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Celebrating Docklands' heritage

Thousands of people gathered in Docklands for the annual Melbourne Regatta last month.

The annual event celebrates Docklands' maritime history.

This year the event also turned its focus on Docklands' role in Melbourne's immigration story.

As pictured above, the celebrations included a demonstration of traditional Greek dancing by students from Manasis School of Greek Dance and Culture.

See page 4 for our story on the regatta.

Harbour Esplanade neglected despite \$74 million unspent

Some \$74 million of City of Melbourne money that could have been used to revitalise Docklands' most neglected public asset, Harbour Esplanade, has gone unspent over the past four years.

Since 2012, the council has consistently underspent on its capital works budget, to the tune of \$74 million.

In the past two financial years alone the council has reported a variance totalling more than \$52 million between what it budgeted on capital works and what it actually spent.

Meanwhile, the Harbour Esplanade redevelopment project has remained unfunded by council, with its focus turned on other major projects, such as the Queen Victoria Market renewal, where it is set to spend at least \$250 million.

The chair of the City of Melbourne's finance committee Cr Stephen Mayne said the capital underspending raised questions about the accuracy of the council's budget forecasting and ability to deliver multiple capital projects in a timely manner.

"It also highlights that council is spending a disproportionately large slice of its revenues on recurrent costs such as our well-paid staff and is not delivering the necessary or promised spending on capital works. These priorities need to be reoriented," Cr Mayne said.

"Capital spending is forecast to rise in coming years, primarily due to the Queen

Victoria Market renewal, but other important projects such as Harbour Esplanade should also be delivered over the next council term," Cr Mayne said.

"With rate capping now a reality, council will need to put the brakes on recurrent spending if it wishes to ever actually deliver an annual capital program exceeding \$150 million whilst remaining debt free."

A City of Melbourne spokesperson said there could be a number of reasons why projects could occasionally under spend on their budgets, including:

- Funds allocated in advance for multi-year construction projects in order to smooth out financial peaks and are carried forward across the life of the project;
- Unforeseen conditions causing delays; and
- Community consultations requiring more time to ensure community concerns are addressed, ensuring best value.

"Any unspent budgets are carried forward into the following financial year, as these projects are underway and continuing," the spokesperson said.

"Such budgets are allocated to projects approved by council and spent the following year."





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Farewell to Docklands

By Bethany Williams

After four years and 44 editions of Docklands News the time has come for me to say goodbye.

Our September edition is my last as editor and so I wanted to take this opportunity to say thank you.

Firstly, thank you to the advertisers who have invested in this wonderful community asset. Without your support we wouldn't have *Docklands News* and I wouldn't have had this amazing opportunity over the past four years.

Thank you to all of the interesting, knowledgeable and diverse people I have had the chance to meet and interview. I am so grateful for your time and for trusting me to share your stories with our readers.

And of course to our readers - thanks for picking up a copy of *Docklands News* each month and for sharing your feedback, ideas, letters to the editor and news tips with me.

To our team here at the Mediation Communications office - *Southbank Local News* editor Sean Car and designer Sen Bloom - thanks for making our workplace such a pleasant place, for your friendship and for all of the laughs.

Of course, I wouldn't be writing this at all if it weren't for *Docklands News* owner (and



now, once again, editor) Shane Scanlan, who gave me this wonderful opportunity in the first place.

Thanks for your support and guidance over the past four years. I'm sure you'll enjoy being back at the reigns of *Docklands News* once again.

I didn't know all that much about Docklands or the people who live and work here when I started working at *Docklands News* back in 2012.

But, over the past four years I've discovered a wonderful community, full of passionate, interesting and engaged people.

There's plenty going on in Docklands and, while my new position means I'll no longer be working in the area, I'll definitely be keeping my eye on what happens next.

With thanks,
Bethany Williams

Community support

By Mindy Gill

The community is rallying behind the installation of a sport and recreation space within the old wharf shed at the Bolte Bridge end of the Yarra's Edge precinct.

The shed will undergo repair and maintenance works before it is available to be used as temporary multi-purpose recreational courts for about two years.

Places Victoria general manager precincts Simon Wilson said more than 100 people had provided input into the future use of the space.

"We are really pleased at the amount of interest in the project and the number of people who took the opportunity to have their say during the community engagement process," Mr Wilson said. "There was also some interest in activities such as parkour, rock climbing, bouldering and skateboarding."

Mr Wilson said the creation of a temporary recreation space was a great use for the shed while the long-term future use of the site was finalised.

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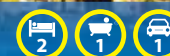
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Former Australian of the Year Simon McKeon spoke at the Voyage of a Lifetime luncheon last month.

Good result from Alma Doepel luncheon

More than \$40,000 was raised for the Alma Doepel restoration at the second annual Voyage of a Lifetime gala luncheon last month.

According to spokesperson Sally Shepherdson, proceeds from the lunch were still being tallied and donations continued to arrive.

However, the total has already reached more than \$40,000, topping last year's fundraising effort at the inaugural luncheon.

"We were thrilled to have such a supportive group in attendance, helping to carry this project to completion for the youth of Victoria," Ms Shepherdson said.

"The event was well supported by local businesses, with Baden Lucas of Lucas Real Estate conducting the auction and prizes donated from Victoria Harbour Pharmacy, Melbourne Star and Goodlife."

"We'd like to extend our thanks to all those

who supported the event," Ms Shepherdson said.

Some 140 people attended the Voyage of a Lifetime luncheon at Atlantic Group venue Maia on Central Pier on August 24.

The luncheon was hosted by Channel 9's Peter Hitchener and guests also heard from Sail & Adventure chairman Alan Edenborough and former Australian of the Year Simon McKeon.

The funds raised from the luncheon will be put towards the continued restoration of the historic tall-ship, which turns 113 later this year.

Owner Sail & Adventure plans to return the ship to service as a youth sail training vessel once she is back in the water.

Port Phillip Ferries turns focus on Portarlington

Port Phillip Ferries has dropped commuter services between Wyndham Harbour and Docklands in favour of a Portarlington connection.

The company last month introduced a weekday commuter service from Portarlington following three successful trials in late July and early August.

Port Phillip Ferries continues to service Wyndham Harbour on Fridays and weekends, but is no longer providing a weekday commuter ferry, after disappointing numbers since its launch in May.

"Clearly Wyndham Harbour didn't want to support a commuter service, as evidenced by the numbers," Port Phillip Ferries operations director Murray Rance said.

"It appears Wyndham Harbour is better suited to a day-tripper or tourism service," Mr Rance said.

Mr Rance said the three trials from Portarlington had all sold out and since the commuter service started in mid-August passenger numbers had been sitting in the fifties.

"It's very promising," Mr Rance said.

"Portarlington is very underserved by public transport. For someone to get from Portarlington to the city via public transport it would take at least two hours. We can do it in 88 minutes for \$25," Mr Rance said.

The Port Phillip Ferry trial was scheduled to conclude at the end of August, with the company then to make a decision about



the long-term viability of the business.

However, Mr Rance said the trial would now continue through September, with Port Phillip Ferries keen to test the service in spring weather.

"We'll then be in a better position to make a call on the future of the ferry service," he said.

The new commuter ferry service departs Portarlington at 7am from Monday to Friday, arriving in Docklands at 8.30am and then leaving Docklands each evening at 5.30pm, arriving back in Portarlington at 7pm.

Port Phillip Ferries is also running a number of other weekday and weekend services between Portarlington and Docklands.

Portarlington passengers are shelling out \$25 for a daily return ticket to Docklands.

Wyndham Harbour passengers continue to pay \$7.80 for a return ticket following prices being cut to match other public transport options in June.

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Local boats were out in force on the harbour during the Melbourne Regatta last month.

The future of city schools

Docklands is still awaiting news of when and if it will get a local school, but one thing is for sure – a Docklands school will certainly be of the vertical variety.

With Victoria only just beginning to explore the possibilities of vertical schooling, we have a lot to learn from countries like Japan, where 99 per cent of schools are vertical.

Hiroshi Miyakawa, executive and design fellow of Nikken Sekkei, the third-largest architecture practice in the world, spoke on the topic of vertical schools at a Property Council of Australia event last month.

Mr Miyakawa explained the “magic number” for vertical schools in Japan was four, because students could comfortably traverse four stories via stairs.

He said wide stairs and slopes were also important to allow for movement of groups of students through the school.

Derek Scott, principal of Melbourne CBD’s first vertical school Haileybury on King St, joined Mr Miyakawa at the event.

Haileybury’s early learning centre program has already started at the CBD school, with years prep to 9 to begin at the start of next year and years 10 to 12 rolling out over the following years.

Formerly an office building, Haileybury purchased the 10-storey school site for \$50 million and spent \$25 million fitting it out.

Mr Scott said the building would feature 1500sqm of active indoor recreation space, 2500sqm of outdoor recreation space, 2000sqm of art, music and drama space and 1000sqm of science, engineering, technology and mathematics floor space.

Senior students will also have access to Flagstaff Gardens, located opposite the school building, while Mr Scott said the school would also utilise other facilities around Melbourne.

“A great feature of this building for conversion to a school is that almost all of the classrooms lookout over Flagstaff gardens,” Mr Scott commented.

A celebration of Docklands

Boats in the harbour, music in the air and crowds of people gathered around the waterfront – the annual Melbourne Regatta once again proved to be a true celebration of Docklands.

The August 28 regatta saw around 6000 people gather in Docklands to take in the sights, atmosphere and experiences.

Organised by the Melbourne Passenger Boat Association, the event celebrated Docklands’ waterways – our original natural landscape – and its role in Melbourne’s immigration story.

According to event organiser Jeff Gordon, the regatta was a great success.

“There were so many elements both on the water and around the harbour,” Mr Gordon said.

“People absolutely loved it. It was lovely to see cafes and restaurants busy and people riding ferries.”

“It was just great to see the water activated. That’s what Docklands is all about.”

Celebrations included a blessing of the fleet by Father Bob Maguire and a flotilla of vessels, led by the schooner Enterprize, sailing out of Victoria Harbour to join the SV

Tenacious.

A recent arrival to Docklands, the British tall-ship SV Tenacious is the tallest wooden sailing ship in the world and was designed to accommodate people with a disability.

This ship is owned and operated by the Jubilee Sailing Trust and was launched in 2000. The ship will remain in Australia for the next nine months and will embark on a number of voyages between Melbourne, Adelaide, Hobart, Sydney and Geelong.

Crowds browsed market stalls along the harbour, enjoyed free ferry rides, visits to Docklands heritage vessels, an Immigration Museum panel discussion, indigenous performances and storytelling and heritage walks.

Visitors of all ages were kept entertained, with Lindy Jane and her puppets putting on a show for the kids and Normie Rowe and the Playboys performing on stage.

Places Victoria also used the regatta to launch its new heritage walking tour app. For

more details see our story on page 5.

Local resident Chris Silcock said the regatta was “a wonderful day” and in particular enjoyed Normie Rowe’s performance.

“A big thumbs up for all the boats on the harbour too,” Mr Silcock said.

“It’s the best day I’ve had in a long time.”

Mr Gordon said the regatta would be a major event on Docklands’ calendar once again next year.

“Its onwards and upwards from here, with next year’s regatta to be bigger and better,” Mr Gordon said.

He said he hoped the Melbourne Day committee would decide to hold its celebrations on the same day as the Melbourne Regatta in future years.

Melbourne Day falls on August 30 and in previous years has coincided with the Melbourne Regatta, culminating in a joint celebration.



