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FIREWORKS STITCH-UP

By Shane Scanlan

Docklands may well have seen its last Victoria Harbour based New Year's Eve fireworks if the City of Melbourne has its way.

Council officers are working towards an alternative New Year's Eve display and Docklands waterways are not part of it.

Councillors are defending the plan, citing safety concerns as the justification.

Lord Mayor Robert Doyle told Docklands Chamber of Commerce representatives at the September 20 Future Melbourne Committee meeting that the council was acting on the advice of Victoria Police.

He said there was an "incident" of crowd crush as people attempted to leave the Docklands Friday night winter fireworks. However, local police command contacted by *Docklands News* knew nothing about this.

Cr Doyle undertook to reveal the identity of the specific police advisers, but council staff have since refused to do this.

Almost a week after *Docklands News'* initial inquiry, police media said: "The New Year's Eve Safety and Emergency Management Planning Committee has recommended changing the location of the Docklands NYE fireworks. The committee recommended the fireworks be moved from floating pontoons to the top of surrounding buildings."

"This decision was based on concerns regarding the safety of those in attendance. Having the fireworks on pontoons encouraged patrons to surge toward the waterfront, placing them in danger of falling in and presenting other mass crowd safety issues."



Chamber of commerce president Johanna Maxwell, Cr Ken Ong and chamber executive member Paul Salter engage in fireworks discussion at the September 16 Docklands Networking Lunch.

"Significant construction work in the area also impacted upon the decision."

Docklands News believes there was no crowd crush incident and this story is being used to justify a pre-determined position of council officers.

In late July, the council told *Docklands News* it was looking to move the fireworks because

the Waterfront City piazza was no longer available as a live site. There was no mention of safety concerns.

The latest fireworks blow is remarkably similar to the method the council used to justify the cancellation of the 9.30 New Year's Eve fireworks in 2012.

The council then claimed that a risk

assessment concluded that crowds exiting and entering Docklands between the two sessions would result in a crush incident.

Then, like now, it is unwilling to offer any specific evidence of danger.

Cr Doyle, on the other hand, is convinced that, because the Piazza is no longer available, people are in danger.

He said there were only 5000 people in attendance on the night of the alleged "crowd crush" and asked how Docklands could possibly cope with 30,000 or 40,000 people.

The Docklands Chamber of Commerce points out that Docklands has 7km of waterfront, with dozens of entry and exit points. But this logic appears to be falling on deaf ears.

The chamber is furious that the council is planning to take away the fireworks. Chamber president Johanna Maxwell is so cross, she has offered herself as a candidate for this month's election.

For probity reasons, she is leaving the talking to executive officer Shane Wylie, who said the council's case simply lacked logic or common sense.

"This secret plan is so bad on so many levels," Mr Wylie said. "I'm not sure when they planned to tell the businesses around here who have been taking New Year's Eve bookings all year?"

"Everyone is trying to guess the real reason for the cancellation, with one suggestion that the contractor doesn't want to do it anymore."

"That explanation, at least, would make more sense than what the council is saying."

Chamber executive members Kebrasca King, Paul Salter and Josephine Tan all questioned the councillors at the September 20 meeting.

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More than 200 Docklanders took the opportunity to visit the Western Distributor road project "pop-up" when it visited Harbour Esplanade between September 6 and 10.

Western Distributor Authority spokesperson Jim Carden said most people were keen to talk further about changes to traffic movements, active transport initiatives, and community health and amenity.

"Feedback received will be considered as part of the planning and development process," Mr Carden said.

Mr Carden said it was not yet known how much extra traffic would be diverted into Wurundjeri Way from Dynon Rd as part of the project.

"A thorough traffic impact assessment will be carried out as part of the Environmental Effects Statement and exhibited in the first quarter of 2017 for public comment," he said.

However, he said no extra traffic would be entering the city as a result of the Western Distributor.

"The total number of car trips to and from the city remains almost constant, whether or not the Western Distributor is built," he said. "Many people already make trips to



Western Distributor representatives Maria (left) and Kathryn at the Docklands pop-up.

reach health, education and employment opportunities north of Melbourne's CBD, and will continue to do so."

"Without the Western Distributor, these trips will be made on arterial roads like Footscray Rd, Dynon Rd, the M1 and through inner city streets which are already congested."

"Wurundjeri Way will be extended north to provide an important CBD bypass route and widened to allow this route to cater for

traffic, which will move off parallel CBD roads - particularly Spencer St and King St."

"This creates opportunities to improve cycling, walking and public transport in the CBD."

"By providing a vital second river crossing, the Western Distributor will take vehicles off the M1 and West Gate Bridge, reducing the number of kilometres travelled in the CBD."

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Councillors slam Collins Wharf plan

City of Melbourne councillors have unanimously rejected Lendlease's new master plan for Collins Wharf.

At the Future Melbourne Committee meeting on September 20 councillors rejected their planning officers' recommendation to endorse the plan and, instead, will ask Planning Minister Richard Wynne back the drawing board.

The new plan opts for a row of high-rise towers along the length of the peninsula replacing low-rise, timber heritage-inspired townhouses.

The Victoria Harbour Collins Wharf Development Plan 2015 has been in the public realm for most of this year, with no indication that councillors did not approve.

Councillors apologised for their late bombshell, but pointed out that this was the first time they had been asked their views.

Cr Rohan Leppert led the charge saying the plan did not respect the waterways.

"I believe this proposal is poor, and that the conditions to require architectural variety between towers is not enough to rescue what will be a visually dominant wall along the length of the wharf," Cr Leppert said.

"This will box in Victoria Harbour and divide the water without justification. The 2010 plan respects the finger wharf heritage much better, though its proposed land uses and civil engineering requirements are unworkable - I accept that."

"The problem here is that there is so little guidance in the scheme at the strategic level to dictate what constitutes a good planning outcome. But this is not a good outcome, so this motion urges the Planning Minister to do what he can to avoid this dominating wall of towers dividing up the water."

"For the sake of the Docklands community,



The 2010 development plan.



The 2015 development plan.

the Planning Minister must knock this proposal back," Cr Leppert said.

He was supported by Cr Stephen Mayne who pointed out the uniqueness of the site and the lack of precedent in other notable cities.

Cr Mayne said he was "amazed" there had been no public outcry over the revised development plan.

He acknowledged that Lendlease's change of plan was precipitated by financial considerations. But he said it was difficult for the council to assess this while the city was locked out of agreements between the government and Docklands' developers.

He suggested it might be time for the State Government to "buy back" remaining Docklands parcels to ensure appropriate development.

Planning chair Cr Ken Ong was also critical of the new plan, specifically because it set up a "solid wall" against the river.

Cr Ong pointed out that the matter was now up to Mr Wynne to determine.

Lendlease's Victoria Harbour project director Tim Campbell had earlier explained to councillors that the development plan had been revised to get a "better outcome".

He pointed out that the Wooden Boat Centre was being incorporated into the new development, as was an "eco" park and a health and wellbeing centre.

He acknowledged that the scale of the development had increased but said it still boasted a low floor area plot ratio of 3.5:1. New rules governing the CBD and

Southbank are being tightened to a plot ratio of 18:1 from 24:1 mandated in current interim central city controls.

"The scale has increased, but it is based on plans and policies," he said.

Lendlease declined to comment on the councillor's motion.

Meet the candidates

If you want to find out what City of Melbourne council candidates think about an issue, then come along to the Library on Dock on October 6.

Some 16 candidates/teams have already expressed an interest in sharing their views, so don't disappoint them. Get involved!

Organised by the Docklands Chamber of Commerce and moderated by *Docklands News* publisher Shane Scanlan, the night promises to entertain and inform.

Candidates/teams will be given two minutes to announce why Docklanders should support them. This will be followed by a

question and answer session.

Questions will only be entertained if they are from Docklands locals and are on a subject within the council's jurisdiction.

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Docklands is part of the dream

By Sunny Liu

Has everyone noticed Docklands in the background of one of the most successful recent TV advertisements featuring 18 AFL Auskicking "mini-legends"?

Many of the segments for the popular NAB ad were shot at Ron Barassi Senior Park on a cold and overcast day in July.

NAB spokesperson Laura Cochrane told *Docklands News* the film crew was grateful that threatening rain stayed away.

"Scenes we captured at the park included mini Tex Walker, mini Josh Kennedy, mini Buddy Franklin and mini Max Gawn," Ms Cochrane said.

"In addition to our hero talent, we had 20 kids there to get involved with the NAB AFL Auskick grid games."

Creative Director of the campaign, Rich Williams, said the advertisement was "an authentic take" on Australian children's passion about football.

"These kids are not just dressed up as their heroes but actually imaging themselves being them," he said.



Mini Tex Walker and Mini Max Gawn (top) at Docklands.

