri Way, LaTrobe St, and continuances of the line across Victoria Harbour meeting the Yarra River.

Precinct 9 boundaries are: Harbour Esplanade (from intersection of LaTrobe St), Footscray Rd, Citylink, Dynon Rd, Sims St and then following the water's edge of Maribyrnong River, Yarra River to the line of continuance from LaTrobe St across Victoria Harbour.

For additional information about the City of Melbourne Precinct Policing project and relevant maps please visit www.police. vic.gov.au, and select Community Safety, Precinct Policing.

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Dan Stojanovich and Gordon Lyall are bringing Elvis to town.

Long live the King

Multiple Elvises will descend on Docklands in August to kick off an inaugural Elvis Tribute Week Festival.

The festival is the brain-child of Elvis Presley tragic Gordon Lyall and promoter Dan Stojanovich who hope to put Docklands on the Australian Elvis calendar.

Mr Stojanovich said Parkes in rural New South Wales attracted 12,000 visitors last year for its Elvis festival, which is held each January to coincide with Elvis's birthday.

"That leaves the anniversary of the great man's death in August as the appropriate time for a tribute festival in Docklands," Mr Stojanovich said. The promoters believe that an annual Docklands Elvis festival can be as successful.

To be held in Shed 4 at Victoria Harbour, the festival will kick-off with a fund-raising dinner for children's cancer charity Red Kite on Friday, August 12 and will conclude on Sunday, August 14.

Melbourne-based Elvis impersonator Mark Andrews, who is ranked third in the world, is onboard as a headline act. And other activities include a classic car and bike show, Elvis exhibits, Elvis art show, a schools music competition, buskers, a "Greaselands" catering diner and, of course, karaoke.

There will be a rock and roll dance on the Saturday night and Sunday morning starts with a gospel service.

For more information, see www.elvisforever.com.au

Harbour Esplanade redevelopment update

VicUrban says its Harbour Esplanade redevelopment is on schedule for completion by mid-2011, with most of the major infrastructure works expected to be completed by next month.

By the end this month, the first of the Norfolk Island pine trees will be planted along Harbour Esplanade (weather permitting).

During March and April the final layer of asphalt will be installed between Bourke and LaTrobe streets, including the Bourke and LaTrobe street intersections. Once the asphalting works are complete, traffic sensors will be placed in each lane in each direction between Bourke and Dudley streets to provide more sophisticated and responsive traffic light sequencing.

Lane closures will be required to finalise the asphalting works, with the majority to be conducted at night to minimise disruption.

VicUrban is working with its contractors and local businesses to finalise the asphalting

schedule. Once the dates are confirmed it will provide further information.

VicUrban also says works are well underway to create a new pedestrian path on the eastern footpath along the stadium side between Bourke and LaTrobe streets, with the final layer of asphalt scheduled to be laid in early March. Following these works, the final layer of asphalt will be laid on the western footpath, on the harbour side between Bourke St and Docklands Drive.

By mid-2011 the Capital City Bicycle Trail between Bourke St and Docklands Drive will be realigned, creating a dedicated path separate from a pedestrian footpath.



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Docklands competition extended

It was such a great concept, that the Destination Docklands' competition offering a trip to London was extended last month to allow more entries.

But the "Tell us what you love about

Docklands" competition has now closed and *Docklands News* hopes to bring you details of the winners in our April edition.

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Team Icehouse are on their bikes

Staff and friends of Medibank Icehouse are calling on fellow bike-loving Docklanders to join their team in the upcoming Just Cycle Yarra Valley on Sunday, March 20.

Raising funds for Jesuit Social Services, Just Cycle Yarra Valley features three different courses including the 120km challenge featuring a timed climb of Mount Donna Buang, a 65km endurance ride and a 12km recreational ride.

General manager of the Medibank Icehouse, Darren Walls, explained the motivation behind his staff's support of the event as

"this event raises funds for an organisation that works with the most disadvantaged and at risk people, families and communities."

"It will be a fun day for the entire team taking part and I would love to see other people who work within the Docklands precinct to get involved and join us for a fantastic day out riding, enjoying all that the Yarra Valley has to offer while supporting a great cause," Walls said.

There are activities at Rochford Wines throughout the day, including entertainment and children's activities that culminates in a live concert in the afternoon.

Both Mr Walls and event ambassador, former premier Steve Bracks, have registered for the 120km challenge. For full event details, visit www.justcycle.com.au.

Circus doesn't bring joy to all

By Alison Kinkade

Permission to allow Circus Oz to erect an events tent on the Harbour Esplanade waterfront this month has at least one Docklander up in arms.

Docklands resident and owner of Pleasure Boat Cruises, Keith Rankin, said he was outraged to learn that a 7m tall and 17.3m wide tent would be erected in front of the water at the bottom of LaTrobe St.

"Since 1997 they have had this policy that there could be nothing obstructing the water-view from the footpath line and now it seems they have decided to reverse it with no consultation," Mr Rankin said.

Mr Rankin said he wanted to know whether VicUrban was also going to reverse the policy for everyone and allow boats to moor along the waterfront between Central Pier and the Conder.

"I want to know why they are reversing the policy all of a sudden and why people weren't allowed to use it for mooring in the first place if it can be so easily reversed now, and why weren't the public consulted if they are going to reverse the policy for Circus Oz?" Mr Rankin said.

Mr Rankin said he had no problem whatsoever with Circus Oz and thought it was a great organisation, but he couldn't understand how the policy could be so easily reversed.

"My problem isn't with Circus Oz, it is that VicUrban has never reversed the policy for Docklanders but is happy to reverse it for an outsider who will be utilising the area purely for commercial reasons."

Programming director for Circus Oz, Matt Hughes, said VicUrban had been wonderful in helping them find a location which would also help attract people to the area.

"It is a partnership between VicUrban and ourselves as they wanted to activate Central Pier and I have no doubt that it will help bring people to the area," Mr Hughes said.

Mr Rankin said he wanted to know how the tent would help activate Central Pier and bring people to the area.

"It will not draw people onto Central Pier. They will stay on Harbour Esplanade. If you are going to try and activate Central Pier as an event space you need to put something on Central Pier," Mr Rankin said.

Mr Hughes said erecting the tent on Central Pier was discussed, but VicUrban did not want the pier tied-up with a permanent fixture.

"I'm not privy to all the information, but I believe they are in the process of development plans for the area and did not want a permanent fixture, but I believe the site we have will work just as well," Mr Hughes said.

Circus Oz will hire out the tent when not using it itself. The tent will be a permanent fixture on the waterfront until after Christmas.

Mr Rankin said he did not know how another events tent on crown land would bring people to Docklands and be successfully utilised.

A VicUrban spokesperson said the land fell under the jurisdiction of the Department of Sustainability and Environment but was under the management and control of the City of Melbourne.

"We don't utilise the events spaces we have in Docklands currently so how will another help?" Mr Rankin said.

Mr Rankin is also concerned that the tent will add further to the problems Central Pier businesses are facing with parking and



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MAB's final tower is its crowning glory

MAB Corporation has launched its final high-rise development in Docklands, a 600-apartment twin-tower complex to be known at The Quays.

Rising to 32 levels above Harbour Esplanade, the south tower will nestle beside the Conder, with the shorter north tower taking up position on the corner of Docklands Drive. The development also includes a substantial podium section.

MAB says The Quays will be its final residential offering in NewQuay East before concentrating on commercial development on the remaining undeveloped blocks.

The developer is progressing on its lowrise residential developments in NewQuay West and is believed to be close to taking on unsold commercial parcels of Waterfront City from ING Real Estate.

The Quays' striking glass facade contrasts sharply with the mostly concrete-dominated earlier towers along NewQuay Promenade.

MAB managing director Andrew Buxton said the 100-metre high south tower would be the tallest building in the precinct and would be a powerful architectural statement for NewQuay and the Docklands waterfront.