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Watergate OC decides against short-stay appeal

The Watergate owners' corporation (OC) has decided against appealing a Supreme Court decision that found it did not have the power to ban short-stay apartments.

In July, Supreme Court Justice Peter Riordan ruled the OC did not have the power to make rules banning owners from leasing apartments short-term, supporting an earlier VCAT decision that the OC had appealed.

The appeal period following the Supreme Court decision has now ended without the OC lodging an appeal – a move signalling the conclusion to the long-running legal battle against short-stay apartments in the Watergate building.

“Watergate’s role in the push to regulate serviced apartments and commercial short-stay operators in apartment buildings is over,” a Watergate OC spokesperson said.

“It’s now time for owners’ corporations throughout Victoria to unite and to force the government to enact some meaningful legislation that will improve the amenity, security and privacy for owners and residents in apartment buildings and to improve the value of their assets.”

“Presently, there is no political will amongst the Labor caucus to do anything meaningful for residents and owners in apartment buildings in this area. That must change and the ‘We Live Here’ movement will do all it can to help facilitate this change,” the spokesperson said.

Last month the government’s bill on short-stays was reintroduced to parliament for a second reading.

Politicians were generally supportive of the bill, which gives VCAT new powers to:

- Award compensation of up to \$2000 to neighbours and ban short-stay apartments repeatedly used for unruly parties;
- Impose penalties of up to \$1100 on short-stay occupants for breaches;
- Make the short-stay accommodation provider jointly responsible for such compensation; and
- Make orders prohibiting the use of short-stay accommodation for a certain period if occupants have on three separate occasions within 24 months breached conduct rules.

However, shadow minister for consumer affairs Russell Northe and Greens member for Melbourne Ellen Sandell were both critical of the bill.

Ms Sandell said the issues around short-stay accommodation went beyond “party houses”.

Ms Sandell said while parties do happen and damage to common property is a problem, the main issue brought to her attention by her constituents was “reduced amenity and quality of life that comes from their buildings being turned from residential communities into essentially de facto hotels”.

A walk through Docklands’ past

Docklands’ history will come to life through a new walking tour mobile app released last month.

Developed by Places Victoria, the Dockside Tour is the first in a series of Docklands walking tours mobile apps, which will tell many of Docklands’ hidden stories.

The Dockside Tour explores the history and stories of wharves and railway workers who helped turn Docklands into Victoria’s busiest port.

Given its focus on Docklands’ maritime history, the app was fittingly launched at the Melbourne Regatta on August 28.

The app guides users around 25 different stops across a 4.5 km route in Docklands and features narrated stories.

The stories captured by the app include tales from former wharfie Jim Beggs, who worked in Docklands and was the last national president of the Australian Waterside Workers Federation.

Places Victoria general manager precincts Simon Wilson said the app was designed to encourage more people to learn about Docklands’ history.

“The app is an engaging way of illustrating

the fascinating maritime and industrial history of Docklands and sharing this with the wider community,” Mr Wilson said.

“The trail explores the rich heritage of Docklands from the arrival of European settlers to its transformation into an area of bustling wharves, warehouses and railways.”

“Some of the stories narrated on the app are really quite incredible, particularly the story of the creation of Victoria Dock, which was dug out by hand to a depth of 9.5 metres between 1889 and 1892,” Mr Wilson said.

Places Victoria plans to develop at least another two walking tours exploring other areas of Docklands history, including the area’s indigenous culture and heritage.

“We are working to complement the Dockside trail with the vibrant stories and heritage of the Wurundjeri and Boon Wurrung people of the Kulin nation,” Mr Wilson said. “There are some really interesting stories still to be told.”

The app is free to download and is compatible with Apple and Android phones.



Visitors to the Melbourne Regatta had the opportunity to learn more about the Dockside tour app.

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But that's exactly what locals have the chance to do at a unique Melbourne Spring Fashion Week event at the Library at the Dock.

The week-long Fashion+Library event kicked off on August 29 and continues to September 2, with visitors invited to borrow from a number of garments on offer at the library.

According to event organiser Georgia McCorkill, the project explores ideas around fashion outside of the retail space.

"I'm looking at how fashion might be shared between people and how people can participate in fashion that don't necessarily involve shopping," Ms McCorkill said.

Visitors to the library during the project are invited to borrow a garment, all of which have been designed by Ms McCorkill and some that she even wears herself.

"I'm asking people who borrow a garment to write a little postcard about what they've done with it and share any images as well and then return the garment to me in a postage bag," Ms McCorkill said.

She said the experience of selecting clothing for the project was "quite nerve-wracking" given the connection she has to pieces she has both designed, created and wears.

"My pieces involve a lot of hand-stitching and also garments that have been up-cycled and recycled and incorporate precious things I've come across."

You can visit the Fashion+Library event and borrow a piece for yourself on Friday, September 2 from 1pm - 4pm in the activities room at Library at the Dock.

The session will also include afternoon tea and a discussion around the outcomes of the project.



An artist's impression of one of the approved Melbourne Quarter towers.

Green light for new towers

Docklands' population is set to grow, with the approval of all three of Melbourne Quarter's residential towers last month.

It's anticipated Melbourne Quarter will become home to 3000 residents, with 1690 new homes to be built across the three new towers.

Planning Minister Richard Wynne approved the residential buildings last month, alongside retail space and a 1600 sqm public park to be known as Batman's Garden.

It's the second phase of approvals for Lendlease's Melbourne Quarter, with Mr Wynne approving a commercial building and elevated park above Wurundjeri Way and Collins St in March.

"Victoria recorded a new \$22.2 billion high in the last financial year for house and apartment approvals - which have almost doubled in less than a decade - and that's a trend we want to see continue," Mr Wynne

said.

"Population growth is great for our economy but we need to properly plan for more people so Melbourne's liveability isn't threatened, which is why we're making sure long-term plans are in place so people can live close to their work."

The Melbourne Quarter precinct will close the gap between Collins Square and The Age building at the corner of Collins and Flinders streets.

The first residential building, East Tower, will be located at 628 Flinders St and the 40-storey development will feature hanging gardens climbing the height of the building.

According to Lendlease's managing director for urban regeneration Mark Menhinnit, residents will have access to "Club MQ", featuring three-storeys of facilities including a 25-metre swimming pool, spa, steam room, sauna, gym, yoga rooms, private dining space and a resident's library and lounge.

Mr Menhinnit said Melbourne Quarter had already become one of Melbourne's most anticipated residential addresses.



Fashion+Library event organiser Georgia McCorkill with one of her creations.

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It's council election time again

With nominations for the City of Melbourne council elections closing on September 20, the field of candidates is slowly emerging.

Lord Mayor Robert Doyle was slow to reveal his team for the October 22 postal election but on August 25 introduced a team of nine.

Environment chair Cr Arron Wood replaces long-time deputy lord mayor Cr Susan Riley in the highly-sought, second-in-charge position. Cr Riley has been given the potentially unwinnable position of number four on the councillor ticket. At the 2012 election, only three team Doyle councillors were elected.

Cr Beverley Pinder-Mortimer has also been demoted, and will appear at number five on the councillor ticket. Heading the Team Doyle councillor ticket is Cr Kevin Louey, followed by newcomers Nicholas Reece and Tessa Sullivan. Bringing up the rear of the Doyle ticket are Sue Stanley and Hope Wei.

The only other fully-declared candidates for the lord mayoralty are perennial hopeful Gary Morgan and Greens candidate Olivia Ball.

Mr Morgan is offering first place on his councillor ticket to current councillor Jackie Watts. He says he is also happy to support former councillor Peter Clarke, should he wish to stand. Mr Clarke says he is "unlikely" to stand.

The Greens have revealed their full team. Headed by Dr Ball and deputy lord mayoral candidate, Roxane Ingleton, the party's

councillor ticket is being led by incumbents Rohan Leppert and Cathy Oke. Filling the rest of the positions are Apsara Sabaratnam, Jenny Pitts and Benjamin Curnow.

Cr Richard Foster will run with lord mayoral team candidates Nic Frances and Brooke Wandin.

Without lord mayoral tickets, aspiring councillors have a harder road in front of them.

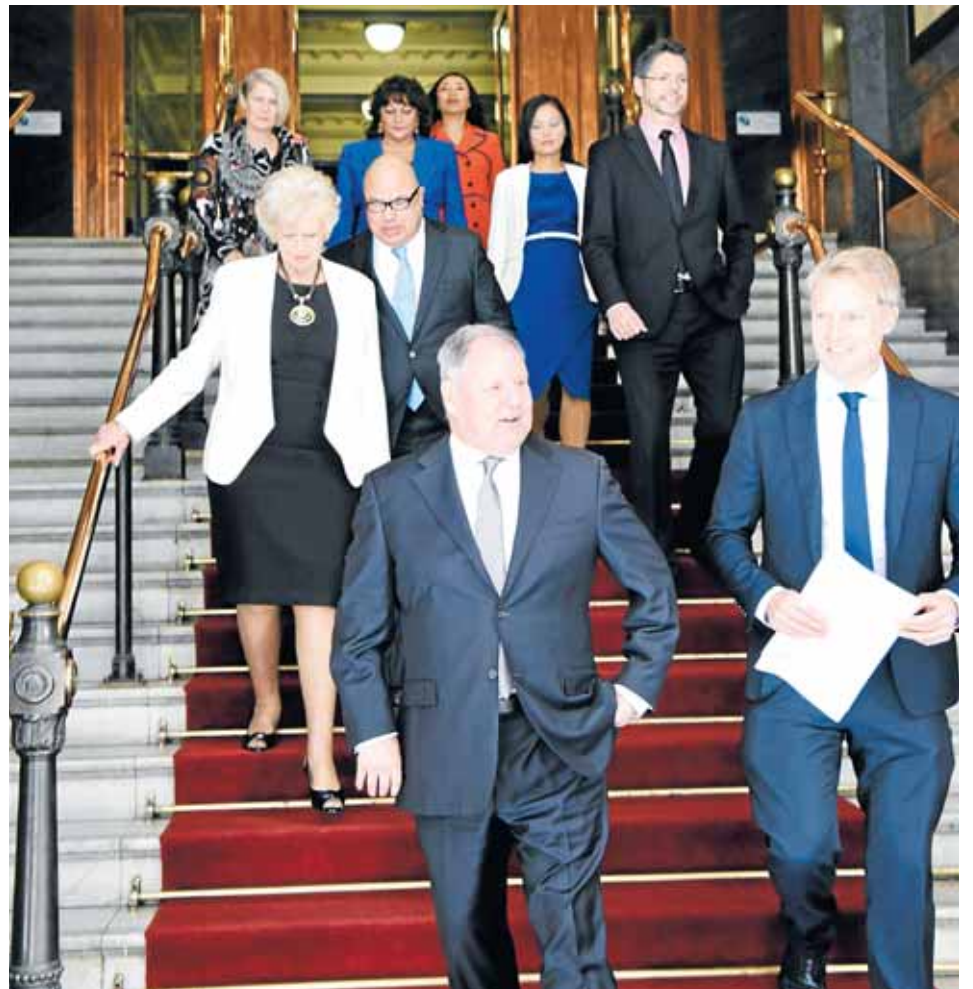
Incumbent councillor Ken Ong says he is interested in remaining a councillor but had not given much thought to joining or forming a ticket. Independent Stephen Mayne said he was still undecided about his candidacy.