"This campaign really captures the fun and love of AFL that is seen at every level of the game," NAB chief marketing officer Andrew Knott said.

The campaign aims to enhance young

children's participation in this national sport as part of NAB's Auskick scheme.

The mini legends will join their idols in the pre-match parade before the AFL Grand Final on October 1.

No settlement default here

The much-feared "settlement default" was no where to be seen in Docklands recently when all new investor-owners within the 888 Collins St west tower settled within nine days.

Naysayers have been recently warning that off-the-plan investors are likely to walk away from settlements.

But Lendlease spokesperson Larissa Webster said there was no sign of this with 888 Collins St.

"To date, all apartments due for settlement so far have settled," she said.

"For investors, the average time from settlement to having a tenant sign a contract for owners of apartments in the West Tower was nine days."

Ms Webster said east tower settlements would start later this year.

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Preference deals threaten Doyle

By Shane Scanlan

Team Doyle says it is under threat from preference deals among other candidates which leave the Lord Mayor out in the cold.

Cr Doyle would need to poll 20 per cent better in this month's council election than he did in 2012 if he is to win without relying on any preferences flowing from other candidates.

The four strongest non-Doyle teams are exchanging preferences ahead of Team Doyle. But without above the line voting, it remains to be seen how many voters will religiously number their seven lord-mayoral election squares in the order recommended by their preferred candidate.

Team Doyle councillor candidate Nicholas Reece says the race for the lord mayoralty has turned into a lottery. He admits that Cr Doyle received a healthy 40 per cent of the primary vote last time.

"But if the four other major candidates poll 60 per cent between them and then preference to each other they could easily over take Doyle," Mr Reece said.

"This is a preference whisperer deal that would make even the most political hard head blush - there is no coherence to it in terms of policy and values - it is simply a plan to get Doyle, no matter who the alternative might be."

"The Greens, Ong, Morgan and Cleary have sold out on everything they stand for and jumped into bed with each other in the hope that one of them - but who knows who - might emerge the winner over Doyle."

After eight years in the job, the Cr Doyle is without doubt starting as the favourite and has left his opponents little to campaign on.

Above all, he's been clearly seen as a champion for Melbourne - and that's probably all that most people expect.

Being an effective salesman for Melbourne is probably his only achievement over the journey - but it's probably enough.

There are sectional interests contesting



Team Doyle speaks to the press.

the October 22 election such as those campaigning on perceived problems with the council's plan to redevelop the Queen Victoria Market and others offering themselves as heritage advocates.

There are others who won't stand because they complain that no one is interested. But, again, if Robert Doyle had messed things up over his last two terms, there would be plenty of interest in this election.

Team Doyle is far deeper and more rounded than ever. Practical conservationist Arron Wood has been promoted to the deputy lord mayoral position (potentially to be groomed for bigger and better things?). Campaign-donations-collector Kevin Louey is still heading the councillor ticket, one has to assume because of his Chinese connections and fund-raising capacity as he is the worst performer in the chamber.

The next position has been gifted to Labor Party prince Nicholas Reece who broadens the team considerably and brings the policy development potential to seriously challenge the unelected fat cats who wield the real power at the town hall.

Cr Doyle has brought a glittering but untested star into his third councillor spot. Tessa Sullivan's CV shows she is one of those "could be anything" young people. Why

would she bother being a councillor?

Deeper on the ticket are councillors Susan Riley and Beverley Pinder-Mortimer. Each with rusted-on personal followers, particularly in the business community, they could ensure Team Doyle wins a majority.

Other councillors will be doing all they can to prevent Team Doyle getting more than the five it currently enjoys. Although it is a long time ago, many can recall the John So days when the chamber was more a rubber stamp than a place for ideas and debate.

All sitting councillors have now declared the interest in the contest.

Cr Ken Ong's last minute decision to challenge for the top job has turned the race into a contest. He has the experience and has been very visible in the community.

Cr Jackie Watts hopes to benefit from Gary Morgan's lord mayoral aspirations. The Greens are a fully organised outfit with both lord mayoral and councillor candidates.

Cr Richard Foster is running without a lord mayoral candidate. Instead, he is running two teams of two, with Brooke Wandin heading up the other councillor ticket.

Cr Stephen Mayne is also running without a lord mayoral candidate and has teamed up with Docklands Chamber of Commerce

president Johanna Maxwell.

When nominations closed on September 20, there were seven teams contesting the lord mayoralty: The Greens (Olivia Ball and Roxane Ingleton), Team Doyle (Robert Doyle and Arron Wood), Phil Cleary and Junxi Su, Team Morgan (Gary Morgan and Michael O'Brien), Strengthening Melbourne (Ron Hunt and Doone Clifton), The Light on the Hill Team (Anthony Van Der Craats and Yunli Han) and Together Melbourne (Ken Ong and Sue Morphet).

Nominations for the nine council positions have been received from 43 candidates.

They are: Michael Caiafa ; Wesa Chau; Fiona Creedy; Ben Curnow; Luke Downing; Marcus Fielding; Farida Fleming; Adam Munro Ford; Richard Foster; Nicolas Frances Gilley; Luke James; Michael Kennedy; Rohan Leppert; Jing Li; Philip Le; Kevin Louey; Robin Matthews; Johanna Maxwell; Stephen Mayne; Cathy Oke; Tony Penna; Beverley Pinder-Mortimer; Jenny Pitts; Alice Poon; Bruce Poon; Neil Pringle; Nicholas Reece; Susan Riley; Apsara Sabaratnam; Sebastian Saggio; Joseph Sarraf; Sergey Sizenko; Roger Smith; Sue Stanley; Tessa Sullivan; Suzanne Vale; Bridie Walsh; Brooke Wandin; Jim Ward; Jackie Watts; Hope Wei; Sallyann Wilson and Barbara Yerondais.

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Good company and good food

Docklands residents caught up with each other for good company and a good feed at Mama Rumaan on Central Pier on September 13.



Numbers were down on the usual figure (perhaps the wet weather was to blame), but the food and the conversation was first class.

The Docklands Social Club is an informal monthly gathering on either Tuesday or Wednesday nights. A new venue is found each month to rotate the event through Docklands' various precincts.

The club is run by a small group of Docklands' locals who are keen to welcome

new residents as well as people who have lived here for some time and are keen to meet others. No membership or bookings are required.

Gatherings start at 7pm and participants are free to order and pay individually for any drinks or dinner.

The next Docklands Social Club is being held at Harbour Town Hotel, on Wednesday, October 12. Save the date.



The Docklands Social Club had a great night out at Mama Rumaan.



Good Cycles' hub is up and running

By Rhianna Busler

It was an exciting first week of September for Docklands as the semi-permanent shipping container for the new bike hub underwent construction on Harbour Esplanade.

Local not-for-profit organisation Good Cycles marketing manager Matthew McCullough said: "There will be a soft launch once construction is complete and we plan to have an official launch a month after doors open."

The one-week construction was achieved with little disturbance to pedestrians and cyclists.

The public can expect to have access to Good Cycle's facilities on weekdays from 8.30am until 5.30pm with weekend times to still be arranged.

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

In a hot spot location for cyclists on their way to and from work, the new bike hub is set to be a local hit.

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Harbour Esplanade delayed again

By Shane Scanlan

Even more state government departmental restructure is delaying the Harbour Esplanade redevelopment.

Long-term Docklanders will not be surprised that the bureaucratic musical chairs is happening again. This time it is the combining of Places Victoria with Major Projects Victoria to form a new "Development Victoria" section of a Jacinta Allan-led super department.

Tenders to re-deck three of the four white-capped holes in the wharf should have been let by now and work should be underway. But the new political masters need to be brought up to speed and, presumably, buy into the thinking. Of course, this takes time.

But, in the meantime, the most important (and long-overdue) project for the development of our suburb gets put back on the shelf.

Another complication is the ambition of the AFL to redevelop Etihad Stadium and connect it more closely with the water. A statutory masterplan is in place as protection, but locals should not be blamed for being wary of the high-level connections at work here. Gillon McLachlan and co don't start talking with the juniors. It's (premier) Dan and (treasurer) Tim where they start.

Departmental restructuring is a disease, which all politicians acknowledge. But none



of them can help picking at the scabs before progress can be made.

Is it just me who thinks that Docklands would be finished by now if the Docklands Authority had been left alone to complete the task it started in the '90s?

The unanimous, bipartisan enthusiasm for Docklands was first diluted when the Docklands Authority was merged with the Urban Land Authority to become VicUrban back in 2003.

But at least there was a team dedicated to Docklands within this new structure at this time. However it later adopted a "portfolio" approach, with responsibility for Docklands being shared across multiple managers.