The south tower will house 275 apartments. The north tower will comprises 230 apartments and the podium will have 95 apartments.

MAB's residential general manager Kevin Hunt said: "This is an exclamation mark on a key site and the public response has been very positive with strong interest before its formal launch."

The podium of The Quays will provide a vibrant social hub for the residents. The ground floor will include a health club with a 25-metre swimming pool, spa, sauna, gymnasium and a yoga studio.

On level one, residents will be able to work, relax and entertain in the Residents' Club with exclusive access to a library, business centre, private dining room and cinema lounge.

The podium will be crowned with an expansive roof-top garden adjacent to a tennis court, clubhouse and barbeque facilities.

"This landmark building is a unique opportunity for buyers to secure an apartment, and lifestyle, in the entertainment heart of NewQuay," Mr Hunt said.

Prices for the apartments range from \$350,000 for a one-bedroom to \$1.2 million for a three-bedroom, three-bathroom apartment with a study and two car spaces. Sales opened on Feburary 26 and construction is due to start this year.



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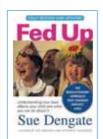
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Small business grants

The first round of applications for The City of Melbourne's 2011-2012 small business grants has opened and Docklands businesses are encouraged to apply.

The first round of small business grants opened in February and will close on March 15 with another round due to open in July.

On offer are grants of up to \$30,000 for start-up businesses or businesses looking to expand, and up to \$10,000 for businesses looking to export or businesses needing support for training and further development.

A number of Docklands businesses have received grants over the years through the Small Business Grants scheme including

Business for Millennium Development (2010), Compoundia (2008), Cruz Galleries (2005), Goya Galleries (2005), Open Channel (2007), The Hornery Institute/Docklands Skills and Training (2005), and Tiffins (2008).

A spokesperson for the City of Melbourne said that 121 applications were received in 2010 and seven of those were located or intending to locate to Docklands.

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Pouring cold water on ferry idea

Passenger Boat Owners Association vice president Keith Rankin says a high-speed commuter ferry to Docklands is a bad idea.

Mr Rankin was responding to comments made by the Victoria Tourism Industry Council, which recently suggested that public water transport could be the next step in activating the Yarra.

An expert in boating, the Docklands resident said that, while he encouraged greater use of the Yarra, particularly in a tourism sense, he believed that a commuter ferry system would be detrimental to the community.

Transport model sought for Docklands

VicUrban has tendered for consultants to prepare a Transport Model and Sustainable Transport Strategy for Docklands.

Consultants are expected to be appointed this month and, once complete, the model will provide a robust framework to examine and prioritise access and mobility requirements for the next 10 years and beyond.

The model will take into account existing and future land use and infrastructure proposals to provide peak hour and daily traffic predictions, forecasts of public transport usage and an analysis of pedestrian and cycling patterns.

It will help identify and test options for maximising access and mobility to and within Docklands, including long-term connectivity to surrounding precincts.

The strategy will be developed in consultation with the City of Melbourne, VicRoads, the Department of Transport, key stakeholders and the wider community.

"The speeds that a ferry of that nature would need to get up to would create significant damage to the surrounding boats and pontoons, and would also be very dangerous," Mr Rankin said.

"To design a vessel to travel at even 10 knots, which wouldn't be fast enough, would create significant damage," he said.

Mr Rankin said that the fuel consumption and cost, as well as the time spent travelling would eliminate any benefit that the waterbased commuting could bring.

"To raise the speed of a ferry also raises the fuel consumption and in turn the cost for the passenger. It will also lead to more pollution and this form of travel will be slower than other forms of transport so there is really no point."

Mr Rankin said that even a long trip such as

Geelong to Melbourne would be redundant.

"If there was a high-speed ferry from Geelong to Melbourne it would still take an hour, even without speed restrictions, and would cost Geelong commuters a lot more than what they would currently pay in other modes and it would have a significant negative effect on other vessels."

Mr Rankin said that the VTIC's comparison of Melbourne waterways to Sydney and Brisbane was ill informed.

"Brisbane, even though there is more need for water transport, has experienced significant damage to the surrounding areas since introducing high-speed ferries and Sydney Harbour is very different. For starters Port Phillip Bay is about 67 times larger," Mr Rankin said.

Mr Rankin said he believed that low-speed tourism ferries were great for activating the water and he would like to see more of them.

"Melbourne's waterways are beautiful and should be utilised more, but in the right way such as tourism. It would be selfish of me to want high-speed commuter ferries," he said.

Though Mr Rankin is adamantly opposed to the idea of high-speed commuter ferries, he believes it is only a matter of time before they are introduced.

"They will be introduced because some dill will vote it through because there will be a few selfish people with power and enough ill-informed media to gain community support," he said.



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Music due to stop at Yarra's Edge

Yarra's Edge will lose its Sunday night free salsa dancing under a City of Melbourne plan to move the event to Waterfront City.

In response to complaints about the event, the council has enticed Dance 101 operator Cheryl Smith to move it to the Waterfront City Piazza next year.

Ms Smith said the council was offering to support and promote the event in the new location, which it believed was a more suitable site.

Dance 101 has been given permission to remain in Yarra's Edge for the rest of the year, but the event only operates during summer and is now in recess until December.

Ms Smith said Yarra's Edge was a wonderfully intimate location for the event and she would be sorry to move. But, if the event was not welcome at Yarra's Edge, then she had no option but to agree to move.



South Australians buy into Docklands

Digital Harbour has sold the new Melbourne Water building at 990 LaTrobe St to the Motor Accident Commission of South Australia.

Announcing the sale on February 21, Digital Harbour executive director David Napier said the sale demonstrated the quality of the project.

"The continued growth of the Digital Harbour precinct into this area of Docklands is further endorsed by the commitment of government and institutional grade organisations, both as occupiers and investors," Mr Napier said.

On completion 990 LaTrobe St will feature 12,650sqm of lettable office area over six floors to be wholly leased for 15 years to Melbourne Water Corporation.

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Docklands sees the light

Over the past six weeks
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Millie Cattlin and Joseph Norster from the design studio *We Are The Projects* took the class into the field with "Guerrilla Lighting" and their "Projector Bike".

The third and fourth year summer-elective students spent five nights in Docklands studying the pedestrian activity and then lighting of a number of key sites.

Residents may have seen them gathering just before dark, with 100 water-proof Dolphin torches, spot-lights and a "Projector Bike" to test some of their ideas – examining locations around the harbour with the view to designing a lighting-based interactive art work.

The students were required to record the number of people using an area and then design an artwork that would attract the public and engage them with the light.

The students gave their final presentations in Victoria Harbour on February 17 to a panel made up of Melbourne lighting designers and RMIT lecturers.

Ms Cattlin said VicUrban manager of cultural infrastructure Ai Ogawa sat in on the presentations and was delighted with the thoughtfulness and creativity of the ideas.

"Maybe one day soon we will see a newly commissioned art work that celebrates light in public space," she said.







The dying art of letter posting

Docklands has lost a second street posting box within 12 months, with the removal of a box in Caravel Lane, NewQuay last month.

Residents were alarmed to find a blank pavement where their local post box was previously located on the corner of Caravel Lane and Rakiai Way.

This closely follows the removal of yellow and red post boxes outside the AFL in Harbour Esplanade during road works.

But Docklanders should not expect the boxes to be reinstated.

An Australia Post spokesperson said the removals were part of a "normal review process" and said there were still 17 red and yellow street posting boxes (SPBs) within a 2km radius of the stadium, including one at the corner of LaTrobe and Spencer streets.

When challenged, the spokesperson later said the Harbour Esplanade boxes were removed for "safety concerns".

She said Australia Post would advertise in the Leader newspaper and inform the local member of Parliament that the boxes had been removed "to give the community an opportunity to voice any concerns".

"I would like to assure you that service levels will not be adversely affected, as there are 17 alternate red SPBs with express boxes within 2km of the Telstra Dome (sic)," she said.