Docklanders will have an opportunity to meet the candidates on October 6.

Organised by the Docklands Chamber of Commerce and moderated by *Docklands News* publisher Shane Scanlan, the event will be open to the public.

It will follow the chamber's 2017 annual general meeting. The venue is yet to be confirmed.

Teams and candidates will be given two minutes to outline their policies. Questions to candidates will follow. Only Docklanders will be welcome to ask questions, which will be confined to local government issues.



Robert Doyle leads his new team to meet the press for the first time on August 25.

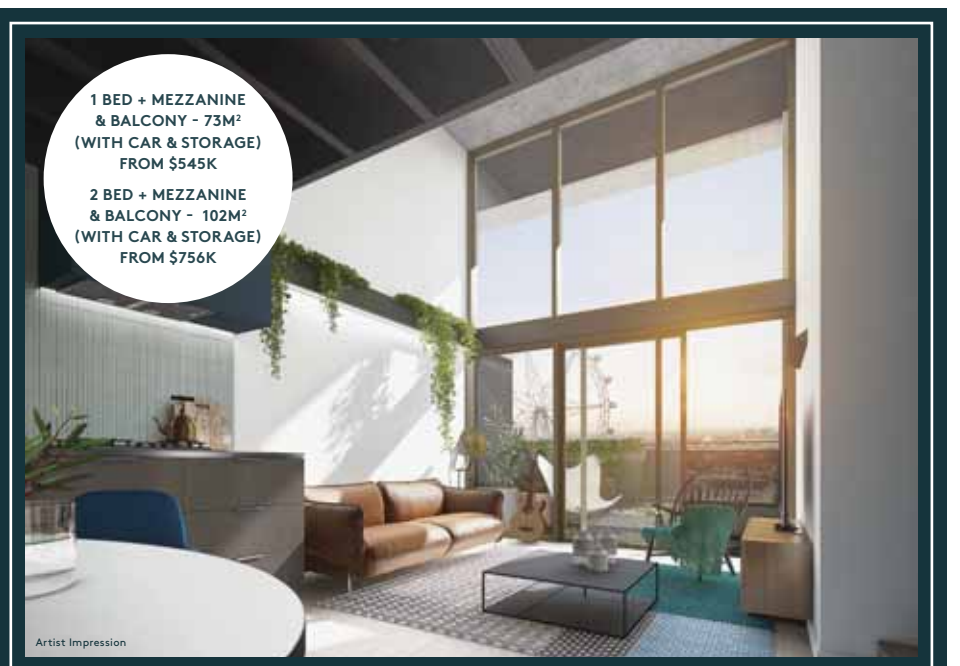


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New plans for Northbank site

Docklands' Northbank precinct is set to be revitalised under new plans released by developer Riverlee last month.

The site's historic Shed 5 will be restored and become a waterfront event space, while the heritage-listed crane that sits on the riverfront will also be retained and restored.

Under plans submitted to the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) and the City of Melbourne last month, Riverlee will also develop a new 180-room luxury hotel, 250 waterfront apartments and a 3500sqm public park on the site.

The Northbank site already has planning approval for a proposal that includes the partial redevelopment of the goods shed, construction of a 13-storey office tower, retail, cafes, restaurants, an art gallery and refurbishment of the existing Seafarers Rest Park.

However, Riverlee is seeking approval to revise the existing scheme and says it wants to "adopt a more integrated mixed-use design that promotes both day and night-time activation and enhanced integration with the waterfront".

The new plans for the site have been designed by architecture firm Fender Katsalidis and landscape architects Oculus.

Fender Katsalidis's managing principal architect Karl Fender said the plans included restoring the historic shed into a mixed-use

retail, function space and hotel lobby that spills out into the public park.

He said the plans for the site sought to integrate the heritage elements and breathe new life into them as "heroes" within the precinct's design.

"The regeneration of Northbank is a chance to bring the precinct back to life while celebrating the shed's rich maritime history," Mr Fender said.

"Quite often when adding modern components to heritage sites such as this one there is a temptation to replicate the existing form, however at Northbank we really want to let the heritage elements take the lead."

"The new building will lyrically 'float' about the heritage shed in a series of curvaceous, light and airy layers, in a way that's inspired by the curves of the river and its tidal flows."

Mr Fender said the plans also included an extruded glass pavilion at the eastern end of the shed, which would help preserve the heritage facade, while the facade would also be lit from within at night.

"The site's heritage components are what make it so special, we wanted to represent them respectfully but in a new light."

"We've created a number of places to



An artist's impression of Riverlee's new plans for Northbank.

integrate and encourage interaction with these heritage elements, such as the former slipway, which will be covered with glass

inside the pavilion so people will be able to walk literally right on top of this unique piece of history," Mr Fender said.

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Docklands mums mix friendship with business

For Docklands mums Andrea Diem and Ginna Gutierrez, joining the local mothers' group was the start of both a beautiful friendship and a new business.



Local businesswomen and mums Ginna Gutierrez and Andrea Diem.

The pair met in 2014 when they were both first-time mums with young babies.

Coincidentally, both were originally from Colombia and bonded quickly – developing a firm friendship over the past two years.

“We need each other and we help each other,” Andrea said. “It’s all about community and that’s what I see here in Docklands.”

And, out of a supportive friendship between two mums, emerged a business idea targeting the market they know best – other mums.

The idea for the business emerged last year after Ginna travelled to Colombia and returned with a pram sleeping bag for her son.

“When I came home everyone started approaching me and asking me where I found it,” Ginna said.

“That’s how we met a lot of other mums in the area,” Andrea added. “People would approach us and ask about the sleeping bag.”

From the experience emerged Happy Roo – an online store selling Spanish children’s clothing brand TucTuc.

“Before we had children, we both worked full-time so, once we had children, we started thinking about how we could manage our working life with our family life,” Ginna said.

With Andrea’s background in marketing and Ginna’s background in finance, it was a perfect combination.

The online store was launched last month and Andrea’s daughter Ella and Ginna’s son Victor helped to post the first order.

“It was such a great idea because we were already spending so much time together and it would be wonderful to spend time with our children while we work,” Andrea said.

As well as establishing their own business, the pair has continued to keep in touch with their mothers’ group and organise regular catch-ups.

“We’re always happy to meet and welcome new mums too,” Andrea said.

The pair is also confident that a school will be built in Docklands before too long.

“Families once wanted a big house and a big

backyard, but that’s changing,” Andrea said. “People want to be close to their work and don’t want to spend all day cleaning the house. Everything is shifting so we’re confident more families will be moving into the inner-city.”

According to Andrea, when she had her daughter many people asked whether she and her husband would continue to live in Docklands.

“I said of course, Docklands is my backyard,” Andrea said. “You don’t know what Docklands has to offer until you actually live here.”

Ginna agreed that Docklands was a great place to raise children.

“We love Docklands and love living here and now we have another baby on the way who is going to be a Docklander as well,” she said.

DOCKLANDS
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September networking lunch

This month’s Docklands Networking Lunch is fast approaching, but there’s still time to book your seat.

The September lunch will be held from 12pm on Friday, September 16 at Chiara at Collins Square.

The menu for the September networking lunch is yet to be confirmed as Chiara tailors its menu to what is in season.

However, a sample menu featured the following:

Entrée: Smoked eel croquette, horseradish cream and apple or chicken liver parfait, shallots, green beans and salted ricotta.

Main: Celeriac and black barley risotto, hazelnuts, salsa verde and veal osso bucco, ricotta gnocchi, mushrooms and gremolata.

Dessert: Gelato assortito or spiced panna cotta, kumquat marmalade and almond biscotti.

Meals are accompanied by house whites and reds and light or heavy beer.

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Event contract offered

The City of Melbourne is offering a \$500,000 contract to deliver a 2017 event program for Docklands.

The successful party will be required to plan, manage and deliver three key events in Docklands through to the end of June next year.

The council tender document calls for a Christmas-themed event to be held between November 25 and December 25, which develops "a strong thematic concept that showcases Docklands as a must-visit Christmas destination."

It suggests traditional Christmas events such as carols, performances and Christmas markets, community engagement activities and Christmas installations across the precinct.

It also requests a "Winter Festival" during June, which would build on the "former fireworks in Docklands".

The council did not provide a direct response when asked whether this meant the Friday night winter fireworks would not be continuing next year.

The tender document outlines suggested Winter Festival day-time activations, including performances, family-friendly



There are questions over the future of the annual Docklands winter fireworks program.

activities and activation of the waterways, along with night time activations such as projections, fire and fireworks.

A City of Melbourne spokesperson said the council was currently working on an engaging and consistent year-round events calendar, including an enriched "Winter Festival".

"This plan allows local businesses to leverage off additional visitors to the area, and allows the positive positioning of Docklands as a unique location in the city."

"A major part of the Docklands events strategy is that all contractors are regularly reviewed to ensure value for the council and rate payer investment and that a quality and entertaining product is delivered."

"A decision on the program, concepts and activities for next year's 'Winter Festival' will be announced later this year."

Alongside the Christmas and winter events, the council had asked tender applicants to conceptualise and propose a third key event.

The tender document says applicants should consider activities that encourage "active participation and engagement" with Docklands and its key stakeholders and which presents the area in a "new and exciting way", focusing on engagement of the local worker and resident community.

Applications for the Docklands event contract are now open and close on September 12.

Next level gaming

By Rhianna Busler

Docklands is now home to Australia's largest games development headquarters, Electronic Arts' Firemonkeys studio.

Firemonkeys is one of the biggest players in the global market in Australian games.

The company was established in 2012 when global games giant EA games merged the two independent Australian studios, Firemint and IronMonkey.

The studio creates cutting edge mobile games, including bestsellers such as *The Sims*, *Free Play*, *Need for Speed: No Limits* and *Real Racing 3*.

Incorporating new virtual reality technologies, Firemonkeys is taking mobile gaming to a whole new level.

Growing out of its former offices on St Kilda Rd, Firemonkeys has recently taken a new home at 720 Bourke St, Docklands.

"It signals our commitment to Melbourne, which we believe is the creative heart of the mobile gaming industry in Australia - and increasingly at a global level too," said Firemonkeys general manager Tony Lay.

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A life-changing experience

After nearly 30 years, the internationally-acclaimed social enterprise Dialogue in the Dark is coming to Australia and, more specifically, to Docklands.

When the Australian version opens at Harbour Town Shopping Centre early in the new year, it will mark the 40th country where the ground-breaking exhibition can be experienced.

In other countries, the experience is incredibly popular, with waiting lists being common. So Dialogue in the Dark will be a great cultural attraction to bring visitors to our suburb.

A visit to Dialogue in the Dark is to experience life as a blind person. The venue is completely dark and participants are guided by blind people through simulations of iconic Melbourne locations.

Founder Andreas Heinecke explains that the purpose is to facilitate social inclusion for blind and other disabled people.

"With dialogue, there is no darkness," he said.

Mr Heinecke said the experience was life-changing for many. The roles of able-bodied

and disabled are reversed during the session.

"In the dark you are so happy if you recognise something within your own context," he said.

He said that sighted participants felt enormous gratitude to their blind guides during the experience. The guides also benefited through increased self-esteem and paid employment.

"Gratitude and admiration evolves from that: social distance changes into interest and pity into respect," he said.

"Dialogue in the Dark gives a fresh impetus – one that alters thinking patterns, makes stereotypes disappear and creates a new accessibility to the unique world of blind people."