In 2007, the City of Melbourne was brought into the picture and years of paralysis followed as the bureaucrats struggled to understand their power-sharing roles and competed for influence.

The Docklands Authority had 52 staff but, by

2010, VicUrban had just 10 staff working on Docklands.

VicUrban became Places Victoria in October 2011 under the stewardship of CEO Sam Sangster and chairman Peter Clarke. At least Docklands got a dedicated team again under this restructure, but in little more than 12 months both Sangster and Clarke would be gone.

Progress on Harbour Esplanade continues at a snail's pace. If "consultation" was a mark of progress, the project would be well and truly finished. Docklanders are well and truly tired of being asked what they want, only to see new plans go back into the drawer.

The City of Melbourne keeps its hands in its pockets, particularly while it attempts to fund the potential black-hole that the Queen Victoria Market redevelopment threatens to become.

It says it can't put any money on the table before the state reinstates the wharves and gives it a platform to work on. The state reminds the council of the rating bonanza it has handed it by doing all the development work in Docklands.

The finger pointing goes on. Nothing happens. Docklands suffers. Urrgghh!



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Artists and photographers from all over Australia and foreign countries including China, Canada, Ukraine and Armenia have submitted their entries to the exhibition. Their artworks respond to the theme of “the relationship between humanity and the sea”.

Mission CEO Andrea Fleming said the entries from foreign countries showed a broad connection between people and the sea around the world.

“Australia is an island nation that relies so much on maritime for shipping, trade and leisure. I’m glad to see artists from other countries also feel a special bond to the ocean,” she said.

The 2016 ANL Maritime Art Exhibition will be hosted at the historic Mission to Seafarers building at 717 Flinders St in Docklands from October 7.

Visitors can cast a vote to their favourite artwork for the \$2000 People’s Choice Award. Other prizes include the \$5000 ASP Traditional Maritime Art Award and the prestigious \$15,000 ANL Maritime Art Award.

Each year, the art awards raises much-needed funds and awareness for the MtSV, which runs the heritage building that has been a home-away-from-home to visiting seafarers since 1917.



One of the works competing for prizes, Jason Roberts’s Williamstown Docks – Arrangement in High-Vis.

Ms Fleming said the art prize and the exhibition could give financial and community support to the provision of an onshore facility for seafarers.

“We need more support from the community to help us provide a safe haven for seafarers at an unfamiliar port,” she said.

The ANL Art Awards and Exhibition began in 2002 and has grown to become Australia’s leading maritime art awards.

Some 85 artworks will be exhibited at the MtSV building from 11am to 6pm daily from October 7 to 21. All works are for sale and 33 per cent of the proceeds will be given to charitable work of the mission.

Ferry still sailing

Port Phillip Ferries is still assessing its trial service between bay locations and Docklands.

CEO Murray Rance told *Docklands News*: “It is business as usual for Port Phillip Ferries and we are carrying on services through to the end of September school holidays.”

“As the next few weeks unfold, we will keep everyone updated on the trial service,” Mr Rance said.

The company is yet to commit to continuing the service between Portarlington and Docklands. On August 11, it discontinued its trial commuter service to and from Wyndham Harbour.

Smurfs are coming

The Smurfs are coming to Harbour Town and are being welcomed with a party at 10am on Saturday, October 8.

Australia’s first *We’re all Smurfs! Exhibition* is running from 10am until 6pm every day until Christmas Eve.

The village is being packed up in Hong Kong and is coming to Docklands with two distinct offerings:

- An exhibition in the centre’s event Plaza near Degani showcasing various characters over throughout the Smurf’s history;’ and
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Watergate: Battle is over, war goes on

The stoush between the Watergate owners' corporation (OC) and short-stay operator Paul Salter has continued, with Mr Salter winning a VCAT ruling last month over deactivated door swipes.

However, Watergate management did not reactivate the swipes and the dispute looks set to head back the Victoria Civic and Administration Tribunal (VCAT).

On September 7, Member Linda Rowland ruled that the OC did not have power to exclude owners, residents or occupiers from the building's recreational areas and

business centre.

She ruled: "The Owners Corporation PS501391P must immediately activate the applicant's building pass(es) for Lot 1708 to enable access to the recreation area including the swimming pool, sauna, change rooms and podium garden."

At the time of going to press, Mr Salter said this had not happened and he was taking the matter back to VCAT.

Watergate OC chair Barbara Francis told *Docklands News* that Mr Salter had acted prematurely, as the OC was still within the 28 days it had to consider a Supreme Court appeal.

Mr Salter said he had also offered a "discounted" rate of \$138,000 to pay his VCAT and Supreme Court legal fees by September 21. He said, as this was ignored, he would be pursuing the OC for \$149,000,

plus legal fees for recovery.

He said: "I do not understand why the OC would ignore the VCAT order, you will have to ask them."

"Because the OC has not responded to emails, phone calls or text messages and because of the non-compliance of the VCAT order, we have no option but reinstate the matter with VCAT. We lodged the reinstatement on September 19."

"We are now requesting access be granted to all my properties, and injunction on any further de-activations plus a request for costs."

"It appears that the owners' corporation is confused about its responsibility regarding managing and administering the building. They have incorrectly concluded that the OC

Act allows them to manage and administer the people who live in the building."

Mr Salter operates a short-stay business by leasing his own apartment and 14 other apartments that he rents in the Watergate apartment tower.

Member Rowland also ruled the OC was not allowed to charge owners or occupiers an hourly rate for the use of the common room.

As reported in the September *Docklands News*, the Supreme Court has ruled the Watergate OC could not ban owners from leasing apartments short-term and the OC did not appeal the decision.

"Watergate's role in the push to regulate serviced apartments and commercial short-stay operators in apartment buildings is over," a Watergate OC spokesperson told *Docklands News*.

Where is the Secret Garden?

By Sunny Liu

The location of the Secret Garden remains a secret, for now.

Melbourne's famous event specialist company Tommy Collins will unveil its long-awaited Secret Garden soon, but where will it be?

The Secret Garden, an outdoor event space, was set to launch at Central Pier in Docklands in late September, but Tommy Collins' creative director Tommy McIntosh said they might not go ahead at this central location.

According to an article published on the Tommy Collins website in early September,

the organisers were "ecstatic to be able to present such a central, unique and beautiful setting as the Central Pier".

When contacted by *Docklands News*, a Central Pier spokesperson said they needed to "sort out a few details" before disclosing anything about the space.

But Mr McIntosh said they were hoping to move the Secret Garden to the Sea Life Aquarium but were waiting for some "green lights" from the City of Melbourne and the aquarium.

Tommy Collins created the rooftop Pop Up Patch at Federation Square last year, featuring locally sourced vegetable patches and a community garden and function venue.

It looks like Docklands might miss the chance of being the home to a secret event space.



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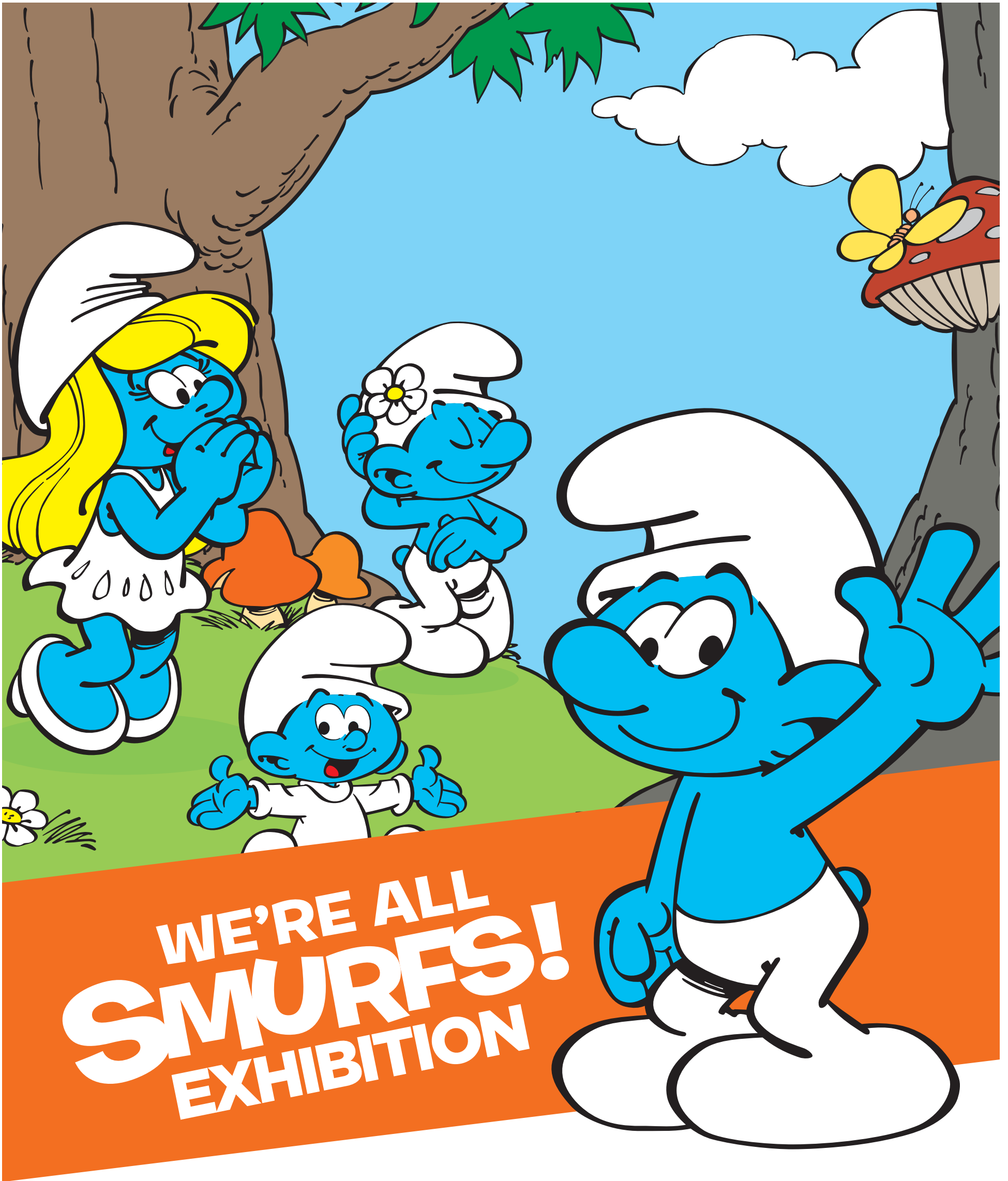
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Families plead for a primary school