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One tree for Docklands

Children attending this year's Asian Pacific Children's Convention in Japan were in Docklands last month to plant a tree (pictured below).

The children were participating in the "One Home, One Tree" program at the Docklands Community Garden on February 20.

The event was hosted by Bridge Club Australia, which supports the children who are attending the convention in Fukuoka, Japan in July.

The convention provides a channel for children to make international friends and discuss world peace and coexistence.

"One Home, One Tree" is aimed to inspire, engage and enable young people to take individual action toward living sustainably, one tree at a time.





Kids take to the water

Docklands Yacht Club has an increased its junior memberships and has taken possession of its first pair of OziOpti kids boats.

"These are colourful, conventional sailing dinghies especially designed for kids 'introduction to sailing' programs," club secretary Terry O'Donnell said.

Mr O'Donnell said the purchase was made possible through a grant from the City of Melbourne.

"It really is amazing just how many kids there are in Docklands so, amongst all the other development projects and events that we're working on, it will be the Docklands kids who will add to our presence on Victoria Harbour."

"I've got a good feeling, that this will become our major breakthrough towards a massive future in Docklands," Mr O'Donnell said.

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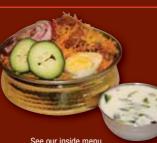
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Liquid and The Lounge

Warning: Expect a LOT of capital letters in this review, because I am ANGRY my friends, ANGRY.

Firstly, in case you are not aware, the so-called Liquid Bar is currently ANYTHING BUT, and is NOT, I repeat, NOT, CURRENTLY SERVING ALCOHOL. I don't care if their "issues" with their liquor license are resolved by the time we go to print – because if they're not, the people at Liquid won't be telling you. No, they'll let you come in, get comfy, peruse the menu for a good half hour – they'll even have the cheek to give you the \$20 special menu, where you can choose a main or two tapas and A GLASS OF WINE. APPARENTLY.

In fact, it won't be until you've ordered your two tapas, and requested a glass of the white, that they'll sheepishly mention the liquor license "issues", which in a nutshell, means they ain't serving any. But GET THIS! The \$20 lunch special will still be TWENTY FREAKING DOLLARS. But you can choose any other drink – a soft drink, a juice, a milkshake...

A MILKSHAKE??!

Say good-bye to Liquid people. They have clearly given up.

So it was on to The Lounge Hotel, where surely, the only way was up. In fact, their lunch special was only \$15 – and they even had wine. Of course, they looked at us like freaks when we double-checked – but why wouldn't they? It should be A STUPID QUESTION.

We thought we'd share the satay chicken skewers served on jasmine rice to start, and then each have a lunch special. The Cajun chicken wrap for me, the chicken parmagiana for my companion. The waiter seemed a bit confused, but he also seemed French, very French in fact, to the point where I'm not sure he understood English.

However, perhaps that was just me being angry, and so we resolved to give him the benefit of the doubt. Then two chicken parmas turned up. Carefully explaining the dilemma, one disappeared and a wrap turned up. He disappeared too quickly for us to explain our starter was yet to arrive, reappearing a good five minutes later with the chicken satay. Our attempt to explain again

that we wanted this as a starter was met with a blank look, then an apology before he hurried away, "I'm sorry, I did not understand ..."

NO FREAKING SH*T SHERLOCK. But that is not why I am angry. I am ANGRY, because had he offered to fix it – perhaps take the mains away or some such rocket-science solution – good faith would have been restored. I have nothing against hiring backpackers, but come ON. You are never going to increase your clientele to the point where you can afford real waiters IF THIS IS THE KIND OF SERVICE YOU OFFER.

But what of the food? I've waited 15 minutes since writing the above rant, so hopefully impartiality can now prevail. The chicken satay did not taste particularly peanutty, there were no skewers (though that's not to say they weren't cooked on them, but how odd to remove them prior to service?) and the rice was so gluggy it was congealed into large lumps. But, it was surprisingly satisfying – in an English curry and chips at 3am kind of way. Go figure.

My Cajun wrap was genuinely delightful, if not confusing and not at all what I was expecting. It came with guacamole, red

onions and sundried tomatoes encased, I think, in an Indian tortilla. While I struggled to recognise the Cajun influence, I have to admit, it was delicious.

My friend's parma was large and thin – without ham but the tomato and cheese were good and well distributed. The chardonnays we drank were crap, but what do you expect for a \$15 lunch special?

I'm tired now. And a little bit sad. I love you Docklands and I find rants like this emotionally exhausting. But for god's sake, you're almost all grown up. Pull your socks up and start acting your age.

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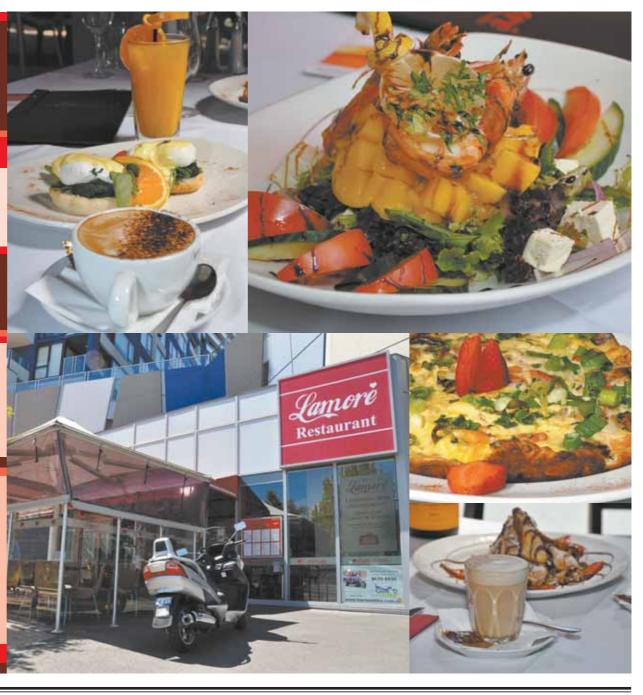
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And that's the bit that gets interesting ... what anyone else thinks. Or more particularly, the having to not care what they think. I'm reaching the conclusion that to live your own life, you sometimes have to stop making someone else happy.

You see having recently purchased my dream home ("renovators delight" doesn't even begin to explain it), I have realised that not everyone shares my view of the big picture. In fact, not many people believe that moving to a remote rural town far away from all my circles (their words!) to take hammer and paintbrush to 100-year-old walls, is going to be a worthwhile project. But I do. I know it will be an amazing journey, with rich rewards. They think I've lost the plot. So I set about trying to bring them up to speed.

I organised a dinner party, so they could see the potential I saw, and become supportive – perhaps, even a little envious.

All was going reasonably well. I'd managed to convince everyone that an outside toilet was absolutely of no inconvenience and electricity was somewhat overrated, when one of my guests, asked "what IS that noise?" I laughed it off and explained it was just mouse traps snapping.

Impressively, she managed to simultaneously drain her wine glass and announce loudly to her husband it was time to go ... I was able to remind them to watch out for the

missing floorboards on their way out ... They clearly didn't understand that the fallen corn in the paddock would always attract mice, it's no big deal. (I didn't mention the snake that's taken up residence, on account of the mice.)

The following day there were many calls pleading me to return to my senses and come home to an air-conditioned, rodent-free world, where life made much more sense to them. Where there was little danger in walking down your own hall, cement didn't fall out of the walls when you bang a door, and flyscreens were a comfort rather than a frontier. Where wearing high-heels wasn't absurd, and there was ample trendy bars and fab coffee spots to catch up on life.

My gumboots and I weren't offended, we're happy with instant coffee and the pub as the only option for an outing. My friends will always be welcome to visit me as I travel my new path – although I think they'll decline the invitation.

But that's the thing – I just don't mind. I don't mind because it is my path. And right now, in amongst all of this, I am content. I know I've made the right decision.