"One's own values and ideas are questioned, limitations are experienced and, through the encounter with people of another culture and life-reality, a dialogue is developed that goes far beyond the visit of the exhibition."

The exhibition will be housed in the former Laser Tag space on level 2 near the Melbourne Star.

In Australia, Dialogue in the Dark is being created and managed by Guide Dogs Victoria. The organisation expects to take possession of the Harbour Town space shortly and begin construction in time for a March opening.



Andreas Heinecke and his wife Orna outside the soon-to-be Dialogue in the Dark premises at Harbour Town.

Anticipation surrounds the choice of Melbourne icons to be used in the exhibit.

A betting person would expect, perhaps,

Flinders Street Station and a Melbourne tram. Mr Heinecke playfully suggested that maybe a kangaroo would not be out of place!

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Pokéstops to lure new visitors

By Mindy Gill

Docklands may soon be gripped with a frenzy of augmented reality creature-catching Pokémon Go players following an initiative by Places Victoria to attract new visitors to the precinct.

Places Victoria will be placing lure modules on 17 Pokéstops in Docklands each weekend for four weeks from Saturday, August 27 to draw in players looking to increase their gaming success.

Places Victoria general manager precincts Simon Wilson said Docklands was a great place to get outdoors and enjoy the popular Pokémon game.

“The Pokémon revival has been hugely popular and we see activating the Docklands Pokéstops as a great way to encourage people to visit Docklands,” Mr Wilson said. “So head down to Docklands and catch as many Pokémon as you can while winding your way along the waterfront and enjoying the views of Victoria Harbour.”

The 17 Pokéstops are located along NewQuay Promenade, Harbour Esplanade and Victoria Harbour Promenade.

Passers-by may have already noticed players roaming around the “Cow up a Tree” sculpture with their phones, ready to capture, battle and train their virtual creatures (pictured below).

Keep an eye on Places Victoria’s Facebook and Twitter feeds for more details on the activation of Pokéstops in Docklands.



Minister for Major Projects Jacinta Allan speaks at the launch of the new MPavilion in Docklands last month.

New pavilion officially opens

Local residents and workers have a new place to enjoy some fresh air after Docklands’ newest community space was officially launched last month.

MPavilion 2015 has found a new, permanent home at the corner of Collins St and Harbour Esplanade.

Minister for Major Projects Jacinta Allan joined Deputy Lord Mayor Susan Riley and Naomi Milgrom to officially launch the new pavilion last month.

MPavilion is an annual architectural and design event initiated by the Naomi Milgrom Foundation and supported by the City of Melbourne and the State Government.

“MPavillion 2015 received international acclaim – it was named among the world’s top 15 installations to capture the global imagination,” Ms Milgrom said.

“This architectural gem will continue to be part of Melbourne’s cultural heritage, inspiring our community for many years to come.”

The MPavilion program started in 2014 and has seen a new pavilion commissioned and created each year.

The 2015 pavilion, now found in Docklands, was designed by Amanda

Levette and is intended to create the sensation of a forest canopy, with large translucent petals supported by slender columns.

In launching the new public space, Ms Allan said: “This pavilion will become an iconic place for events, social gathering and workshops – encouraging more people to engage in design and architecture.”

Deputy Lord Mayor Susan Riley commented that the pavilion has been gifted to the Docklands community so it could continue to be admired and enjoyed by thousand of Victorians.

“The second MPavilion will provide a lasting cultural legacy for Docklands and contribute to the area’s growing contemporary design and architecture scene.”

Speaking at the launch, Places Victoria CEO Gregory Anderson announced further landscaping works would be completed around the new pavilion, including an outdoor gym and new seating.



September social club

Don’t miss the September Docklands Social Club gathering.

This month the social club is meeting Mama Rumaan (Shed 9, 161 Harbour Esplanade) at Central Pier.

Local residents and workers are invited to gather at the restaurant from 7pm on Tuesday, September 12.

The Docklands Social Club offers locals the chance to get to know one another in a relaxed, informal environment.

If you’re new to the area or simply keen to meet other Docklanders the Docklands Social Club is a great way to meet new



A crowd of locals gathered at the August social club.

Indoor gardening

Library at the Dock is hosting a “lunchbox” session on indoor gardening this month.

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Calling all local relayers

By Cris Lumley, community event organiser

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To join the Docklands Relay For Life event, you can form a team or join a team, offer to volunteer or contribute to fundraising activities.

When you register for the Docklands relay you will go into the draw to win a one-night stay at Peppers Docklands.

Check our Docklands Relay For Life event website at http://fundraising.cancer.org.au/site/TR?fr_id=2786&pg=entry to register and our Docklands-Relay-for-Life Facebook page.

For more information contact Donna Ross on 0421 616 034. For general information about Relay For Life please phone 1300 656 585 or visit www.relayforlife.org.au

Cancer Council Victoria urges Docklands workers and residents to show support for locals who will be diagnosed with cancer this year by registering in the upcoming Docklands Relay For Life event, on Tuesday, September 13 from 11am to 7pm at Etihad Stadium.

In our first three Docklands Relays we have raised over \$270,000 to help Cancer Council Victoria to fund research, implement prevention programs and provide support services for those affected by cancer.

We're relaying for people like little Freddie Higgs (pictured), the son of a Docklands worker and Docklands relay team member.

Freddie is four years old and, when he was 12 months old, he was diagnosed with a rare form of kidney cancer that doesn't respond to chemotherapy or radiation.

Freddie is currently blessed with good health, is growing like a mushroom and has a ferocious appetite. He can knock off four Weetbix and four pieces of toast for breakfast

Village St transformation

Village St is set to be revitalised into a vibrant, green and pedestrian-friendly space.

The upgrade, which begins in late-September, will see the street open to northbound traffic only between Fishplate Lane and Bourke St, making the area more pedestrian-friendly.

Places Victoria general manager precincts Simon Wilson said the work would include laying recycled bluestone pavers to create a

shared zone for pedestrians and vehicles, the installation of new green spaces in the form of planter beds and street trees and more seating, bike hoops and lighting.

"Removable bollards at Bourke St and Fishplate Lane will enable Village St to switch into event mode whether that be for a food festival, live performances or to soak up the pre and post-event atmosphere of Etihad Stadium," Mr Wilson said.

The work is expected to take around three months because of the need to remove concrete slabs from under the road.



An artist's impression of the interior of one of the Elm & Stone loft apartments.

Pioneering loft-style apartments

MAB Corporation is targeting young professionals in its upcoming NewQuay development Elm & Stone.

According to MAB general manager of residential David Allt-Graham, the influx of young professionals in Docklands is driving demand for more "youthful" apartment developments.

In Docklands this has taken the form of loft apartments in the \$150 million Elm & Stone development. The industrial style loft apartments will use a split-level to create a mezzanine space that could be used as a living area, children's play space, extra bedroom or studio.

"Elm & Stone is one of the first genuine loft developments to be built in Melbourne and is definitely a first for

Docklands," Mr Allt-Graham said.

"We prototyped multiple variations of this design to deliver the height and space that you might find in a converted warehouse, whilst capitalising on the great design benefits of secure, elevated, north facing, apartment living."

Alongside the one and two bedroom loft apartments, Elm & Stone will also feature traditional one, two and three-bedroom apartments and three-level townhouses.

Prices start at \$384,000 for apartments and \$535,000 for lofts and construction is expected to be completed by late 2018.



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Celebrating multiculturalism

Folk-dancing, international music and food and drinks from around the world – you’ll find all this and more at the Global Village Multicultural Festival in Docklands next month.

Docklands is set to host the festival over three days from Friday, October 21 to Sunday, October 23.

It’s the first time Docklands has hosted the event, with the inaugural festival held in Princes Park last year and attracting around 25,000 people.

Event organiser Nick Kuzmanov said he hoped to see festival numbers grow this year at its new Docklands home

The festival is a celebration of community and diversity, bringing together a range of different cultures and their unique cultural expressions.

“We’ll have more than 70 different nationalities represented at the festival across the dancing, music and food,” Mr Kuzmanov said.

Mr Kuzmanov explained one of the key features of the event would be a folk dancing competition, with cultural groups sharing their heritage and battling it out in The Fifth Quarter Folk Dancing Competition.

Fellow event organiser Johnny Tsiglev said the folk-dancing competition was a unique event.

“Last year we had such positive feedback

about the folk dancing because people had never seen anything like it,” Mr Tsiglev said.

Global Village Multicultural Village is a member of the International Council of Organisations of Folklore Festivals (CIOFF), which is a partner of UNESCO.

Mr Kuzmanov said CIOFF held an international folklore festival every four years and his organisation was aiming to bring the festival to Australia in 2024.

While the folk-dancing displays and competition is sure to be a highlight of the three-day festival, Mr Kuzmanov said there would be a range of entertainment on offer including traditional and cultural music, singing and performances.

Aside from entertainment, the festival will also include food and drinks from around the world, with festival organisers aiming to showcase cuisines from around the globe.

“It’s a true multicultural event, with collaboration amongst a range of different communities,” Mr Tsiglev said. “Not only that, but we’re also supporting Medecins Sans Frontieres.”

Event organisers are seeking support from the residential and corporate community and invite Docklanders to consider



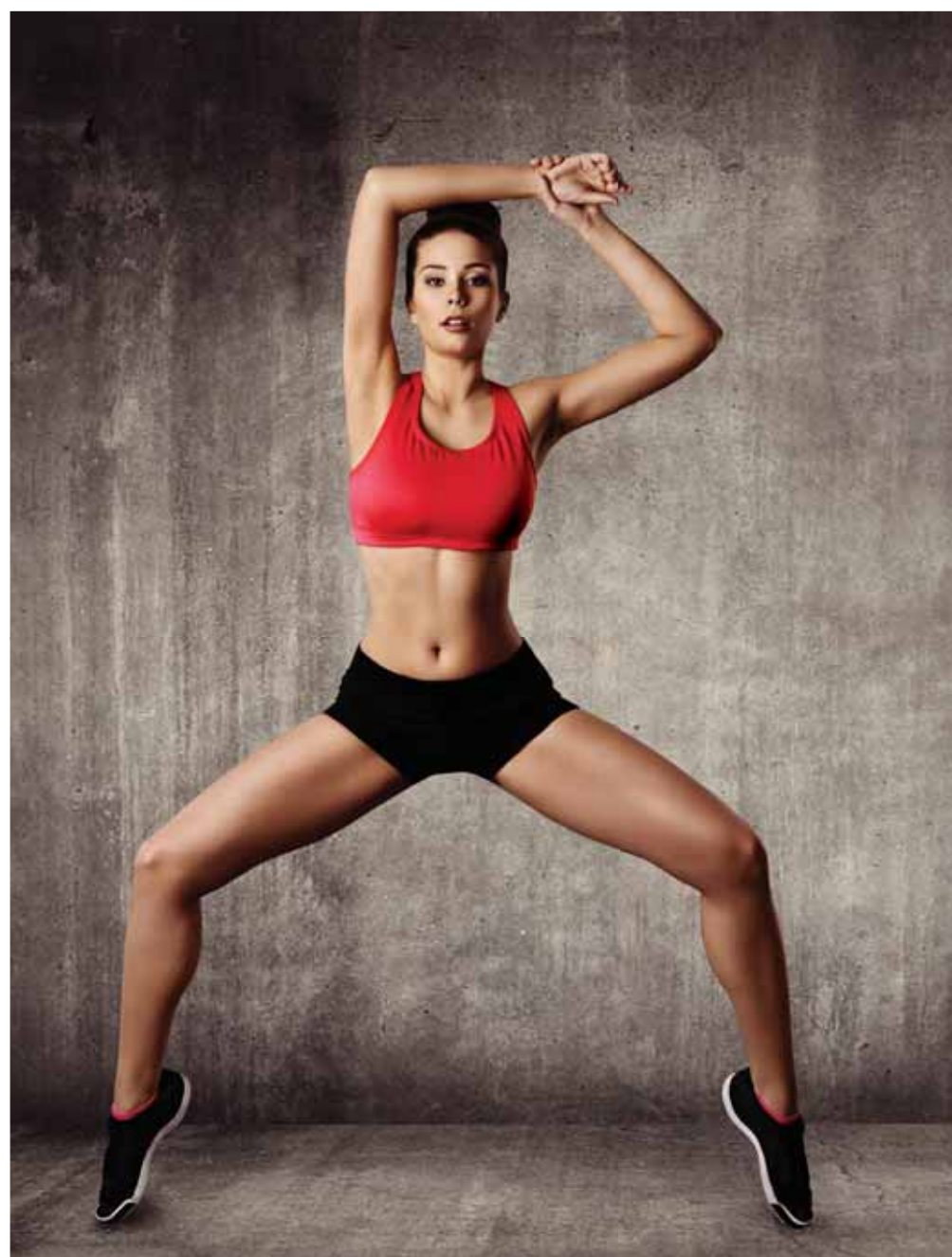
Global Village Multicultural Festival organisers Walter Musolino, Nick Kuzmanov and Johnny Tsiglev.

purchasing tickets to the festival’s “Feast without Borders”.