By Sean Car

Local parents have been assured that they will soon be provided with more clarity regarding the prospect of a school in Docklands.

Funding and quality assurance director at the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development, Peter Graham, provided a presentation to a packed Docklands Community Forum on Wednesday, August 31.

Mr Graham informed parents that, having recently completed the second and final stage of its Docklands school provision review, the State Government would soon be releasing its findings.

“Stage two has been underway for six months and that’s now with the minister for his consideration,” Mr Graham said.

“It will be released with a response once it has been considered, which we expect will deal with these issues and I expect that it will have some immediate actions especially around access and longer term investment.”

Mr Graham told the forum that stage one of the review, completed in February, had established that an additional 4800 primary



The Docklands Community Forum was packed on August 31.

and 2000 additional secondary school places would be required in the inner city by 2031.

As part of 42 new schools currently being constructed across the state, Mr Graham said enrolment zone details would also soon be released for the new vertical school at Ferrars St in Southbank, which is due to open in 2018.

However, Mr Graham’s assurances only appeared to add to the frustrations of many parents, as the meeting descended into a tense question session.

New data released by local parent lobby group City Schools 4 City Kids in June showed that all surrounding inner-city primary and secondary schools were already at capacity for the current school year.

A local father told Mr Graham he had witnessed numerous studies over his 11 years of living in Docklands and questioned whether the government was failing to address capacity and access issues.

“Living in Docklands for 11 years, what we have seen is one government after another do research into the need for a school and then that government gets voted out before the next government does exactly the same,” he said. “It’s great to have a plan until 2031. When these schools finally do get built, what are the chances that they’ll be over capacity? In other words, are we actually planning or just adding to the problem of not having anywhere to go?”

Mr Graham responded by saying that

previous studies had shown that there weren’t enough families living in Docklands to sustain a school, but expected that the current plan would find differently.

“Once government commitments towards schools are made, they are built and governments don’t tend to change those commitments,” he said.

“I expect that once this plan is out, a school will be built in Docklands or in the study area to meet capacity.”

City of Melbourne councillor Ken Ong told the meeting the council had been pushing for a school for the city since 2009, and that every inner-city study had compared it with suburban models.

With options for a site in Docklands limited to Digital Harbour, he asked Mr Graham why the government continued to pursue studies when the result was a “foregone conclusion”.

“Why does the department keep persisting with studies comparing the city’s need for a school with a suburban needs for a school?” Cr Ong asked.

“We know we have a spot next to Digital Harbour and we know it’s going to have to be a vertical school. It is impossible to find a place in the city, so why are we persisting with studies when the result is almost a foregone conclusion?”

The next forum is on October 26 at the Community Hub (not the library).

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Where are Melbourne's beautiful people?

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Docklands News was delighted and surprised to have this Instagram image sent to us via

social media last month.

A friend of a friend received the image and passed it on to us. It isn't exactly a viral response, but it was still exciting.

ArtVo is a new immersive art gallery or "trick art" gallery – the first of its kind in Australia.

Mission desecrated by spray vandals

By Sunny Liu

It's bad enough that someone would vandalise Docklands' beloved Mission to Seafarers building with ugly graffiti.

But what is much worse is that the building's delicate concrete render coating has absorbed the paint making it almost impossible to remove.

Vandals have graffitied top of the 99-year-old building's dome and western walls. Efforts to remove the tags have merely cleaned decades of grime but have done little to

remove the paint.

The mission's operations manager Craig Baru, who first saw the graffiti, was furious.

"They are not street artists. They are vandals," he said. "I was disgusted that someone would do it. I'm disappointed, living in a society where people think it's OK to do this."

CEO of the Mission, Andrea Fleming, said iconic buildings could be more attractive to vandals.

"They did it probably because the building is iconic and everyone would see it. Once one person tags it, it's like a canvas," she said.

"I think Melbourne's heritage is important and if people don't respect that, I feel sorry for them."



The mission's operations manager Craig Baru ... disgusted.

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Docklands – Boom town

By Sunny Liu and Khiara Elliott

The release of two new City of Melbourne research reports last month shows that Docklands is surging in economic and development growth.

An examination of both the latest Docklands Census of Land Use and Employment (CLUE) report and Development Activity Monitor (DAM) map the extraordinary progress of our suburb.

The former industrial wasteland is now a buzzy residential and office area, with 784,200sqm of office and 624,200sqm of residential accommodation making up almost 40 per cent of the total built area in Docklands.

Data collected from the latest DAM report shows that Docklands currently boasts 125,182sqm of retail space – unsurprising when you consider the Harbour Town precinct as well as the many other retail hubs that comprise such an essential part of our community.

According to DAM data, a further 56,496sqm of retail space is on the way, with 10,988sqm applied for, 14,925sqm approved and 30,583sqm currently underway.

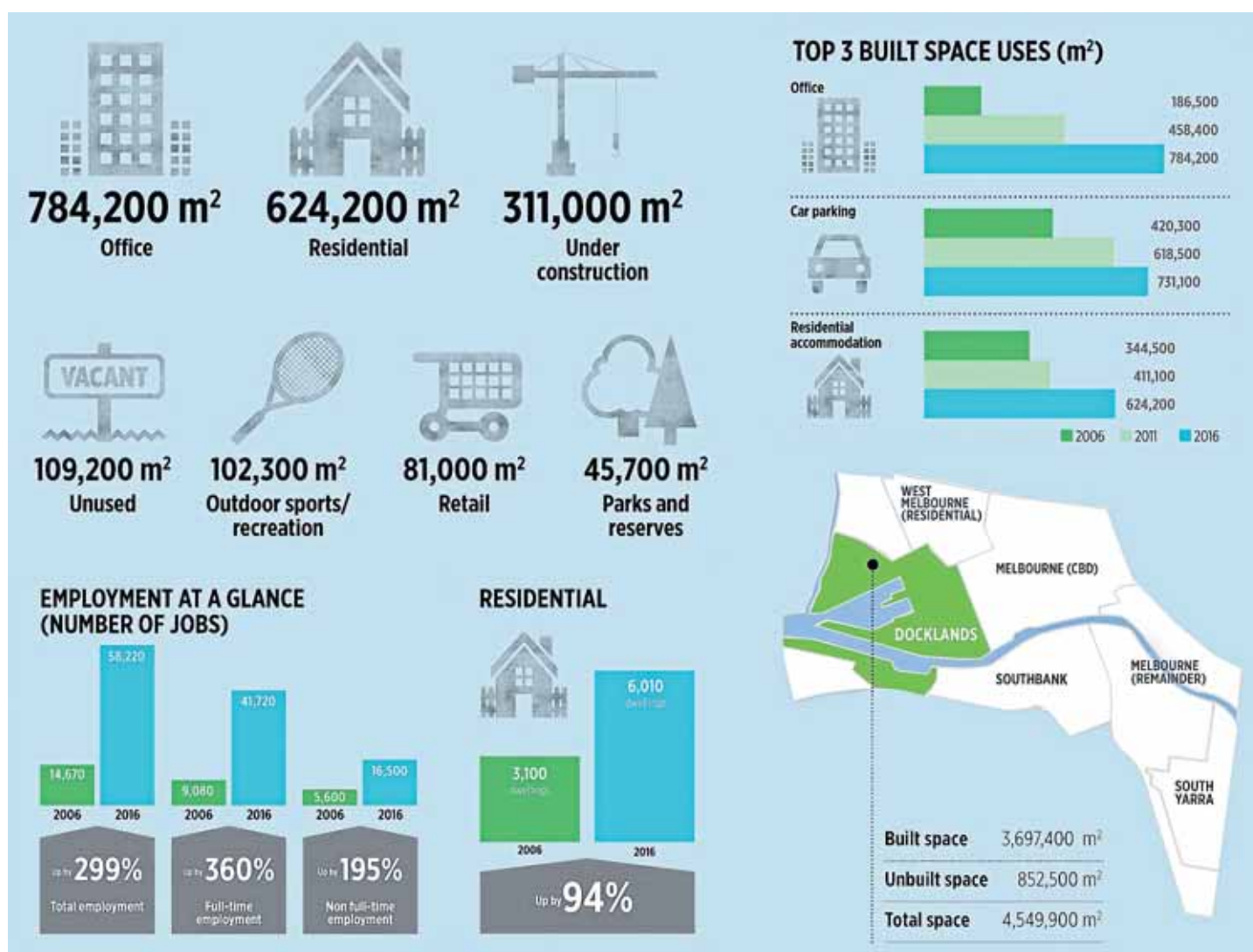
The number of residential dwellings in Docklands has doubled over the past 10 years, soaring from 3100 in 2006 to 6837 this year.