It's only by following your own dream, that you will truly be happy, and that is a worthwhile pursuit. So if you are waking up not knowing that you're on the right path, just ask yourself what you truly want, what you truly seek.

Never be afraid to change your direction. Be strong enough to listen to your own voice, and don't worry if those around you voice their opinions loudly! You know when you're on the right path, and life sure can be great when you find it ... even if you have to share it with mice!

Have a great month! Abby x

Where's your bike?

You wouldn't hold out much hope of getting your bicycle back if it was stolen right? But imagine getting it back before you even knew it was gone!

Docklands Rotary president Ann Ellis received a call from Bike Force in Harbour Town last month asking whether she knew where her and and her husband Adrian's bikes were.

"Chained up to our cage downstairs," she replied.

Wrong. The bikes had been very recently stolen and recovered by police at Footscray.

The police saw the Bike Force stickers on the steeds and got in touch. From there is was just a matter of matching the bikes' serial numbers and a phone call to Ann.

"Talk about efficiency," a clearly delighted Ann reported.

It's the fashion time of year

Docklands will take centre stage this month with the L'Oreal Melbourne Fashion Festival (LMFF) hosting many of its events in our beautiful waterside suburb.

LMFF kicks off on Monday, March 14 with a showstopping event showcasing decades of Australian fashion and music at South Wharf's Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre.

The week-long event will feature all seven of its L'Oreal Paris Runway Shows at Docklands' Central Pier, as well as the LMFF Menswear Runway, LMFF National Graduate Showcase, Fashion Weekend at LMFF and two LMFF Offsite Runways in Shed 4.

LMFF is a part of a month-long celebration of Australian fashion which sees markets, exhibitions, workshops, galleries and documentaries across Melbourne dedicated to fashion.

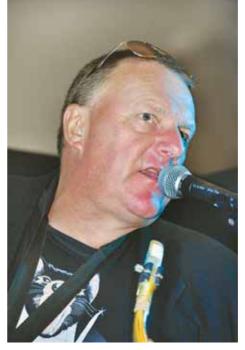
LMFF aims to encourage Australians to support Australian designers. Visit **www.lmff.com.au**.











Even more Docklands for Ned

One lucky Docklands worker was fortunate to take-out first prize on February 22 in Rotary's Docklands Experience Raffle winning over \$2000 worth of prizes.

Nedim Rahmanovic from graphic designer studio Mediation Communications took out first prize, winning: two nights accommodation donated by Docklands Private Collection; weekend hire of a luxury Audi vehicle; a half-day sailing trip for four people donated by Yacht Master; \$150 dining experience at Livebait; \$100 dining experience at Renzo's Café Italiano; a pamper package donated by Mecca Cosmetica; a two 90-minute hot stone massages donated by Luna Spa and a \$200 shopping voucher from Harbour Town.

Second prize went to Ian Davies, a member of the Rotary Club of Benalla, and he won: a night's accommodation donated by Grand Mecure; \$100 dining experience at Va Bene; \$50 dining experience at Medici; a pamper package donated by Mecca Cosmetica; a massage or facial for two donated by Oxygen Spa and a \$100 shopping voucher from Harbour Town.

Your personal poem awaits

Docklands pop-poet Karl Bierl wants to compose a poem about you for a new book.

The Dock5 resident says he only needs 10 minutes of your time and \$10 to compose a page-length poem for a book which will be known as *Simply Personal*.

Karl has offered to fund the rest of the publication costs and says his motivation is to bring Docklanders together.

"The book will provide a legacy of moments written in a book. Examples could be births, birthdays, twenty-firsts, weddings, eulogies, special occasions or a general write-up of a person," he said.

"The book will not be for public sale but will be only for those people who have their poem in the book."

"The \$10 cost will also include one book. Subsequent books will only cost \$5," Mr Bierl said.

"I offer this proposal to the first 50 Dockland News readers who contact me."

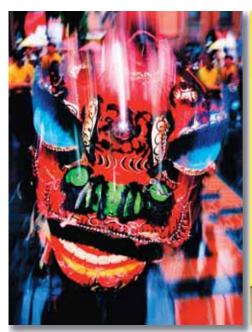
Mr Bierl can be contacted on **karl@ poetrywithrhyme.com.**



Pictures from the Docklands News fundraiser event held on Thursday, February 24









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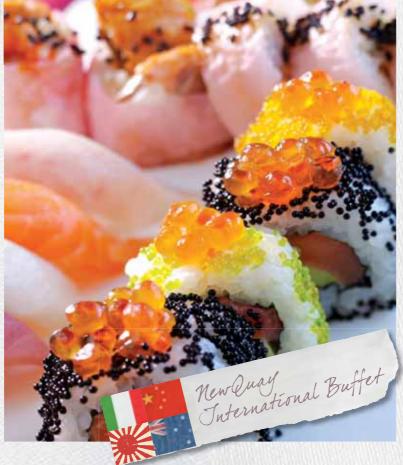
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LOCATION

Habour Town

Black and white patterned strapless dress, black thongs and a black metal-studded handbag.

DESCRIBE YOUR OUTFIT?

I would say that it's comfortable, summery, pretty and girly.

WHAT BRINGS YOU TO DOCKLANDS?

I am a fashion designer and I use to have a shop in Designers House so I am just popping in to tie up some loose ends and I'm having a shop while I'm here.

WHERE ARE YOU FROM?

Keilor.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE THING **ABOUT AUTUMN?**

Definitely the L'Oreal Melbourne Fashion Festival, though I won't be showing my collection until Melbourne Spring Fashion Week.

WHAT DO YOU THINK MAKES A **GOOD OUTFIT?**

I think accessories are really important, though I'm not really wearing any at the moment. This season I am liking the chunky bangles.

LOCATION

Harbour Town

WEARS

Cream cap, grey frilled-sleeve top, denim mini shorts, dress-thongs and black frill-trimmed bag.

DESCRIBE YOUR OUTFIT?

I would say it's fun, funky and casual and it's all from Blockout

WHAT BRINGS YOU TO DOCKLANDS?

I've just moved across from another Blockout store to work here in Harbour Town and I love it. Docklands is so pretty.

WHERE ARE YOU FROM?

Eltham.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE THING **ABOUT AUTUMN?**

The new season's trends, but I don't like the fact it's no longer summer.

WHAT DO YOU THINK MAKES A **GOOD OUTFIT?**

I think something that is flattering is obviously important and I think it is good to choose clothing that shows off your personality.

Tumai Temurci

LOCATION

NewQuay

Floral and polka-dot sheer shirt, white top, mustard yellow handbag, black skinny-leg pants and nude high heels.

DESCRIBE YOUR OUTFIT?

It's neat casual.

WHAT BRINGS YOU TO DOCKLANDS?

I've just done a bit of shopping in Harbour Town and now I am off to Channel 7 to audition for Deal or No Deal.

WHERE ARE YOU FROM?

Taylors Lakes.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE THING **ABOUT AUTUMN?**

Definitely the weather - I love that it changes from stinking hot weather to nice warm weather.

WHAT DO YOU THINK MAKES A **GOOD OUTFIT?**

Co-ordination. If you're wearing patterns on top then keep it simple on the bottom and vice versa.

Fashion to die for

The people are beautiful and their clothes are to die for and it's all because it's that time of the again.

The time when Melbourne shines and comes into its own and everyday people transform into models as they embrace their stylist within. It's that time of the year when all of Australia's fashion elite, as well as some overseas visitors, descend on Melbourne.

It is the L'Oreal Melbourne Fashion Festival (LMFF) and it is taking place this month. So to celebrate LMFF and its many shows taking place in Docklands, we are endeavouring to make this autumn and winter easier for you by delivering to you the season's trends.

1950s glam

Inspired by the hit TV show Mad Man, 1950s glamour is the major trend for the season. Pretty and feminine lady-like pieces will feature in all major collections. Elegant synched-waist skirts as well as full skirts will have you on trend for the season. Lace is also a hit and for something a little more laid-back there is a huge range of beautiful knitwear to choose from that will give you that 1950s glam look. Men are also falling for this trend with tailored jackets and blazers. The must-have is a pea jacket.