A group package of 10 tickets provides 20 people with mixed platters of different cuisines and two drinks per person, with 50 per cent of profits donated to Medecins Sans

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Cycling into September

By Rhianna Busler

Local not-for-profit organisation Good Cycles is set to start building its new bike hub this month with hopes of having the doors open at the end of September.



An artist's impression of the new Good Cycles bike hub.

Housed in a semi-permanent shipping container, the new bike hub will be situated on Harbour Esplanade.

With the arrival of the shipping container, Good Cycles marketing manager Matthew McCullough said: "There shouldn't be much disturbance to the pedestrians or bike riders. The construction will be contained and should only take about a week."

Mr McCullough confirmed that local designer and street artist George Rose would be painting the container.

"There will be a soft launch once construction is complete and we plan to have an official launch a month after doors open," McCullough said.

With an enormous amount of support from the public and Places Victoria, Good Cycles successfully raised \$44,718, making the new hub possible.

The public can expect to have access to Good

Cycle's facilities all through the week from 8.30am until 5.30pm with weekend times to still be arranged.

Good Cycles is a social enterprise charity that uses bikes to engage, educate, empower and to help disadvantaged people find employment.

Moving forward, McCullough said: "The future vision of Good Cycles is to really expand our impact as big as we can and to get other social organisations involved."

With the second biggest bike trail in Melbourne, Capital City Trail, running through Harbour Esplanade, it was no surprise that Docklands is the home of choice for the new hub.

"It's got high visibility, easy access for riders and a good view. What more could you want?" he asked.

Places Victoria is also working with City of Melbourne to finalise the design

of landscaping works along Harbour Esplanade, near the NAB forecourt, which are due to commence this month.

Places Victoria general manager precincts Simon Wilson said the landscaped area would complement the Good Cycles bike hub and provide a glimpse of the future of Harbour Esplanade.

"Landscaping planned for the area includes new grassed spaces, flower beds and seating," Mr Wilson said.

"The project will provide residents, workers and visitors with a great place to relax and enjoy the Docklands waterfront, particularly as we head into the warmer months."

"The enhanced space will also cater for the many popular community events hosted along Harbour Esplanade during spring and summer including the International Festival and proposed lunar markets," Mr Wilson said.



Atlantic Group's Rick Aylett and Anna Touhy.

Atlantic awarded

Local hospitality company Atlantic Group received two awards last month.

The company was recognised at the Savour Australia Hostplus Awards for Excellence.

Atlantic Group won the "caterer at a major event" category for their involvement in the 2016 Formula 1 Australia Grand Prix and the "corporate function centre caterer" category for their Law Institute of Victoria Dinner, held at Peninsula at Central Pier in Docklands.

Atlantic Group CEO Hatem Saleh said: "These awards represent how passionate, enthusiastic and devoted the Atlantic Group team is to providing the very best experiences across each and every brand. I could not be more proud of the outcome and look forward to sharing in many more moments like this."

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Tree planting day

By Mindy Gill

On August 5, children from Gowrie Docklands gathered to plant a cherry tree for national tree planting day.

Gowrie Docklands early childhood educator Sara Stefani said the children frequently visited the local community garden.

Ms Stefani said: "A lot of them are used to just seeing it in supermarkets and so it's really connecting them to how food grows and where it comes from as well as getting hands dirty in nature."

Volunteer Bevan Leviston said the garden worked on a co-operative basis and that a number of volunteers shared the watering and the planting.

"We're a bit different from most community gardens, in that it is available to all the residents and those who work in Docklands, rather than fencing off plots for individual people," he said.

Mr Leviston said the children loved their visits to the gardens.

"They got their fingers very dirty. We find it's pretty hard to have any pretensions when you've all got your fingers in the mud," he said.



Children from Gowrie Docklands planted a tree at the Docklands Community Garden last month.



Paul Salter, Luke Chiodo and Rajesh Mehta will each be recognised with bronze Lord Mayor's Commendations.

Commendations for local businesses

Three local businesses will be recognised with Lord Mayor's Commendations this month.

Rajesh Mehta of Bhoj, Luke Chiodo of the Australian Small Business Association and Paul Salter and Belinda Balcombe of Docklands Executive Apartments will each be recognised with a bronze commendation this month, rewarding 10 years of operation within the City of Melbourne.

The annual awards recognise the

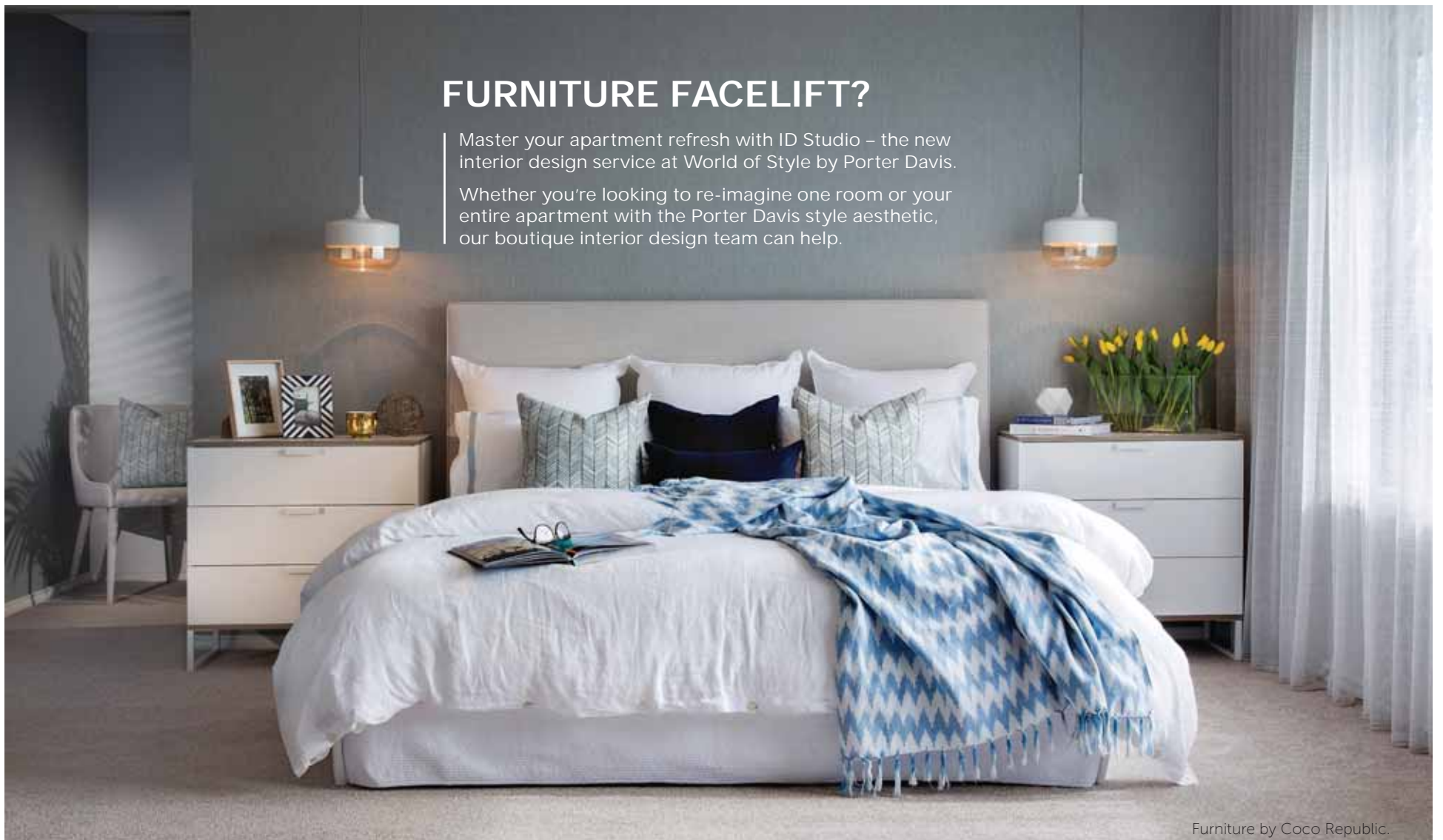
commitment of long-term independent small and multi-generational businesses operating within the Melbourne municipality.

The Docklands recipients will be awarded with their commendations at a ceremony on September 7.

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A city-change for a beach boy

By Sunny Liu

After growing up in Portarlington, moving to Docklands was a dream come true for Brett Malcolm.

He has the kind of childhood stories you hear from people who have their early years in a small town – everyone knew what he was up to.

“As I grew up, it was always something that appealed to me – to be living in a city, to be living in a place where people don’t know me. Anything you do in a country town, everyone finds out. Once I finished high school, I just wanted to get out,” he said.

Fresh out of high school, Mr Malcolm moved to Kew and worked in the hospitality industry for three years.

Since then he has lived all around inner-city suburbs, moving from Kew to Armadale and then to St Kilda.

In 2005, when St Kilda’s hip vibe no longer excited him, he settled down in Docklands, a ghost town back then.

“It was just a random choice. I was looking for somewhere to live. I found a good-priced apartment with a good view. And that was it. I haven’t left since then,” Mr Malcolm said.

“Docklands is a bit of a ghost town at the weekend and at night time it’s a bit dead. But that doesn’t bother me too much.”

He built his life by the harbour and witnessed towers soaring up from this former middle-of-nowhere place.

“We’ve been in the position where we’ve had our views slowly changed by neighbouring apartments. I used to have a really good view towards West Melbourne and North



Brett found a good-priced apartment with a view and hasn't looked back.

Melbourne and that completely went,” he said. “It’s part of the city life. But I don’t mind tall buildings. I like the city.”

Losing his views was okay. But not being allowed to have a cat or a dog in his apartment definitely is a problem.

Mr Malcolm has a cockatiel, a small parrot that can live up to 20 years. He allows the cockatiel to flap around in the apartment, giving it as much freedom as he can.