And that's only the beginning. A further 2252 apartments are under construction. A further 6577 have approvals and application have been made for a further 2313 apartments. The report only reveals that a further 1923 apartments have been "mooted" for Docklands.

These apartments translate into many more residential floors being added to our soaring skyline.

The DAM data shows that in May some 288 residential floors were underway. A further additional 757 floors of residential development have been approved and applications have been made for a further 272 residential floors.

Employment in Docklands is also looking bright. The number of jobs in Docklands has almost tripled over the last decade, up from 14,670 in 2006 to 58,220 in 2016. Of these jobs, 41,720 are full time and 16,500 are non-full time.



And upcoming construction is predicted to add even more to our already impressive employment statistics.

It comes as no surprise that finance and insurance has been ranked the top employing industry in Docklands, representing more than 22,000 jobs. Docklands is the headquarters of several big corporations including Commonwealth, NAB, ANZ and Medibank.

Gender diversity in Docklands' offices is slightly skewed, where men constitute 57 per cent of the workforce.

Docklands is known for its picturesque outdoor spaces and this was confirmed by the latest CLUE report that revealed that there is currently 148,000sqm of outdoor space in the area. Of this, 102,300sqm is dedicated to outdoor sports and recreation and 45,700sqm dedicated to parks and reserves.

However, almost 20 per cent of the Docklands area is made up by car park and there are still more than 100,000sqm of "unused" space.

The CLUE report gives comprehensive data on land use, employment and economic

activity across the City of Melbourne and assists with Melbourne's business planning and policy development.

The DAM report is released twice a year, however focuses solely on development activity in the City of Melbourne. The DAM report also provides developments that are awaiting town approval, have town approval and those that are currently under construction as well as completed projects.

Comparison of both data sets shows that Docklands' continued growth and expansion is of a highly impressive standard.



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Unions unite for #CUB55

Union members and workers marched from Docklands to Parliament in solidarity with the 55 maintenance workers sacked by Carlton and United Breweries on September 8.

CUB dismissed the entire maintenance workforce in July, ending a long-standing maintenance contract.

Fifty-five electricians and fitters lost their jobs and were given a chance to reapply for the position, but they said their wage would be lowered by 65 per cent due to penalty rate cuts and other entitlements.

Gwynnith Evans from Australasian Meat Industry Employees Union said the pay cut was “unacceptable”.

“If they can attack one worker, they can attack others,” she said. “It’s in all of our interest to stand together against an incredibly rich employer who is trying to rip off the workers.”

Trams and cars on Bourke St and LaTrobe St were temporarily blocked by the rally crowd.

CUB employees camped outside the company’s Abbotsford plant for a month when the 55 workers were first sacked, causing major disturbance to the brewery’s daily operations.

Rail, Tram and Bus Union member, Victor Moore, said the CUB workers deserved a “living wage”.

“They have the right to be treated with respect. Workers support workers. That’s the heart of union movements,” he said.



Fitness classes to continue

Mirvac has announced another year of free fitness classes at Yarra’s Edge.

The developer has teamed with social initiative Live Life Get Active to continue the program.

Olympian, Commonwealth champion and Live Life Get Active director Jane Flemming, said: “It’s all about getting people active in their local or working communities, by providing them with a way of living that is healthy and easy to adopt, in an environment that is fun and motivating.”

Held along the riverfront, the classes will run Monday to Friday for 200 days over the next 12 months and will include free group fitness via X-training, boxing and yoga classes. Tailored nutrition plans and support is also available for attendees from highly qualified trainers.

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Get the hoops hooping

Docklanders are invited to a come-and-try playshop (a workshop where play is the focus) at Knowledge Market in Victoria Harbour on October 8.

Donna Sparx teaches Hoopercise, a cardio exercise that tones the body and builds strengths of the waist, legs and arms. It also incorporates some dance element.

Ms Sparx said the central theme of Hoopercise was fun fitness.

"We do fun, playful fitness that also brings results. There are always lots of giggles during the workout," she said.

When corporate work no longer interested her, Ms Sparx travelled to Turkey and Bali to learn from world's Hoopercise professionals.

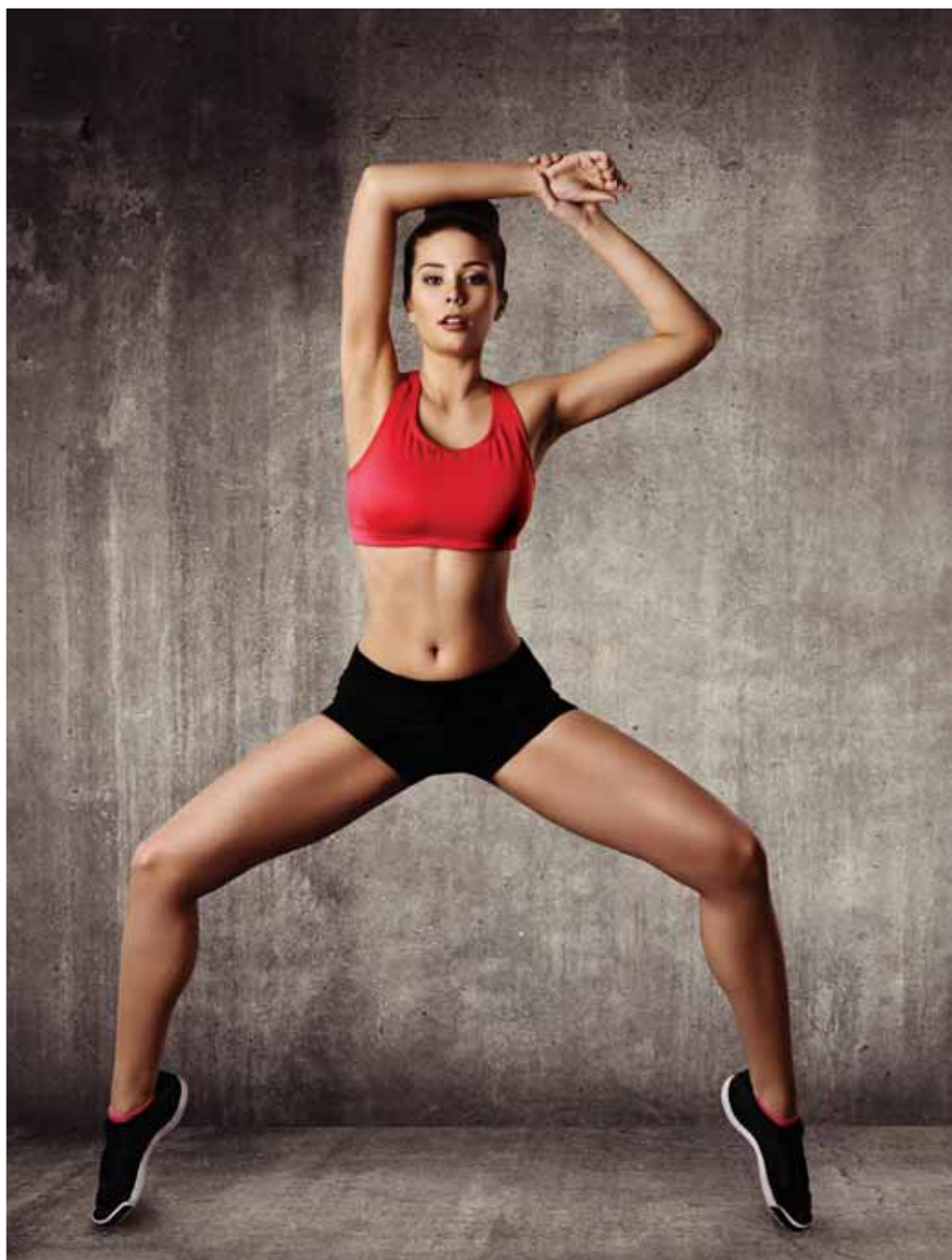
She then brought the "hoopspiration" to Melbourne.