A day in the country

Relaxed country-club style clothing is a weekend-wear must-have. Soft patterns featuring beautiful florals are a hit. Soft coats and cardigans with fur trimmings are right on trend. Laced ankle boots set off the look. Men can wear beautiful preppy knitwear to stay in trend with the ladies.

Sign up to military style

Military style jackets are a must-have for both women and men, but the women's jackets are a lot softer than last season's. Slim fitted cargo pants are also on trend for women and men can express their masculinity in a pair of military boots.

The 80s return

For those who love the 80s glam of last season, you will be pleased to know it features in the season's collection. Though it is softer than the previous collection, embellishment will give you that glitzy kick that you're after.

Accessories galore

Accessories are great if you want to update your wardrobe without spending a fortune on new pieces. Look for shoes with soft toes and bow trims. Fur trimming and classic silk will also add a touch of 1950s glam without spending a

Go and get styled before stepping out this month

To coincide with L'Oreal Melbourne Fashion Festival, Docklands resident and personal stylist Chris Maines is hosting 'Style Yourself -The Basics' - an information session on fashion-styling.

A qualified personal stylist, Ms Maines will host two free one-hour information sessions on Wednesday, March 16 and Thursday,

March 17 from 5-6pm at The Hub on Harbour Esplanade.

Ms Maines will present a PowerPoint presentation focusing on: understanding the importance of image; how lines and design of a garment can create illusions; a simple way to work out your general body shape; and which clothes and designs flatter you best.

Ms Maines said her aim was to show women of all sizes and budgets that they could look and feel gorgeous and confident everyday.

"Great style doesn't necessarily come naturally to most people. Like a lot of other skills, it is something that can be learned and it gets better with practise," Ms Maines said.

Ms Maines has just finished volunteer training on a nine-month project organised by Eastern Region Community Health aimed at assisting women and men who are trying to rebuild their lives after experiencing the devastation of problem gambling.

"My training focussed on helping the women in particular, to rekindle and develop an interest in their appearance as a means of gaining the self-esteem and confidence needed to reconnect socially and develop professionally," she said.

Ms Maines' business, Style Reflections,

focuses on helping everyday women improve many aspects of their lives by simply accepting their bodies, as they learn how to make the best of what they have.

"Too often we focus on the negative rather than highlighting the positive and the switch to achieving a better image is as simple as learning a few basic rules," she said.

Ms Maines encourages participants to book early as there is limited availability.

For more information please visit www. StyleReflections.com.au or contact Ms Maines on chris.maines@StyleReflections. com.au or call her on 0422 770 481.







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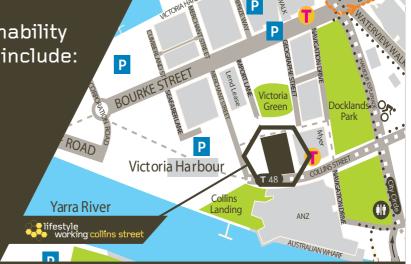
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How compatible are you and your partner?

Check the astrological charts by emailing yours and your partners' birthdate and time to heaven@docklandsnews.com.au

Is this love or lust?

What do you bring to the relationship and what gifts does your partner bring to you?

Robert:

You manage to cram many lifetimes into one, for it seems like you're always being reborn and starting life over again. Others may have a hard time keeping up with your changes. You do well in face-to-face and gut-level situations that would exhaust most people. You really come into your own when the going gets tough or when it's time to "get down" and face facts: good leadership potential for emergency situations.

You tend to like partners who are authority figures, perhaps older, or dignified, in one way. You are warm, appreciative and tend to lavish affection on those you can look up to and respect in some way.

Natalie:

You're a real smoothie, refined and ever so tactful when it comes to handling other people - a diplomat. And yet, despite all of this apparent calm, you like your partners anything but cool.

You can't resist impulsive and actionoriented people - the more daring, the better. You bring out the recklessness in those you love, and you love it. Although at first meeting one might never suspect this; you love to walk on the wild side.

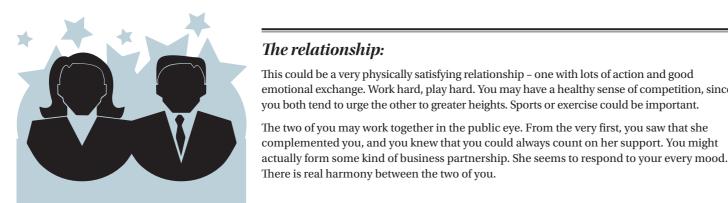
Relationships tend to be hot and heavy. You are drawn to partners who are aggressive, assertive and very emotional. Independence and adventure are things you value in others. You tend to depend on your partners to get you motivated and keep you moving. You need someone who is stimulating emotionally.

Possible conflicts:

Negotiations break down almost every time. There is a communication barrier that manages to defy your every attempt to cross it. There could be sharp words on a regular basis. The two of you may tend to get very emotional and you could clash over many issues. Support is often not there particularly for Natalie.

Outcome of relationship:

This could be a real working relationship. Robert has an organising effect on Natalie, bringing discipline and good sense to any project the two of you engage in. This has every sign of being a very durable relationship. It is a workable combination, but the accent is on work, since some may be involved. In relationships, some chemistry is required and to achieve that, there has to be some opposition - like a lover and a loved one. Here is how that works out in this combination. First, forget about equality here. Robert cares more and Natalie cares less, so get used to it. Natalie will have to take over the role of the lover, although she also likes attention and may require a little loving of her own. However, Robert is constructed to play only one role - and that is the role of the loved one, the centre of attention.



Natalie

May 9 1976

Venus in Taurus

Mars in Cancer

Robert

December 5 1974

Mars in Scorpio

Venus in Sagittarius

Featured terminology

The relationship:

Mars - The planet of energy, sex drive and anger. In women, it determines the qualities you look for in a man.

This could be a very physically satisfying relationship - one with lots of action and good

you both tend to urge the other to greater heights. Sports or exercise could be important.

The two of you may work together in the public eye. From the very first, you saw that she

emotional exchange. Work hard, play hard. You may have a healthy sense of competition, since

Venus - The planet that generally attracts love, money, creative activity. In a man it determines the type of women he seeks.



Send your letters to news@docklandsnews.com.au

Dear editor

I would like to comment on the article quoting Simon Wilson in the latest Docklands News, (February 2011 Issue 61) in which he writes about the "improving" traffic along Harbour Esplanade. How can it possibly be improved when the traffic lanes have been reduced from two lanes to a single lane?

One only has to observe the traffic travelling towards Footscray at 4.30pm to see that it is chronically backing up to the Harbour Esplanade/Bourke Street intersection. It is totally incorrect to say that the traffic has improved.

If you were unfortunate enough to be driving along Harbour Esplanade on 22 November at $5.45 \mathrm{pm}$ it took you $35 \mathrm{\,minutes}$ to get to Dudley Street, two blocks away. It is also facile to suggest that drivers will be educated to drive along Wurundjeri Way in preference to Harbour Esplanade, when this thoroughfare is already at capacity.

With the "improved" traffic system along Harbour Esplanade, the Bendigo Bank can no longer have its rubbish collected. There is no allowance for the garbage truck to stop in the single lane. This also applied to Harbour Café which is on level 4 of the podium. They have been advised that they have to take their rubbish down to Bourke St where it is

collected twice a week. Likewise, deliveries that used to be made to various businesses on level four, via the lift at the side of the Bendigo Bank, can no longer be made.

Last weekend, when three fire trucks responded to an alarm at the Bendigo Bank, they blocked Harbour Esplanade to southbound traffic. If there were an emergency, what contingencies have been put in place to allow access for emergency vehicles especially during peak hour? To my mind this is a significant safety issue.