“I’d love to have a cat. But with the bird I can’t have one anyway. They would hate each other,” he said.

Mr Malcolm’s dad, who is a big fan of fishing,

loves visiting Docklands and giving his fishing rod a go in the harbour.

“It’s always exciting for my family to come to Docklands. They like the city, with its trams and high-rise buildings. My nieces and nephews love the playgrounds near the bridge,” he said.

Having worked in hospitality and retail for half a decade, Mr Malcolm is now working as a public servant, which means he can enjoy his Sunday mornings sipping coffee at a Docklands cafe.

Big houses and suburbs don’t interest him at all. Having spent 11 years living in Docklands, he can’t even tell the difference

between Coburg and Preston.

“I travel to the suburbs when I have to. I go to Brunswick every now and then with my friends. But Docklands is close to the city and where I work. I’ve lived here for so long that I can’t even remember why I moved here,” he said.

However, Mr Malcolm is not completely detached from his roots.

“I see myself more as a city dweller. But there’s still a bit of country left in me. Maybe one day I will move away from the city, but I can’t see it happening anytime soon. I’m much more of a city person,” he said.

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The nomination form, together with a \$250 nomination fee, must be lodged **in person** with the Returning Officer during business hours from Thursday 15 September until 12 noon on Tuesday 20 September at:

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Candidates for the Leadership Team must nominate in pairs. Candidates nominating for a councillor position must nominate as individuals, but can request to be grouped with other candidates under a group name.

To help reduce waiting time while applications are processed, prospective candidates can visit vec.vic.gov.au and pre-complete the nomination form using the Candidate Helper. Print your pre-completed form, sign it and lodge it with the Returning Officer along with the \$250 nomination fee.

Call the Returning Officer on (03) 8619 1691 to make a nomination appointment.

Candidate information sessions

When: 7.00 pm Monday 12 September &
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Bill Lang
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Health and Wellbeing

What's in a Barre class?

Barre, Barre Sculpt, Barre conditioning and Barre Fitness classes are very hot right now, and there is a good reason for that.

Depending on the type of Barre class you are participating in, the outcomes can be very positive in many ways. You can expect great results in muscle tone and conditioning of the core, hips and thighs and, along with a strong emphasis on posture, the physical benefits cover the entire body.

Barre classes may incorporate principles of other mind/body classes like yoga and pilates where breathing, control and alignment is very important and, because of this, you can also enjoy an enhanced sense of wellbeing.

Barre classes are normally and should be taught by teachers who have extensive experience, training and discipline in classical ballet – don't settle for anything less. The professionalism of your teacher should be your first question when considering a Barre class.

Barre classes should be achievable for all levels of fitness and skills, and a great teacher should be able to make the class achievable for all participants no matter what your experience level. You definitely don't have to be a dancer to join in or enjoy these classes, so give it a try. Double check if there are levels of difficulty in the classes you select, and let your teacher know if it's your first class.

You don't need to bring any special equipment or wear dance gear and ballet shoes to a Barre class. The studio should have a professional Barre set up, which might be fixed or portable. Bare feet or socks are ok if you are just starting out. Your teacher may recommend where to buy some ballet shoes or more appropriate gear if it is something you wish to make part of your regular exercise routine. I recommend you do!

How to keep running for longer

I am by no means a professional runner but I have run plenty of 10km fun runs, half marathons and have completed two full marathons in my time. The marathons were a bucket list item and life challenge to complete before or when I turned 40 – mission accomplished with no need to repeat right now.

Running, walking and movement generally is something we take for granted. It's when that ability and freedom to move freely is taken from you by injury, the ageing process or preoccupation that you will really yearn to get out and run for your life into the sunset.

I have been there after I suffered a high impact ACL tear and subsequent total knee reconstruction and it was mentally a tough time. (It's all good now though after a great physio helped me rehabilitate it.)

The point of this article is to identify a couple of tips and focus areas to help ensure you can keep running.

Build it up. Set some goals and build up towards those. Gentle, controlled progression will help your cardio-vascular systems adapt and your bones, joints and ligaments adjust to the impact that comes with running. Don't be afraid of impact – just bring it on in a controlled manner.

Listen to your body. When starting out, if you get muscle, joint or bone soreness (like shin splints) rest a while. Ice is your best friend. Keep an ice pack in your freezer and use it often. You would be amazed at how effective ice is for treating the body after the good stresses of exercise.

Get fitted. Your feet are probably the most neglected part of the body when it comes to exercise. When they play up or get injured, it's painful and debilitating. Make sure you wrap your feet in the best shoes for you. And it's not about aesthetics and how they look, it's about function and fit. Definitely consult a podiatrist if you have any feet issues.

Roll it out. Learn to use a foam roller. Rolling out your hamstrings, glutes, lower back and quads is a great and constructive place to start. By the way, you can do other important things like checking emails, Facebook and Instagram while rolling. It's called multi-tasking!

Spring sessions

I'm writing this article in winter, but in a few days and by the time you read this it will be spring. Spring is probably the best season to exercise. The days get longer, the temperature increases, the air is fresh

and crisp in the mornings, the sunsets are amazing and generally the mood is very positive.

With all the positivity you will then enjoy the multiplier effect of spring exercise sessions. Everyone feels the same way. People feel positive, they exercise more often and it becomes infectious. You form groups, join groups or just feel part of a healthy active community and that's a fantastic feeling. So if you haven't started yet or felt that energy that flows naturally in September, it won't be far away.

Here are a couple of great spring sessions you can consider joining or starting yourself:

- Outdoor training. Congratulations to the diehards who kept up their training over winter. Now it's your turn! Join an outdoor group or start your own. Maybe your friends are experienced and you can co-ordinate your own activities. Otherwise, hire a great and motivating trainer to get you moving.
- Sunset yoga. There are plenty of great promenades in Melbourne by the water. Hire a yoga instructor and split the costs between a few friends. What a great way to finish a big week than a sun salutation in the true sense of the word.

- Try a Barre class with a friend. Read the article above for tips!
- Join a running group. Now is the prime time to go for a run and get your lungs full of fresh air.
- Lunchtime express workouts. Look for engaging lunchtime workouts. What's going on in your local community? You would be surprised at all the fun activities out there. It's time to get creative with your spaces and choices.
- Enjoy a group fitness class with your squad. Have fun, have a laugh and have a great workout. Pilates, bodypump, CX worx, step – variety is the spice of life!
- Get functional. Lift, move, jump, push, pull, press – all big movements that, when trained with the right levels of resistance, will help your body dominate whatever life throws physically your way.
- Most of all, have fun and enjoy living.



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What Women Want

Don't miss the dance

If only I had a crystal ball. If only I could stare into the depths of the star-like formations within the sphere and wait for all to be revealed.

Of course, it would have been damn handy to have this crystal ball a while ago. Like maybe 20 years ago. It could have stopped a lot of pain. It could have saved a lot of grief, disappointment and stopped me from following roads that led nowhere ...

Would I really change anything? Absolutely I would. But in all honesty, I think I'd just change small things. Some of my biggest mistakes have led to marvellous outcomes, and some of the hardest roads have led to incredible destinations.

So I'm starting to think you can't really separate the two - the mistake that introduced you to something wonderful. The road you wished desperately you weren't on ending up somewhere unexpectedly beautiful. Well, maybe they are meant to be hand in hand.

Maybe there is a reason, however painful or hidden it might be, that life takes you somewhere you don't want to be before you

can be somewhere you do ...

So I guess maybe I do still wish I could have a crystal ball to show me where I'm getting to even if I do have to go through hard times before I get there.

Often I sit and look back and I think: gosh if only I'd known how it all would be, it would have been so much easier to get through. But I guess that's the point. Life is hard on us and then magnificent. It's cruel then gloriously generous. It breaks our hearts then fills our lives with hope, creating a roller-coaster of a journey. Would you really have it any other way?

Well, in the tough times, the lonely times, the scary times - Yes! I do think I'd like it another way. But then I arrive at the place, the one filled with hope, glory and pride for having survived and overcome the tough times and I think maybe not. Maybe it is all happening the way it's meant to.

So here's what I'm doing. Rather than clinging to the banks of the raging river, trying to control the path and where I'm taken, I'm just going to let go. I'm going to let go and let the river carry me.

It's not giving up, it's allowing change to happen. It's letting go of old ideas and old preconceptions. It's letting go of what I think I wanted and allowing a journey to take me where it wants me to go.

I've been fighting to keep doors open, to keep things I've started running, to hang on to a vision that has accompanied me my whole life. But now it's time to let go.

Maybe, just maybe, there's something even better than I could ever imagine waiting for me. I have no regrets for the path I've taken and even though things don't always work out, it is all part of the journey.

So hang in there, none of us have crystal balls - but you know what? I don't think we

need them. In the words of Garth Brooks: "Our lives, are better left to chance. I could've missed the pain, but I'd have had to miss the dance". And the dance, is worth having.

What a woman wants is to live her life with as little pain as possible but what a woman needs to realise is that some of the greatest things in life are birthed through pain.

Until next month, *Abby x*

Don't forget you can reach me at life@docklandsnews.com.au, thank you for your emails! xx



Abby Crawford

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Secret

Hidden piece of history

If you look closely enough you'll find a hidden piece of Melbourne's history at Docklands' Spencer Outlet Centre.

If you venture to the northern end of the shopping centre, enter one of the stores running along the back wall, walk to the back of the store and look up you'll find a large scale mural by Harold Freedman.

At more than 36 metres long, the *History of Transport* mural spans three different stores and depicts the first 100 years of transport in Victoria from 1835 to 1935.

Mr Freedman and his assistants painted the work over five years and the Premier of Victoria unveiled the artwork at what was formerly Spencer Street Station in 1978.

The mural is considered historically important, as it was the first in a series of artworks commissioned by the State Government after Harold Freedman was appointed state artist in 1972.

The *History of Transport* mural was removed from the station in 2004 during redevelopment work for the new Southern Cross Station and eventually wound up at the outlet centre.

While it is relatively hidden, there is still an opportunity to see this historical piece of art in Docklands.



Harold Freeman's giant mural is still in Docklands. You just have to know where to find it!



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Call for action on court ruling

Apartment residents, the hotel industry and developers of high-rise apartment buildings are under threat unless the State Government acts.



In a decision released in the Supreme Court on July 22, Justice Riordan invalidated an original rule created by the developer of the Watergate building, meaning that owners' corporations throughout Victoria are unable to prohibit owners from letting out their units to short-term guests.

In his judgement Justice Riordan said: "In my opinion, the prohibition of businesses generally and specifically businesses related to short-term letting exceeded the scope of what was intended by the Parliament in enacting the Owners Corporation Act 2006."

The State Government needs to act quickly to amend planning laws and to legislate to regulate short-stay accommodation in residential buildings, otherwise:

- Inner city apartment buildings will be overrun with party guests, holiday makers, boarding houses, backpackers, etc with fewer owner-occupiers and long-term residents and Melbourne could quickly become a city of ghettos in the sky;
- The tourism and hotel industry will be severely affected: hotel revenue will decline substantially and tourism jobs will be lost; and
- Property developers will have difficulty providing guarantees to potential owner occupiers that their homes would not be turned into quasi-hotels.

Owners' corporations Trojan Horse

To date, the only response from the State Government to the Supreme Court

ruling has been to reintroduce into State Parliament, for a second reading (Tuesday, August 18) its Bill on short-stays, which was first introduced into Parliament on May 23.