She wants Hoopercise to be a fun and engaging exercise that also serves as a de-stressing tool.

"I want it to be an incentive for people to leave work on time and engage in something beneficial for their health," she said.

Just like Yoga and Pilates, Hoopercise is a stream of workout practised by people from all ages and genders.

"There's no age or gender limit for this exercise. Guys actually find it physically challenging."



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dictates minimal speeches, maximum networking time as well great food and drink.

The next, and final event for 2016, will be held on Friday, November 11. The venue is rotated each time. Watch this space for

venue and menu details for the November lunch.

The lunch costs \$60 and bookings can be made by emailing lunch@docklandsnews.com.au



Lucia Cardamone and Randall Bradshaw in conversation.



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The sharing economy shouldn't become the taking economy



By Ellen Sandell
Melbourne MLA

A lot has been said about the new "sharing economy", where people can share or lease their assets that would potentially go unused, like cars, rooms or entire houses.

The skyrocketing popularity of sharing economy services like Uber and AirBnB shows that there is a demand for these services and that they are here to stay.

But we must not let the "sharing economy" become the "taking economy" or the "exploiting economy".

Many Docklands and CBD residents have shared their concerns with me about short-stay apartments taking over their communities, sometimes facilitated by AirBnB.

I am not opposed to the sharing economy. In our resource-constrained world, we need to better share our assets and it's great to find new, innovative ways of doing this. However, sometimes, platforms like AirBnB can be exploited and used to get around tax and regulations, and impact adversely on residents.

Many residents were sold apartments in the CBD, Southbank and Docklands with the vision that they would get to live in a lovely high-rise community with all the benefit that that provides, including their neighbours being close by and being close to the city.

Our governments should find ways to deal with these issues, because fundamentally it's about creating the kind of city we want to live in – one where we foster community, just not private profit.

Many of these residents were shocked when they moved into their apartments and discovered that up to 50 per cent of the apartments in their buildings, sometimes more, were being leased out for just two or three nights a week to different tenants each week.

This meant that their sense of community and the long-term neighbours they hoped to get to know did not eventuate. It meant things like long waits for the lifts as cleaners ferried linen up and down the building every day. It meant communal property like lifts had to be replaced much more than normal at the expense of the permanent residents and the owners' corporations, because they were not actually designed for the extra traffic associated with constant short-stay guests. It meant extra security concerns as a result of these extra short-stay guests who

were unknown to the permanent residents.

It also impacts on housing affordability, as people buy apartments specifically to lease out to short-term guests full-time, meaning fewer properties are available to renters or owner-occupiers. This pushes up the price of housing for people who need to live in our city, like essential workers, and those on lower incomes.

This problem is not unique to Melbourne, but unfortunately Melbourne has not had a government willing to deal with the issue.

Other cities have grappled with this problem,

and some have sought to introduce laws that balance the rights of residents to participate in the sharing economy while also addressing housing affordability and the challenges of short-stay accommodation.

For example, San Francisco and Seattle are considering laws that would put a cap on the number of days a resident can rent out their property to short-stay tenants over the course of a year, and restrict it to just genuine permanent residents. This would stop people buying apartments solely for the purpose of putting them on AirBnB full-time, but still allow people to put their apartments on AirBnB when they occasionally go on holidays.

Ideas like this could also be effective solutions to the challenges we face here in Victoria, but unfortunately the Labor

Government has refused to look at them.

I've presented a motion on this issue to the Victorian Parliament which has remained on the Notice Paper for months, with Labor refusing to allow a debate on it. Their only solution has been the patchy Owners Corporations Amendment (Short Stay Accommodation) Bill 2016.

Labor's Bill puts the onus on residents to complain to their owners' corporation which in turn could take action at the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT). VCAT then would not be able to take meaningful action against owners or occupiers until there are at least three complaints in a two-year period. That's even assuming an owner's corporation does anything with a complaint in the first place.

The Labor Government has to take responsibility for legislating for short-stay accommodation because it is a state-wide problem, not one limited to one building or neighbourhood. Labor's Bill puts the burden of tackling issues that arise with short stays on residents. Its Bill doesn't prevent problems – it's a complaints mechanism at best.

The Greens sought to have this Bill deferred until proper consultation was done with the community on this issue, but both Labor and the Liberals voted against this idea.

We must do better. Our governments should find ways to deal with these issues, because fundamentally it's about creating the kind of city we want to live in – one where we foster community, just not private profit.

As The Greens' spokesperson for housing and consumer affairs, I'm very happy to hear your concerns about short-stay accommodation in Docklands, the CBD, or any other issue for that matter. Don't hesitate to get in touch on **9328 4637** or **office@ellensandell.com**

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Win-win skill exchange

By Sunny Liu

Now is the time for seniors to catch up with cutting-edge technologies during this year's Victorian Seniors Festival.

Seniors are meeting with younger people at Library at The Dock on October 25 to exchange their life experiences with technology skills over some tea as part of the community initiative Tech, Tea and Tale.

Older people, who may be still coming to terms with modern technology, can attend the free workshop to learn to use smartphones and computers.

In return, they can share their stories and a lifetime of real-world experiences with the younger ones, known as "story collectors".

As well as the practical lessons they receive, the workshop will also be a chance for seniors to reflect on and record some of the memorable events and experiences throughout their life.

The program is co-founded by social enterprises Lively and StoryPod, both dedicated to connecting the community.

Sophie Weldon, founder of StoryPod, said Tech, Tale and Tea would celebrate seniors' personal values and wisdom.

"Unfortunately, older people are undervalued and are often isolated in our communities. We think older people should be celebrated and have the opportunity to connect with more people in the

community," she said.

Docklands was selected as the meeting point for older and younger participants due to its central location.

"Sometimes even dense areas can feel isolating. Spaces like The Dock Library have the potential to cultivate community because they can be a meeting place for people to connect in their otherwise busy lives," Ms Weldon said.

"A lot of older people walk down the street without being noticed, but at our events they will be the centre of attention."

The workshop in Docklands will be the launch event followed by a series of similar events. 10 tech-savvy young participants have been recruited to work at each technology workshop across Melbourne.

The workshop was piloted in regional and metropolitan areas and received overwhelming positive feedback. In Golden Plains Shire, an 85-year-old man fist pumped in the air because he was so excited to have finally learned how to use his smartphone.

This year's Victorian Seniors Festival will see a variety of activities take place all across Victoria throughout October. Library at the Dock will become a festival hub for activities



like Bollywood dance classes, free afternoon tea and free yoga classes for seniors.