I think it is disgraceful that \$40 million (or thereabouts) has been wasted on this project. At a time when council is trying to encourage more people to come to Docklands they are actually making it more difficult to drive here. And long-suffering residents who are inconvenienced when there is an event or with peak hour traffic will be further disrupted.

Can you honestly say there is justification for this expenditure? Was the project and its impacts properly investigated and planned by qualified personnel with the correct forethought?

This is definitely NOT an improvement more a waste of good public money and an enormous inconvenience to all concerned in Docklands.

Ivan Smith

Dear editor

I note with horror that it is possible in Victoria to hire and drive a powerboat in Victoria without the requirement of a licence providing the craft is under a certain engine capacity and is restricted to certain areas of water.

I find this anomaly alarming to say the least. The thought of someone at the helm of a powerboat on our waterways who presumably does not even know which side to pass another craft is very scary and can only end in disaster.

These same boat operators also have no required knowledge of the use of lifejackets.

Surely our legislators need to have a good look at this.

Bill Hamilton

BEHOLD OUR WRITER'S CLIFFTOP WHERE, WITH MUCH TREPIDATION, WE'LL BE RELEASING OUR FLEDGLINGS IN OUR QUEST FOR WRITING COMPETENCE. WE ARE EMERGING NOVELISTS, POETS, FEATURE WRITERS AND SHORT STORYISTS, WHO RECENTLY JOINED TOGETHER TO MOTIVATE AND ASSIST EACH OTHER IN OUR ENDEAVOURS. EACH MONTH, WE WILL SHARE A VIGNETTE OR POEM, OFTEN WRITTEN FROM A PROMPT OR A SCENE FROM OUR WORK IN PROGRESS. WE TRUST YOU WILL ENJOY THEM ALONG WITH OUR WRITING JOURNEY IN WORDPLAY.

A letter to my silent child

My darling

I write to let you know that I understand and I love you. It's not that you don't know but you won't say, my dearest heart. I understand you can't talk to strangers in unfamiliar surroundings. I will say the wrong thing.

I know and I understand. You will come to believe that we do not judge you. My heart breaks with the hardships in your young life. I can see the fear in your frozen face and body and it's okay. Don't worry. You are a sweet, loveable boy and I know you'll be released from your cage some day. Your anxiety is unfounded, my love. At home you smile and laugh. My voice will sound funny. I know you're different but we love you.

If only you could have done that colour exercise in class, joined in the fun with the other kids. I know you know the answers to class questions and wish I could help you find the confidence you need. I wish you would believe me when I tell you nobody will laugh at your efforts - they'll only laugh with you if you let them. They will laugh at me.

Nobody is angry with you; we are aware you're locked in silence for now. You are so cute and funny and smart at home with us, yet so frozen away from there. I will make a fool of myself.

The doctor said it's called "selective mutism" but I wish I could reach out and touch that frightened core in you. I wish I could help you release it. They won't like me.

Your teacher told me how well you did in your assignment this term and yet you'd never spoken to anyone nor made eye contact. She told us how very bright you are. She told us she wished others in class listened and worked as diligently as you. They will be mad at me.

Your silence makes you fade into the background, as if you don't exist. Good. I don't.

Come into the sunlight, my child and I will be there with you. NO! Not yet!

Enquiries email rose@grahammercer.com.au



New venue – The inside story

One of our big goals for 2011 was to find a new space for our 6pm evening service.

We were looking for a venue that would be accessible, available, affordable, and large enough to provide room for us to grow and stretch our wings. God is continuing to grow His church and we want as many people as possible to know Jesus and make Jesus known.

I am pleased to announce that God has opened doors for us once again!

Arrow on Swanston

Starting Sunday, March 6 we will be hosting an evening service at Arrow on Swanston (488 Swanston St). This will run in addition to our morning service at Hoyts, Melbourne Central.

Located in the heart of the city, Arrow on Swanston offers great facilities, can seat up to 800 people and is close to trains, trams and free parking.

We are dreaming big - because we believe in a big God who has a big vision for our city.

I cannot tell you how thankful to God I am for his provision and I would love you and your friends to join us for the launch on March 6 at 6pm. We will also be kicking off a new series called "Storyteller: The Parables of Jesus". The series will be particularly relevant for those who have never been to church and are interested in exploring who Jesus is and his purpose for our lives.

Mission in Docklands

I want to also let you know that while we may be moving our evening service into



the city, our mission in and for Docklands continues. Thanks to Lend Lease we now have a great office on Merchant St that allows us some space to run events, programs and community outreach. In addition, we have a number of connect groups that meet in Docklands through the week and are looking for more ways to serve the community through local initiatives (e.g., Docklands Community Weekend, and the Docklands Christmas Carols). I will also keep writing columns for the Docklands News. All of which to say we love this part of Melbourne and see it as an integral part of our vision

At present there is not a big enough venue in Docklands that is both affordable and available. However, I am in continued conversation with local leaders and developers regarding the need for a community space. We would love the opportunity to partner with local residents, workers and business owners to provide space, services and initiatives that are in and for the community. We'd love your support and partnership in this vision.

Many thanks

Guy Mason

DOCKLANDS

How did you meet?

We met back in 2005 at the Caulfield races through mutual friends.

The proposal?

I was working late on the Friday night that Bowen was going to propose so his plans fell through and he ended up proposing in the kitchen at home as I cooked him an omelette.

Most memorable part of the wedding?

Bride: I couldn't pick one part. I loved the entire ceremony and I also really loved the groomsmen's song to me.

Groom: I agree with Rebecca, the ceremony was fantastic but the introduction of the bridal party into the reception was great too.

How was the reception?

The reception was a lot of fun. A lot of laughs were had by all from the introduction of the bridal party, to the speeches and the photo booth. All the guests loved the food, and we all absolutely loved the transformation of the view - from day to night - from the reception venue.

What made you choose Docklands for your reception?

The view of the city skyline and how it transitioned from day to night was the main reason we chose the venue. The actual room was spectacular and accommodating to our needs. We also wanted a casual space with ottomans and bar tables but for it to remain classy - and Rivers Edge delivered.

We went to Thailand for 11 nights staying in Phuket and Koh Samui.

Groom: Bowen Martin, 37 Bride: Rebecca Sayers, 35 Married: Saturday, January 15, 2011, St Vincent Gardens, Albert Park Reception: Rivers Edge, North Wharf



WHAT'S ON AT WATERFRONT CITY IN MARCH

Autumn in Docklands begins with an exciting selection of activities and events. Whether you decide to embark on an adventure with Xanadu The Musical or escape to a prehistoric past at Dinosaurs Alive, Waterfront City is the place to be. This month also brings you the Melbourne Food and Wine festival. With a live food demonstration and free cooking classes for kids, food lovers are in for a treat. Also join us for the 5th annual March for Melanoma to support skin cancer, which together with browsing the Docklands Sunday Market makes for a great afternoon.



Cooking with Kids

Bring your children down to Harbour Town Shopping Centre, Docklands for a live food demonstration and handson cooking classes for kids with the fabulous Sabrina Parrini, author of Little Kitchen. Cupcake decorating and sausage roll making will be on the menu, with plenty of helpers ready to lend a hand. Show and cooking classes will be performed under shelter. Places are limited so arrive early for a chance to register your kids for classes.

When: March 5th

Time: Stage show at 12pm. Cooking classes at 1.30pm, 2.30pm and 3.30pm

Cost: FREE

Venue: Harbour Town Shopping Centre, Docklands



MARCH for MELANOMA

Join us for our 5th annual MARCH for MELANOMA at Waterfront City, Docklands. Funds raised will support research and the foundation's awareness campaign which is dedicated to awareness, early detection and prevention of this deadly cancer. Enjoy the afternoon at the spectacular Docklands waterfront by taking part in the 5km walk. The event is the perfect way to support Melanoma Survivors, including family and friends of loved ones taken by this insidious disease. Register online or from 12pm in the Piazza on the day. Visit the website for pricing information.