This Bill merely addresses the issue of noisy guests and nothing else and arose from the findings of a flawed "Independent" Panel set up by the former Minister for Consumer Affairs, which was compromised by conflicts of interest among some panel members.

On the panel was a short-stay operator but there was no representation from community or relevant resident groups and no consultation with these groups at any time.

During the second reading, held late in the day when very few MPs were in the House, all the government speakers followed the party line in saying how wonderful the Bill was and that it would address current problems in the short-stay industry. The common theme was that the ALP was meeting an election promise and they were feeling pretty good about it.

Clearly the new Minister for Consumer Affairs, like the previous minister, is totally unaware of or doesn't want to know about the real issues and problems surrounding short-stays in residential buildings.

The one ray of light during the second reading was the contributions by Ellen Sandell, the sitting Member for Melbourne

and Russell Northe, the Shadow Minister for Consumer Affairs both of whom had spoken at length to We Live Here and had an excellent grasp of the issues.

What can we do about it?

We Live Here is already in discussions with the City of Melbourne about amendments to local planning laws, which is a good start as it does understand the issues.

We now need to have discussions with the State Government.

Letters have been sent to the Premier, Ministers and all other ALP members requesting them to reconsider the Bill and to meet with us to discuss the regulation of the short-stay industry so there is a level playing field for all.

To date there has been no response and all previous attempts to meet with the Ministers for Planning and Consumer Affairs over the past 18 months have largely been ignored or hand-balled to one another.

We will keep up the fight until the government begins to engage with us. We now ask those of you who are affected by short-stays to also write to the government. The more pressure we bring to bear the better.

A meeting to discuss the issues will be held at Parliament House on Wednesday, August

31 from 6pm until 7.30pm to which all are invited. A flyer will be sent out shortly.

To assist us in maintaining the fight, please donate to our fighting fund which can be accessed via the We Live Here website at www.welivehere.net

Curious

The residents of Docklands are curious about what is pictured here. The photo shows part of the west side footpath at the southern end of Batman's Hill Drive which seems to have been commandeered as part of a building site for months and months.

As Docklands residents we understand that the east side footpath is closed during building activity, however how can a developer apparently make free use of the public foot and cycle path on the west side?

What of the safety and tripping hazards for those using the path? Who would be responsible if an unfortunate injury occurred? Why do we have to put up with this unsightly jumble of building material as well as multiple rubbish skips? Would this be permitted anywhere else in Melbourne?

Clearly we don't want both footpaths closed as that would be severely inconvenient for everyone; but as we live here, we are rather curious by what we see happening in Batman's Hill Drive.

On receipt of this contribution, We Live Here contacted the City of Melbourne. Within 48 hours a fine had been slapped on the builder and the rubble was removed.

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Depending on algorithms

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If you operate a business you can no longer ignore the importance of Twitter, Instagram and Facebook as tools. These tools will ensure you stay connected to your potential and existing consumers.

We heard from King Creative, Mo Works, Studio Hawk and the City of Melbourne – all with useful information. We now understand the impact of Google algorithms. If you want to learn more, join the chamber.

We all saw the importance of digital branding and why a social media presence is vital to success. We heard about the real potential and value in the collaborative marketing opportunities with the City of Melbourne.

We all really appreciated the attendance of Cr Beverley Pinder-Mortimer as well as Chez Asch, business co-ordinator for business and tourism at the City of Melbourne.

Members will see more help and guidance in this space as the chamber moves forward. We have an exciting 12 months in front of us.

AGM in October

The Docklands Chamber of Commerce annual general meeting (AGM) is approaching fast. Check your diary and book in October 6 at 6pm.

Full details will be on the website, with information about the venue and the networking event that will be hosted through to 9.00pm.

You will find nomination forms for executive members available on the website.

Alma Doepel Gala Lunch a real success!

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Pet ownership to soar

Last month, the VCAT struck down rules passed by an owners' corporation (OC) that prohibited pets from being kept in residential lots or on the common property.

Despite the OC passing a special resolution among all owners to introduce a "no pets" rule in 2014, a tenant who moved into the complex in late 2015 brought her pet cavoodle and maintained that it would not be removed.

The OC issued several breach notices but ultimately, when it filed an application in VCAT to enforce the dog's removal, VCAT instead declared the rules to be invalid, of no effect and unfairly discriminatory.

A victory for the cavoodles of Melbourne then.

But not just for the cavoodles – this is also a victory for the spaniels, the terriers, the ridgebacks, not to mention the moggies, the Siamese, the Persians and we can't leave out the mice, the bunny rabbits and the snakes either.

The decision likely means that all rules that

prohibit pets throughout Victoria run the risk of being found invalid and of no effect. Consequently, all owners' corporations that currently have a no-pet rule or policy are at risk of having this struck down.

This stems from the Supreme Court decision in July from Riordan J that ruled against an OC in regard to a rule regulating short-term letting in the building.

The judgment clarified the extent of an OC's rule-making powers, which found that, although OCs have wide-ranging powers and functions to make rules to control and manage the common property, when it came to rules to manage the private use of lots, these powers are, in fact, limited.

As both the Supreme Court and the VCAT have now noted, even if a rule is found to be validly made about a matter involving the common property, it can be ruled as unfairly discriminatory and of no effect if

there is no reasonable justification for such discrimination.

In this case, the rule banning pets from the common property was found to be unfairly discriminatory based on the layout of the common property and the likely interface and meeting point for residents and dogs on the common property.

Accordingly, the decision confirms that the Victorian Parliament has not acted to confer powers on owners' corporations that would substantially interfere with the rights and privileges usually attendant upon freehold owners.

In fact, the Victorian Parliament has not conferred many powers in favour of owners' corporations much beyond the administration of the common property, although even that power may not stand in certain circumstances.

The recent issues paper that was published as part of its review of the Owners' Corporation Act 2006 by Consumer Affairs has not proposed to increase the rule-making powers of an OC either.

As it happens, Consumer Affairs is currently investigating whether the model rules should be expanded to include a power to regulate pets on lots or on the common property.

However, any new legislation will not be enacted within the next two years, meaning that, for now, OCs may well find themselves in serious doggy doo-doo.



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Away from the desk

Spring has sprung

By Susie Williamson

Which means happy anniversary to me.

The date was Friday, August 5. The time? Around 7.05am. I'd hopped off the train at Southern Cross Station and made my usual way along Collins St towards work. Engrossed in whatever it was I was listening to, it wasn't until I reached Harbour Esplanade that I noticed it.

After weeks and weeks of trudging to work in the bleary winter darkness, I actually noticed that it was light outside. I mean, I wasn't pulling out the sunnies or anything, but the sky was definitively lighter than it had been for months. WOOHOO! Clearly this meant that spring was just around the corner.

This year, aside from the usual hay fever (damn you, pollen!), spring takes on a new meaning for me. It marks my one-year anniversary of being a Docklands worker. So I took some time out to think about all the things I've learnt in one year of working in Docklands. Here they are:

Things I've learnt in one year of working in Docklands

I can't breathe in the wind.

Maybe I just have unusually narrow nasal passages, but when the wind gets in my face I find it impossible to breathe. Is it just me?

Metro could do with some "quiet carriages".

Every afternoon as I wait on my platform at Southern Cross Station, I gaze enviously at the line of passengers waiting to board the "quiet carriage" of their V-Line train a few platforms over. How long have these been around? GENIUS. If Metro offered these carriages, I'd arm myself with a cattle prod so I could be the first one on board.

A library can be cool.

The Library at the Dock is so cool (there are ping pong tables), even the Fonz would dig it.

Never buy full-priced chocolate at Woolies.

Chances are they'll be yellow-tag specials a few days later.

Brad Sewell looks like he could still play

footy.

The thing about working near Etihad Stadium is that you never know when you're going to spot a footy personality. I once saw my hero, Robert "Banger" Harvey, at the Harbour Esplanade/Bourke St intersection (and no, I didn't approach him, are you kidding me?). And a few weeks ago I walked past former Hawk Brad Sewell. It was zero degrees outside but the dude was walking around in a tight T-shirt like he was Tommy Hafey. Clearly he's still a tough nut.

The coffee at Kenny's is still great value.

When the lovely peeps at Kenny's informed me that they had to raise the price of their coffee, they did so with heavy hearts. They didn't want to raise the price, but they couldn't afford not to. The thing is, though, that I still only pay \$3.50 for a medium-sized coffee. And it still comes with a friendly smile.

It's easy to get fit during lunchtime.

Unlike the CBD where "fitness" is a word kept indoors (unless you make the trek to the Tan, but who can be stuffed?), it's pretty easy to enjoy a lunchtime workout in Docklands, particularly if you want to be outdoors. There are lots of grassy spots to hold boot camps or strange rugby/Aussie Rules hybrid games, and plenty of places to walk along the water. I know, because I see these fit people running past me as I'm heading to Kenny's* for my coffee and custard puff.

You don't have to feel like you're conquering Everest every time you climb the stairs from Bourke St to Southern Cross Station.

Did you know there's a lift? It took me two months to realise this**. It's there, like a mirage. You just have to go through the glass doors next to the base of Everest. If you're a Docklands newbie and you haven't figured this out yet, you're very welcome.

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**I still take the stairs, though. I have to work off those custard puffs somehow.

Pet's Corner



A little dog with a big title

By Sunny Liu

At only nine-months old, cavoodle Benji already has a successful career.

Benji is the chief happiness officer (CHO) at Docklands company Linkfluencer.

"He doesn't have an email signature yet, but we are working on that," Benji's owner and employer Alex Pirouz said.

Benji landed the job two months ago when Mr Pirouz discovered his special talent.

"Anytime I take him out, he just makes people happy. Especially on Mondays when people all go to work looking miserable, he cheers them up," Mr Pirouz said.

"Businesses are all about being good at bad times and Benji keeps us happy during difficult times."

Benji's hard work has been recognised by other staff members in the office.

"He spreads the love around and makes sure everyone is looked after. So he's doing his bit for his company," Mr Pirouz said.

However, Mr Pirouz has found the downside of Benji's work - people would come into his office just to play with Benji.

And, as competent at his job as Benji is, he can also be unprofessional at times. He tore up and peed on the office's carpet on his third day as the CHO.

Fortunately Benji did not get fired, in consideration of his exceptional performance and strong work ethic.

"Everyone gets off track and dogs do that too," Mr Pirouz said, justifying Benji's behaviour.

Apart from his full-time job, Benji is also somewhat a local and internet celebrity.

"When we walk down the streets of Docklands, everyone knows Benji. He also has an Instagram account."

Little Benji has taught his colleagues and friends something valuable, and that is to be patient and kind to everyone.

"He does his job well," Mr Pirouz said.

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DOCKLANDS FASHION



Fashion on the streets of Docklands

Quinli Newell-Ooi, 26, Flemington,
Legal assistant

LOCATION: Victoria Harbour Promenade.

DESCRIBE WHAT YOU ARE WEARING: Warm and comfortable.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE PIECE OF CLOTHING: This mohair skirt is one of my favourites for winter. I love the texture and colour.

WHAT BRINGS YOU TO THE DOCKLANDS: Work.

HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE YOUR STYLE: Comfortable and fun.

WHAT MAKES A GOOD OUTFIT: Something that fits with my feeling on that day and gives me confidence.

Tammie Newton, 22, North Melbourne,
Banker

LOCATION: Captain's Walk, Bourke St.