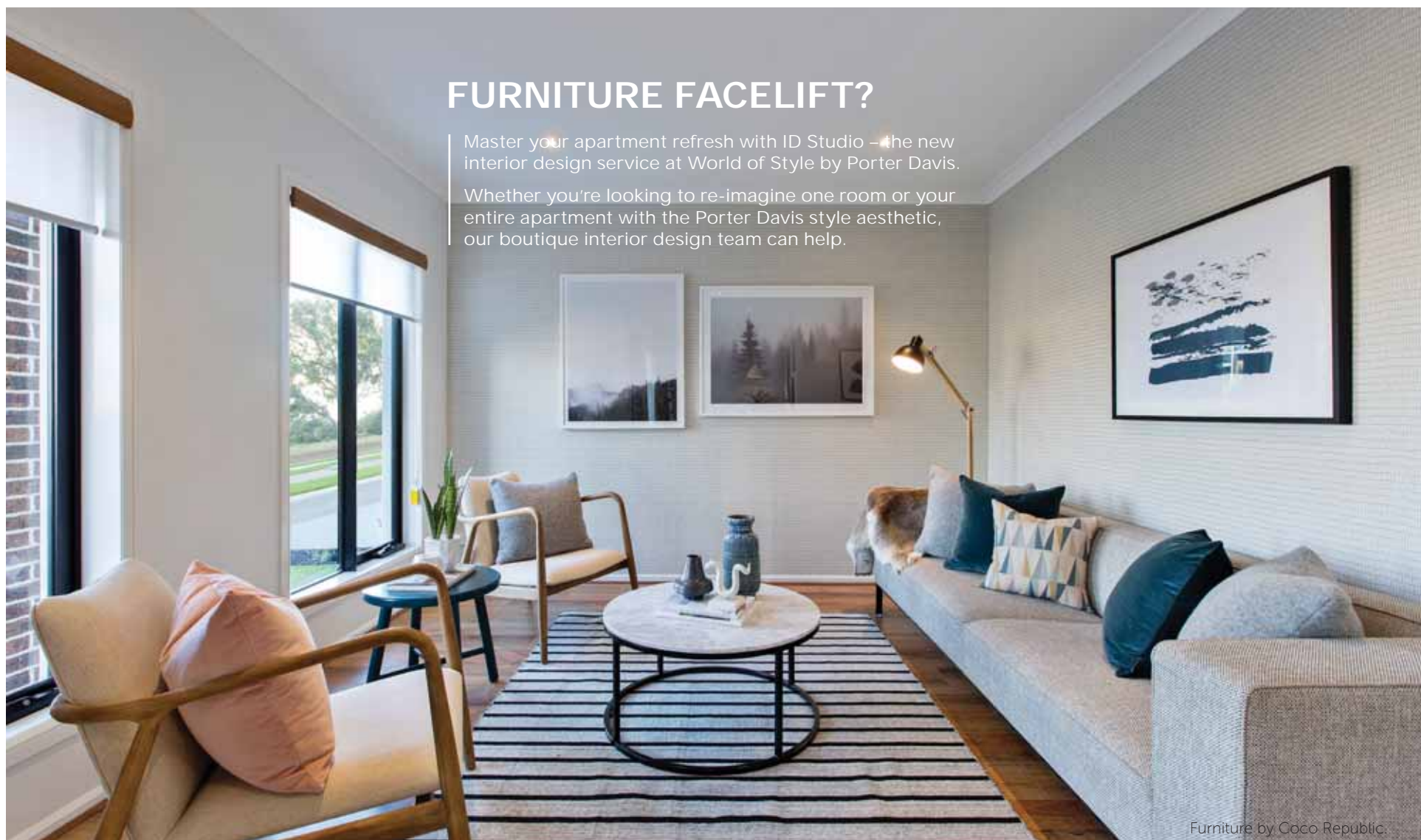
The first Tech, Tea and Tale workshop will

take place at Library at the Dock from 2pm to 4pm on October 25. Seniors can attend for free.

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Together Melbourne is excited to present an inclusive team from diverse backgrounds to represent you at this next City of Melbourne Council election. Our Leadership team, led by Ken Ong OAM and Sue Morphet and Councillor team of Philip Le Liu, Tony Penna, Barbara Yerondais, and Alice Poon is a combination of leadership, experience, diversity, inclusiveness, passion and caring.

Docklands is an integral part of the City and we believe in strengthening it's relevance. We need to ensure Docklands continues to be seen as an attractive destination for visitors, businesses and residents, including families. We will work with the relevant authorities to find a solution to sustain the fireworks and a pro-active approach to pursuing the activation of the waterways. Of great concern to Together Melbourne is the lack of schooling. Alongside the community, we will strongly advocate the State Government to build a school by 2019. With a consultative approach and your support, Together Melbourne will deliver on our promises and serve the needs of the community.



Ken Ong OAM
Councillor,
Community Advocate,
Leadership

Ken is running for Lord Mayor and has served on the City of Melbourne Council for 8 years as a Councillor, fulfilling the role of Chairperson on a number of committees, including the Disability Advisory Committee. Ken is a small business owner, providing childcare centres and services across Melbourne and has recently been recognised for his contributions to community through an Order of Australia Medal (OAM).



Sue Morphet
Leadership,
Woman in Business

Sue is running for Deputy Lord Mayor. Sue is a successful businesswoman and has extensive leadership experience in both business and the community. Sue is currently involved in a number of boards and previously held the roles of Chairman of Manufacturing Australia, Director of Melbourne Fashion Festival and Director of Save the Children Australia. Sue is a resident of East Melbourne.



Philip Le Liu
Entrepreneur,
International Community
Advocate

Philip is running for Councillor and is passionate about the international community within Melbourne – including students, residents and visitors - and interacting with the entrepreneur community. Philip was a former Liberal federal candidate for the seat of Melbourne and resides in the CBD.



Tony Penna
Southbank Resident
Association President,
Start-ups and Innovation

Tony is running for Councillor and is a community advocate, having been the voice of Southbank for the past 3 years. Tony is a regular and active contributor at Council meetings and resides in Southbank. He is a property and business owner and a Reservist in the Royal Australian Air Force, where he's served for 18 years.



Barbara Yerondais
Architect, Diversity

Barbara has some 27 years' experience in her own local Architectural Practice in the CBD. Barbara has seen the city grow and change over this time and is excited to participate in the next stage of the City's life. Barbara has a strong community profile through business, volunteering and social service organisations. As a Councillor, Barbara will bring local experience and knowledge to relevant sectors in Industry, business and Universities.



Alice Poon
Community Worker,
Volunteering

Alice has spent some 20 years working with the non-for-profit sector. Alice is well recognised and offers to serve the City of Melbourne in an effort to 'give more'. To be a Councillor Alice will bring experience in community engagement.



Docklander

Some very big ideas for Docklands

By Shane Scanlan

Janette Corcoran is not your ordinary Docklander. Not only does she want to live here, she wants to change the place – for the better.

The social entrepreneur has only relatively recently fallen in love with Docklands and is excited and motivated to mould its future.

After a lifetime wandering the physical and academic worlds, Janette only walked across the Bourke St concourse late last year and was immediately smitten.

“I thought I wanted to live in the CBD, but when I saw this I knew I was home,” she said.

Janette comes across as a very private person. But she wants to get to know Docklands and Docklanders.

She has envisaged a “social business” which is based on improving and getting the best out of vertical living. The enterprise is the culmination of her considerable experience and expertise in a number of fields.

In the mix is: information technology; marketing; business and economics (PhD) innovation; data, business and administrative systems; commercialisation of knowledge; research (more specifically, e-Research!); strategy; leadership ... the list goes on.

The salient point is that Janette has achieved a lot so far and is hungry to help others take the experience of apartment living to its full potential.

She’s starting a business called Uprisings, which is multi-faceted, but is ultimately about better apartment living.

One tangible expression of this will be a ticketed event at the Victoria Harbour Knowledge Hub next February called “SkyPad”.

For those old enough to remember *The Jetsons* (season one was released in 1963), the Jetson family lived at SkyPad Apartments in Orbit City in 2062 (less than 50 years away).

But, unlike George and kin, our real-life apartments have been built with minimal space. So, what SkyPad participants can expect, is to be introduced to the world’s most innovative technology to make life within 50-100sqm sooooo much better.

The gadgets are only part of the story and, as this is sounding too much like a free ad, you’ll have to wait for her *Docklands News* advertising (hello Janette!) to learn more.

What is of more interest to this column is her motivation. Why bother?

“I feel that Docklands and other places like Docklands are on the cusp. It could go either way,” she said. “There’s a real possibility that the ‘ghettoes in the sky’ scenario could play out. Or we could grasp the unlimited possibilities that are presenting themselves.”

Janette talks passionately about engaging with governments, developers and residents – bringing people together to pursue a galvanised vision.

Old cynics like this author wish her well but have little confidence in such a possibility.

But she says she has earned battle scars pulling people together in far more difficult places than Docklands – urban Johannesburg and Timor-Leste, for example.

“I know which fights to have and which ones won’t progress the cause,” she said.

“I’m encouraged by the buy-in from



residents that I have already had here in Docklands. People are really open to possibilities here. It’s not like the suburbs. It’s very reaffirming.”

So, welcome to Docklands Janette. Here’s hoping you can cut through and give this emerging community even more reason to love this place.

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DOCKLANDS FASHION

Fashion

Dress your tresses with style

By Khiara Elliott

With the annual Spring Racing Carnival around the corner, ladies and gents alike will be fighting to secure their spot on the “best dressed” list.

Although a fascinator is a nod to the tradition of top hats and tailcoats, milliner Philip Treacy has declared the fascinator “dead”.

CBD News consulted fashion textile merchandising student and aspiring stylist Mil Yotkamthorn about her views on headwear alternatives.

“Fascinators are a little outdated simply because people are just way more creative these days,” she said.

“Younger females are turning away from the old-school fascinators and are now wearing gypsy-inspired head pieces. Smaller statement pieces that are simple yet dramatic are what I think will be the newest trend this season.”