When: March 6th

Time: 5km walk starts at 3.30pm **Venue:** Waterfront City, Docklands



Xanadu The Musical

Get ready to pull out the leg warmers, neon and even your roller skates and get set to return to the 80's. This hilarious, roller skating, musical adventure about following your dreams despite the limitations others set for you comes to Australia after taking Broadway by storm and was nominated for the 2008 Tony Awards for Best Musical. Check the website for pricing information.

When: Opens March 3rd for a strictly limited season of 10 weeks. Afternoon and evening shows available.

Venue: Docklands Drive, Docklands (across from Docklands Studios Melbourne)



Dinosaurs Alive!

After 65 million years, they're back... Dinosaurs Alive! is a new \$3 million interactive exhibition featuring seven life-like robotic moving dinosaurs who ruled the earth for more than 160 million years. Designed and built in Australia and Japan, the exhibition will be on show in Melbourne at Waterfront City Piazza. Tickets may be purchased at the venue, or in advance through www.foxtix.com.au. Check the website for more details.

When: March 12th – May 8th 2011
Time: 10am – 4.30pm daily
Venue: Waterfront City Piazza



Docklands Sunday Market

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Time: Every Sunday 10am – 5pm

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Venue: Waterfront City Promenade

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Oaky is a real local

Oaky the five-year-old Maltese shih-tzu cross is a real NewQuay local.

Peter Fotiadis first brought Oaky home to his Sant Elia apartment as a tiny puppy and the feisty little dog has been ruling the roost

Oaky goes for walkies twice a day, which isn't exactly a chore for Peter.

"If you don't have a dog in Docklands you don't really socialise," Peter said.

The dog likes to look out over NewQuay Promenade from his apartment during the day and stays in contact with friends.

"He is always calling out to his friends - both from upstairs and when he is on the ground," Peter said.

Oaky, it seems, has a crush on Lulu, the Maltese cross Pomeranian we featured in last month's Pets Corner.

"He's a great admirer of Lulu," Peter said. "But Lulu's brother Boubouki is very protective and there is plenty of growling when they get together."

Peter has lived at NewQuay for six years and has witnessed plenty of changes in that time.

"I'd like Docklands to maintain it's residentfriendly environment," he said. "The community is really strong because we all have so much in common."





GREETINGS FROM THE DOCKLANDS COMMUNITY ocklands Community Association

Hello again to everybody.

Our first DCA event for the year took place on February 1 with the presentation to members by the Melbourne Football Club of their proposal, in conjunction with Netball Victoria, for a training oval, netball courts and facilities to be located at Western Park which abuts Bolte bridge at the end of Docklands Drive.

Their proposal includes availability for community use. As previously stated, their proposal is one of three optional developments put forward by VicUrban for the reserve, which also could be made an ecological park or a public recreation area.

The 2ha site is not large and would have to be extended to house the football club's development. The matter is back in VicUrban's hands. We have asked VicUrban to provide us with more detail on concepts for the other two options.

Because of the severe lack of public open space and parkland in Docklands we regard the Western Park development as a key issue for the community and

have asked VicUrban for an indicative timing for community consultation, decisions and implementation.

Other community groups are saying there has been a regrettable decline in the amount of community consultation by council and authorities as it appears to be more convenient to rely on e-surveys and website responses. This also reflects an absence of ward structure in the City of Melbourne. There is concern that lip-service is being given to community input after decisions have already been made.

Council and VicUrban have been in discussion regarding the construction of a community centre and library which have been on the agenda for some three years.

Three possible sites were recently discussed and referred to in council including the existing Hub site, and two other sites - apparently somewhere on the Esplanade foreshore.

The council report states that extensive consultation has taken place with Docklands. We presume this refers to VicUrban as there has been none with the DCA or anybody else to our knowledge.

We are of course looking forward to consultation on the new facilities being provided.

Our concern is size. Docklands currently has no community hall or library. The existing Hub building has always been too small, it is booked out most of the time and there is nowhere else to go other than hiring retail premises.

The new facility needs to be large enough to cater for the increasing needs of the rapidly growing population. Again, we are requesting VicUrban and the council to give priority to the new facility.

We think it is time for VicUrban to give the community some idea of what it is planning for the Harbour Esplanade foreshore. This is a large key area stretching from the NAB building to NewQuay Promenade - currently covered with old concrete.

There have been rumours of more retail. Some of us strongly favour provision of parkland, perhaps with the addition of kiosks.

For the Council to suggest putting the hall/ library in a particular spot there implies that concepts for use of the area have already been discussed between council

and VicUrban. We request that concept sketches be provided, together with some indication of planned timing for the project.

At our next committee meeting in March we will be planning further activities for the year including guest speakers and get-togethers.

Our DCA members come from all parts of Docklands, ranging from Yarra's Edge to NewQuay, and we look forward to cementing the interaction between the various areas.

If any reader wishes to become a member of the DCA or has any suggestions they wish to put forward they are welcome to do so by contacting us on: docklands. community.association@gmail.com

If you would like to talk to me about any aspect you are welcome to call me on **0412 097 706**. You can keep up with things on our website www. docklandscommunityassociation.com

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Australian multi-national serviced and virtual-office provider Servcorp moved into Docklands in December and is already in high demand.

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Located in about 100 locations worldwide, Servcorp provides fully-equipped offices to a range of clients, from small businesses to large corporations, as well as virtual offices.

Servcorp executive director Taine Moufarrige said Servcorp was a leader in its field, having invented the business of virtual offices back in 1989.

"We started virtual offices over 20 years ago to allow businesses to have a presence without the investment of an office. I only wish we had put copyright on the phrase," Mr Moufarrige said.

Mr Moufarrige said virtual offices provided all the services of an office but without the actual office.

"Virtual offices mean that businesses can have a presence in an area without having to commit to an actual office. We provide them with an address, space to conduct meetings and they can have a receptionist without the actual office,"

Built on strong family values, Servcorp was started by Mr Moufarrige's father and Mr Moufarrige now runs the business with his brother.

"Though we are now publicly listed on the stock exchange, our culture still incorporates our family values and I think that is what differentiates ourselves in providing the quality of service that we do."

Employing about 900 people worldwide, Servcorp has experienced rapid growth in the last two years and is looking to further expand the business.

"In the past two years we have grown the business by 40 per cent, opening up new offices, including in the US, and we will soon be opening up more overseas offices."

Mr Moufarrige said the company decided to open up a business in Docklands as it sees the city expanding in Docklands' direction.

"It's a fantastic area that will continue to develop and it is an easy place to get things done. For our clients it provides a place away from the hustle and bustle of the city, but it still has all of the services and infrastructure to get things done."

Servcorp's Docklands offices are located at 710 Collins St and contain approximately 20 serviced offices, as well as a mixture of different-sized meeting rooms and a shared workspace.

For more information on Servcorp, please visit www. servcorp.com.au.



WELCOME ELEISHA

Victoria Harbour Podiatry on Bourke St Docklands welcomed new podiatrist Eleisha Lilley to its team in February.



Having worked at a clinic in Point Cook, as well as at a specialist shoe store run and owed by sports podiatrists, Eleisha brings a wealth of knowledge to her new job in Victoria Harbour.

With an immense passion for her work, Eleisha says it is helping a person that motivates her to be the best podiatrist she can be.

"I love working in the field of podiatry which, in itself, is what motivates me to come to work each day and continue to learn as much as I can about my patients and how I can improve their situation," Eleisha said.

Eleisha, who studied podiatry at Latrobe University and Exercise Science at the Australian Catholic University, said outside of work she enjoyed keeping active.

When I wasn't studying I enjoyed training for triathlons and I still continue to do this with the Busselton Half Ironman as my next big challenge in May this year," she said.

Eleisha said she chose to work for Victoria Harbour Podiatry as she saw it as an opportunity to practise a wide range of her podiatry skills and build a strong client base within the local community.