DESCRIBE WHAT YOU ARE WEARING: This is what I kind of normally wear. It's usually pretty 40s inspired.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE PIECE OF CLOTHING: My coat at the moment. It's just perfection, really. I love it. I got it on sale at Myer and it's fluffy and it's warm.

WHAT BRINGS YOU TO THE DOCKLANDS: I work here.

HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE YOUR STYLE: Generally vintage-inspired. I have coloured hair and tattoos so it's not fully vintage.

WHAT MAKES A GOOD OUTFIT: To have a good outfit you need to know your body shape and how best to feel comfortable in what you're wearing. But at the same time, absolutely rock it.

Jacqueline Chan, 27, CBD,
Lawyer

LOCATION: Bourke St.

DESCRIBE WHAT YOU ARE WEARING: All black.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE PIECE OF CLOTHING: Probably a dress. I find dresses really comfortable.

WHAT BRINGS YOU TO THE DOCKLANDS: Actually my first day at NAB, I'm on a secondment from a law firm in the city.

HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE YOUR STYLE: Simple but classic. Generally lots of blacks and greys.

WHAT MAKES A GOOD OUTFIT: Something comfortable but makes you feel good about yourself.

Fashion

Jewellery is a girl's best friend

Melbourne is set to be bedazzled by the latest exhibition from the National Gallery of Victoria.

Beginning at the end of September, the NGV will open its doors to its *Italian Jewels: Bulgari Style* exhibition, a spectacular display of jewels that brings together more than 80 pieces featured in iconic films and photography.

Drawn from Bulgari's remarkable archives, the exhibition pays homage to its long-standing relationships with stars of Hollywood and Italian cinema.

Standout features include emerald and diamond jewellery from the personal collection of Elizabeth Taylor, along with a ruby and diamond necklace worn by Sophia Loren. The exhibition sets its focus on the extravagant *Dolce Vita* period of the '50s and '60s, when Rome was a popular location for Hollywood films.

"Spanning from the 1930s until today, the works illustrate a strong design heritage and aesthetic evolution, deeply entrenched in Italian history and artisanal traditions. *Italian Jewels: Bulgari Style* showcases the glamour of a golden age of cinema and design, and represents Bulgari's constant experimentation and inimitable aesthetic codes," said Bulgari brand and heritage curator Lucia Boscaini.

Major highlights of the exhibition include jewels presented to Taylor by her fifth husband Richard Burton – the emerald ring he gifted to her during her time on the set of *Cleopatra* – as well as unique creations worn by Hollywood stars from the likes of Grace Kelly, Anita Ekberg and Keira Knightley.

Such an exhibition has been a long time coming for Bulgari. With a rich history stretching back more than a century, its humble beginnings emerged when Greek silversmith Sotirio Bulgari came to Rome and opened his first shop in 1884. Its luxurious aesthetic fast became a favourite among royalty, actresses and high society alike. To this day, Bulgari remains an emblem of Italian excellence and creativity.

Italian Jewels: Bulgari Style will be displayed at NGV International from September 30, 2016 until January 29, 2017. Entry is free to the public.



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Business

Part of the community

With demand for quality childcare constantly on the rise, local workers and residents will be happy to learn a new early learning centre has opened right here in Docklands.

Located at Harbour Town Melbourne, Giraffe Early Learning Centre caters for babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers.

According to owner Jacqui Scheinberg, the centre aims to become a key part of the local community.

"We really aim to create an environment that's very supportive for the children and families," she said.

"Having four kids myself I have a real vision of what I would have liked for my own children and that's what I've created here," Ms Scheinberg said.

Having opened her first childcare centre in Sydney in 2009, the new centre in Melbourne caters to the growing number of Docklands

and inner-city families, along with parents working in the city.

The Docklands centre opened in July this year and Ms Scheinberg said spaces were still available but were expected to fill quickly.

With its convenient Harbour Town location, Ms Scheinberg said working parents could find cheap parking at the shopping centre, drop their children off at Giraffe Early Learning Centre and then jump on the free tram and head to work.

Ms Scheinberg said the centre was focused on ensuring children were comfortable and settled in their new environment.

"Something we do that a lot of centres don't, is our long transition periods into the centre. We encourage families to visit as many times as they need to in order for their children to feel comfortable with us," Ms Scheinberg said.

She said the centre's purpose-built, open-plan classrooms also promoted a sense of community across the centre.

At the same time, the "magnificent" rooftop outdoor play area was also a highlight, Ms



Giraffe Early Learning Centre owner Jacqui Scheinberg welcomes new families to the centre.

Scheinberg said.

With play equipment, a sensory garden, a sandpit and plenty of space to run around, the space offers children a great play environment.

"Many of the children we care for live in apartments and have very little outdoor play space at home, so having such a big outdoor area for them here was so important," Ms Scheinberg said.

Giraffe Early Learning Centre currently has childcare places available and welcomes enquiries.

The centre is located at level 1, 25 Star Crescent at Harbour Town Melbourne in Docklands.

Visit www.giraffedocklands.com.au or call the centre on **9670 0880** for more information.

What's did you say? Can you repeat that?

If your hearing is not what it was, it may be time to see Dr Moh Dadafarin and his highly-qualified team of audiologists for a hearing test.

Relatively new to the CBD, Ear and Hearing Australia is well established in Melbourne, with five major clinics and nine visiting sites.

Dr Dadafarin himself has 30 years at the top of the field and is one to the most highly-qualified practitioners in Australia. He's passionate about better hearing and he sets his business apart from competitors with his personal approach.

For Moh and his team, it's all about going over and above so that first-time visitors become life-long customers who are happy to refer their friends and family.

"What makes us different is the way we look after people," Dr Dadafarin said.

"We are known as a premium hearing service provider in Melbourne. Focusing on clients and their hearing needs, our audiologists provide a high level of care and employ holistic approach for optimal treatment outcomes."

He added: "We look at the whole person. We don't just look at people's ears or their test results. Instead, we look at their hearing difficulties, their hearing and social needs and look at their lifestyle before we recommend any treatments."

"So, based on who you are and what your needs are, we can recommend the most appropriate treatment options. This could be a hearing aid or could simply be an assistive listening device and/or learning some listening techniques."

Hearing aids, as the most common option for treating hearing loss, have been shown to improve people's quality of life, provide

better self esteem, and improve mental health."

"And hearing aids have changed dramatically. People can now have invisible hearing aids that work like contact lenses," Dr Dadafarin said. "A revolutionary 100 per cent invisible device that can be worn 24/7 for months at a time, with no battery to change and with no need for daily insertion and removal."

Ear and Hearing Australia is one of the few practices accredited to fit the new Lyric brand "invisible" hearing aids.

"Proudly independent, we are not aligned with any hearing aid manufacturer. Instead, we give you unbiased advice for your hearing needs and offer you the most appropriate hearing solutions, hearing aids and assistive listening devices (if needed) from a wide range of brands for optimum audiological outcomes," Dr Dadafarin said.

"We have a team of leading audiologists specialised in all aspects of hearing loss with masters and/or doctorate degrees in audiology, with up to 30 years of experience each, employing research and advances in technologies to offer the latest hearing loss treatment options."

Dr Dadafarin said the extra time spent with patients paid off for everyone.

"We spend lots of time with people to assess their individual needs and discuss their options in details. If we proceed to a fitting, we spend lots of time programming, adjusting, and optimising the aids and making sure clients can manage their hearing loss and



Dr Moh Dadafarin is one of Australia's leading audiologists.

their hearing aids easily," he said.

"As part of our ongoing support, we may offer our clients complementary hearing workshops and unlimited appointments in the first 12 months followed by yearly assessments or adjustments for the normal life of their hearing aids."

As a one-stop-shop, Ear and Hearing Australia offers hearing tests, electrophysiological assessments, independent advice, hearing aid fitting, tinnitus assessment and ongoing support.

Wax removal is another service offered on-site. And it's not the usual washing and syringing either. The team uses microscope-guided suction to safely remove earwax.

Dr Dadafarin recommends that people over 50 have regular hearing tests but everyone is welcome at the new LaTrobe St clinic. No referral is necessary and the clinic treats both government-funded and private patients.

"Anyone over the age of 50 should have a regular hearing test, especially if they notice that their hearing is not as good as it use to be or if they are struggling in noisy situations," he said.

Ear and Hearing is located at 414 LaTrobe St. Ring **9329 5055** for an appointment or visit www.ear-hearing.com.au

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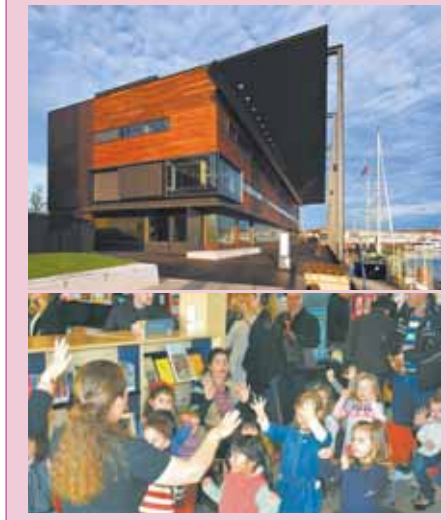
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DOCKLANDS SPORTS PAGE

Newcastle takes out ice hockey finals

For the second year in a row the Newcastle North Stars have taken out the Australian Ice Hockey League (AIHL) finals.

Hosted at the O'Brien Group Arena in Docklands on August 28, Newcastle defeated the Canberra Brave 2-1.

Canberra Brave had earlier defeated local team Melbourne Ice 4-3 during the semi-finals on August 27.

Docklands News caught up with Melbourne Ice players and Docklands residents Matt Armstrong and Tommy Powell last month, ahead of the finals weekend.

Both were feeling positive in the lead-up to the finals, with the team sitting on the top of the ladder.

Melbourne Ice lost last year's final to the Newcastle North Stars in an overtime penalty shoot out last year, but the pair said this wasn't on their minds in the lead-up to the finals.

"We're not thinking about last year at all, we have a fair few new faces this year so that gives us a bit of spark," Mr Powell said.

Mr Powell has been playing for Melbourne Ice for 12 years, while Mr Armstrong joined Melbourne Ice in 2010.

Both live in Docklands and work at the O'Brien Group Arena, meaning they spend

plenty of time in the area.

Mr Armstrong is the arena's ice hockey development manager and says he has seen local interest in the sport grow.

"We both coach here at the ice hockey academy and started out with three classes, now we have eight classes on the ice and four classes off the ice," Mr Armstrong said. "We see over 2500 students over four terms."

At the same time, crowds are packing out the arena to catch the Melbourne Ice players in action.

"We've been at capacity for a lot of our home games," Mr Armstrong said.

While both players initially moved to Docklands to live near O'Brien Group Arena, they both say they've come to love the area.

Previously living in Bentleigh, near the Oakleigh ice rink, Mr Powell said he now wouldn't live anywhere else.

"It's a really cruisy and relaxed area. As soon as it hits the evening or weekend it's so quiet," he said.

Originally from Canada, Mr Armstrong was playing professionally in Europe before he joined the Melbourne Ice team in 2010.

"I didn't think I was going to be here for six years and now I'm still here and just got permanent residency," Mr Armstrong said.

"I love living in Docklands," Mr Armstrong said. "It's so nice and quiet, you can walk anywhere and it's so easy to get around with the trams."



Crowds gathered in Docklands last month to catch all of the AIHL finals action.

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