"Bec, a current podiatrist at Victoria Harbour, will also need a break soon with her new baby on the way," Eleisha said.

Eleisha, who prior to working in Docklands visited the area to go shopping or to the footy, thinks Docklands is a bustling part of Melbourne.

"It's got lots of potential and I especially love all the greats cafés nearby," she said.



JEBADIAH ANNEAR, 36 Conceirge, Subaru Docklands

Jebadiah thinks the convenience of Docklands is its major strength. Being so close to the city, yet also having everything you need right here means Docklands is truly the place to be. He also said he loves being so close to the Yarra River and being able to watch the boats come in and out of Melbourne.



CARA NEILSON, 20 Employee, Toyworld

Cara loves the fantastic facilities here in Docklands. Whether it's the amazing array of shopping, the fun of ice-skating at the Icehouse or even the travelling animal farm which came to visit Harbour Town during the holidays, Cara can't get enough of the district.



IOM CLARKE, 20 Employee, Helly Hanson

Tom loves being close to the water, so he was immediately attracted to the idea of working in Docklands. He still loves the water, but he has also added the shopping and friendly atmosphere of the district to the reasons why he enjoys coming to work here.



DOCKLANDS' BEST COFFEE

This will be the final report in the current survey about where to find Docklands' best coffee.

The survey has run for a year now and over that time it has attracted some 549 votes.

But with illy caffe (ANZ Centre) and Le Cirque (Harbour Town) so far in front of the rest, the sting has gone out of the competition.

We'll think of some other way to rank the local brew and bring you something new in the future.

Just for the record, the final five are: illy caffe; Le Cirque; Espresso Alto (Stadium Concourse); Gate 10 (Stadium Concourse); and Mad Duck Cafe (Yarra's Edge).

The survey and the results will remain open online and we'll bring you news should the leaders change.

To vote, go to www.docklandsnews.com. au/coffee.

And to view the results, see http://tinyurl.com/2d6vktj.



CRAIG DAVIES, 36 Co-manager Groove Train, Victoria Harbour

Craig says he really enjoys the atmosphere of Docklands and the feel of community that has developed in its short history. He also loves how friendly his customers are – maybe that has something to do with the breathtaking views, no matter where you are in his restaurant.



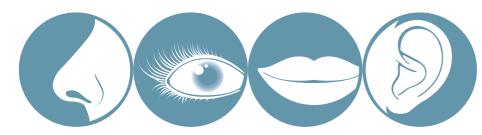
ARLY EDWARDS, 22 Manager, Esprit Hair & Beauty

Compared with the city, Carly thinks the atmosphere in Docklands is really laid back and she loves it. Being a country girl herself, she enjoys the many tourists who frequent the salon, but she also says the locals are just as friendly – which makes being at work a lot more enjoyable.



ANDREW WARD, 40 Manager, YMCA Dockland

Andrew is new to the area but, having come from a job in Hong Kong, he has drawn many positive similarities. Both are dynamic corporate environments, with everyone being motivated to achieve business success. Andrew hopes he can motivate people to also achieve fitness success, through the expansion of services at the YMCA.



DOCKLANDS SECRETS heading

With the recent closure of second West Melbourne "neighbourhood" petrol station, Docklanders are going to have to look further afield.

In the middle of last year, West End Motors on the corner of Spencer and Rosslyn streets stopped serving fuel and now the filling station in nearby Roden St has closed.

This leaves only the hike out to Footscray or the battle through the traffic to South Melbourne as the remaining options for locals.

"Service station" is one of many uses in Docklands that does not require planning permission.

Planning regulations state that no permit is required to build a service station in what is called the "business park" precinct. However, there are three conditions attached:

- Must only be one within the Business Park Precinct.
- Must not be located within 100 metres of Dudley Street.
- Access to Footscray Road must be via a service road.

Finders Keepers returns

Following on from the success of its Melbourne debut last year, The Finders Keepers market will return to Docklands this month.

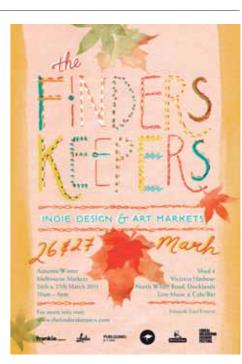
The independent design and art market, which started in Sydney in 2007, will be showcasing its autumn/winter design market on March 26 and 27 in Victoria Harbour.

Chosen as part of L'Oreal Melbourne Fashion Festival's Cultural Program, Finders Keepers will showcase the works of about 150 emerging and contemporary designers from across Australia.

Entry to the markets, which is being held in Shed 4, is free and the market will include an eclectic mix of fashion, jewellery, homewares and art.

The market will also feature a special fashion illustration exhibition, as well as live music and a café and bar.

The Finders Keepers debuted in Melbourne last October and broke the organisation's record for attendance. For more information visit www.thefinderskeepers.com.



DOCKLANDS COMMUNITY CALENDAR



LOCAL FOOD DINNER DOCKLANDS

March 6, 6.30-10.30pm

Urban Reforestation Garden and Livebait Live Bait and Urban Reforestation have joined forces for the Melbourne Food and Wine Festival. All food will be made from fresh local produce. To book email programs@urbanreforestation.com

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Various Docklands locations Docklands takes centre of the LMFF events. LMFF showcases the autumn/ winter collections of Australian designers and celebrates all things fashion. For more info visit www.lmff.com.au

EARTH HOUR

March 26, 8.30-9.30pm

For the third year many Docklands' restaurants will switch off all essential lights for an hour in support of Earth Hour. Diners will enjoy a candle-lit dinner.

MARCH FOR MELANOMA

Sunday March 6, 3.30pm

Waterfront City, Docklands Enjoy the afternoon on the waterfront by taking part in the 5km walk, which raises money to support research and an awareness campaign. For more info www.emilysfoundation.org.au

DOCKLANDS ROTARY

Every Tuesday, 6.00pm

Waterfront Venues, Waterfront City First Tuesday of the month is fellowship hour. Regular meetings on other Tuesdays. All welcome. RSVP to Susan Rogan by noon on meeting day for catering purposes: **0415 119 558**.

DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL

Sunday March 13, 8.30-5.30pm Victoria Harbour Docklands

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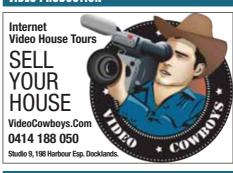
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DOCKLANDS SPORTS PAGE

Our women are winners

The Melbourne Ice women's team made history on February 27 by winning the Australian Women's Ice Hockey League grand final at the Medibank Icehouse.

Finishing the season in second place, Melbourne Ice secured its place in the grand final after beating top-of-the-table contender the Sydney Sirens 1-0 in the semi-finals on Saturday, February 26.

Melbourne Ice met the Sydney Sirens again in the grand final on Sunday and managed to secure a 2-1 victory over its opponent after two rounds of five-minutes of extra time and a shoot-out.

Coach Lee Brown described the grand final as the most stressful game he had ever coached.

"It was incredible. It took us 10 minutes of over-time and 20 shooters to get that extra goal and win," Mr Brown said.

Mr Brown said the team had come a long way since the start of the season when it lost three out of its first four games.

"The girls made a vast improvement on the start of the season and we ended up taking out the last six games in a great winning streak."

"It was fantastic to win the grand final and a bit of a surprise because Sydney finished the season with only two losses and I think they would have been quite confident going into the finals," he said.



Mr Brown said they had a huge celebration on Sunday night following the game.

"Harbour Town Hotel are one of our major sponsors so they put on a great party on Sunday night," he said.

The historic win followed in the footsteps of

the victory by the Melbourne Ice men's team in their last season.

The Melbourne Ice Women's team formed this season when the Melbourne Dragons the Victorian women's team amalgamated with Melbourne Ice.

The men's and women's Melbourne Ice teams helped raise \$3445 for the Queensland flood victims by hosting an exhibition match, Pucks for Bucks, on February 11.



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