So, ladies, instead of opting for the hat and lace combo this spring season, perhaps try something a little subtler.

A perfect example of simple, but dramatic, is a gold feather barrette. Pin one side of your water wave curls behind your ear with this pretty piece to create a timeless glam look. You can pick up one of these for around \$20 on Etsy.

A simple up-do can be quickly and easily improved with the adding of a jewelled hair comb to the top or either side of your bun. Any bridal store will have a selection available for purchase, and depending on size these beauties can run anywhere from \$19 to \$90.

This spring season, embrace your lavish side and have your hair dripping in jewels and gold. It's time to dress your tresses!



Fashion on the streets of Docklands

Matt McKenzie, 37,
Yarraville,

LOCATION: Cow up a Tree.

DESCRIBE YOUR FAVOURITE PIECE OF CLOTHING: My hat. It's my newest hat and I steamed it over a kettle to get it into the shape. My wife ordered it online and it just arrived from New Zealand.

WHAT BRINGS YOU TO THE DOCKLANDS: I work here.

HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE YOUR STYLE: Old-time, hipster-bushranger Goth. I'm also sporting a Western Bulldog jersey today.

WHAT MAKES A GOOD OUTFIT: Black and drapery bits. You also need to find balance between look and comfort. A hat is essential.

Dorothy Janev, 60,
Templestowe,

LOCATION: Victoria Harbour.

DESCRIBE YOUR FAVOURITE PIECE OF CLOTHING: My skirt and boots.

WHAT BRINGS YOU TO THE DOCKLANDS: I work at NAB.

HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE YOUR STYLE: I would say classic. I love dressing up and going to racings. I'm planning my wardrobe for the Spring Racing Carnival. I also like jeans and leggings.

WHAT MAKES A GOOD OUTFIT: Just whatever suits the person. There's no point in wearing designer outfits that don't suit you.

Vivian Wang, 20,
Docklands,

LOCATION: Digital Harbour.

DESCRIBE YOUR FAVOURITE PIECE OF CLOTHING: I love my wide-leg black pants. They make me look skinnier.

WHAT BRINGS YOU TO THE DOCKLANDS: I live here and I love the convenient location.

HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE YOUR STYLE: It's a combination of South Korean and Chinese style. I follow many fashionistas on social media and get outfit ideas from them.

WHAT MAKES A GOOD OUTFIT: Street-style comfort wear.

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Question: "If you won a million dollars what would you spend it on and why?"



ELEANOR BANKS, 30

I would buy one of those big boats and sail back to England to see my family and bring them back to Melbourne with me.



BRENDAN LOH, 21

With a million dollars I would buy a decent apartment here in the city and then buy a luxury car. I'd set myself up nicely.



CHLOE JOHNSTON, 24

I'm going to say I would buy a house because it sounds like the practical thing to do. A nice big house in the suburbs is what I'd spend it on.



STEVEN SWANN, 33

I'd buy a boat. I've always wanted one and I love going fishing. I'd probably start by sailing up around Queensland.



STACEY REES, 31

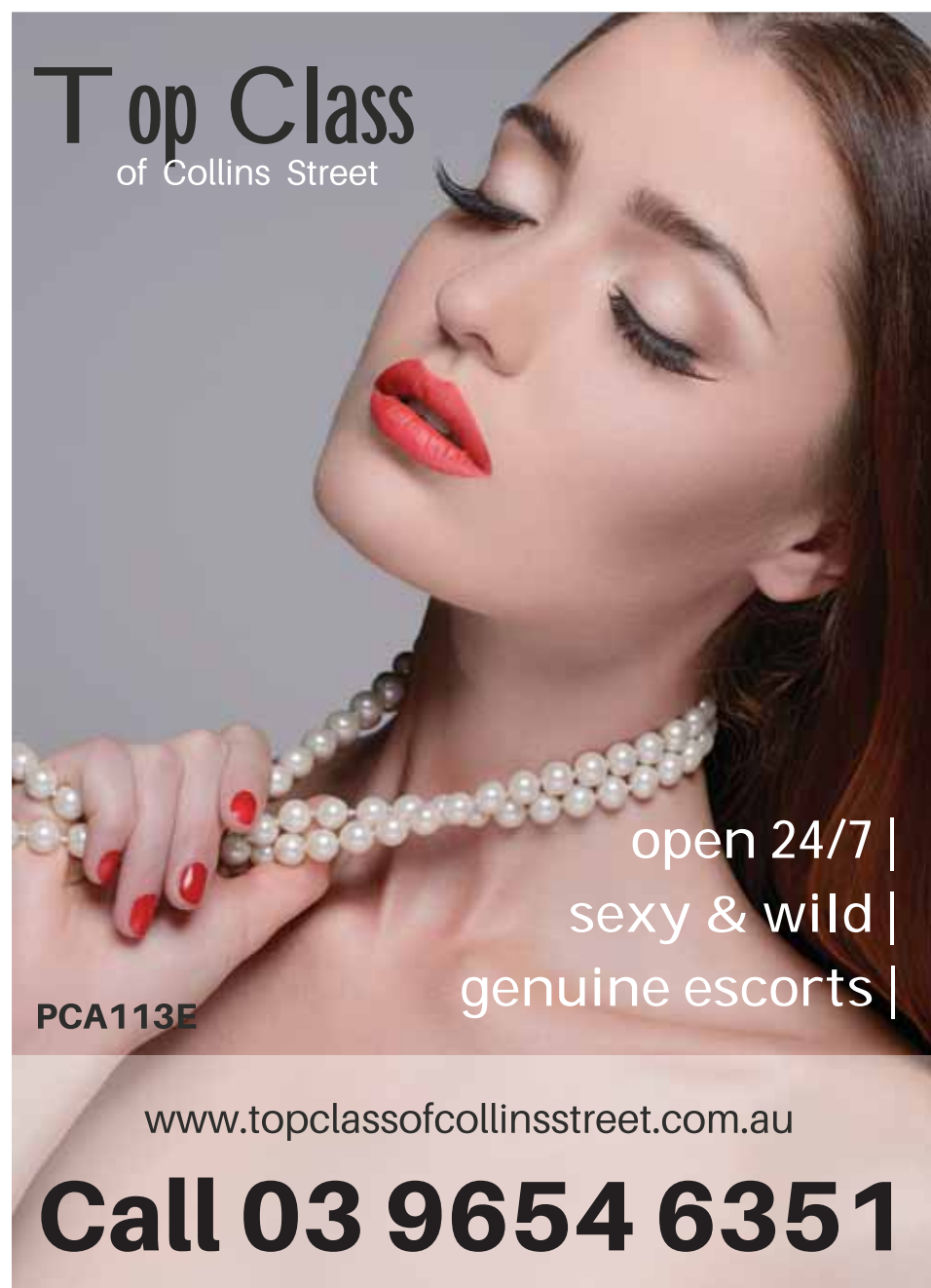
I would quit my job and study international development, and then do some voluntary work to help the refugees here in Melbourne and then later abroad.



ADAM VINCE, 35

I would spend all the money on my family, buying them whatever they wanted. Or maybe take them all on a holiday to somewhere nice.

By: Rhianna Busler



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BodyPump release 100!

The health, fitness and wellness industries have been well known for using phases, fads and gimmicks to encourage people to try and buy products and services.

If you spin back through the last few decades, apparatus like the Body by Jake, classes like Jazzercise and equipment endorsements from celebrities like Chuck Norris and Christie Brinkley promised the world but didn't really deliver much, other than add more stuff for under the bed or out the front on hard rubbish day.

Then there is BodyPump!

BodyPump is a barbell exercise class taught in a group format to energetic music. The class lasts for an hour and delivers an effective full-body workout, including a motivating warm-up and relaxing stretch and cool down at the end. There are also 30 and 45-minute express classes available, which suit the corporate working community very well.

BodyPump originated in New Zealand and was developed by Les Mills International. The first classes were taught in the Les Mills gyms in Auckland in the early 1990s spearheaded by an inspirational leader and ironman Mike McSweeney. BodyPump landed in Australia in 1996 and has been a huge hit ever since.

Bodypump is now taught in over 100 countries around the world in close to 20,000 facilities. So, if you are a traveller, you are never too far from a BodyPump class.

The most exciting news about BodyPump is that the 100th release has just been filmed and will launch around the globe in early 2017. Every quarter, a new BodyPump class is released through the network of trainers, instructors and facilities and delivered to the members around the world.

BodyPump 100 will therefore mark 25 years of BodyPump, an amazing program that looks to last for another 25. Keep your eyes out for some special BodyPump 100 classes in Docklands in the near future.

Spring fitness in Docklands

Spring is such a fantastic time to get outside and exercise. We are all to a certain extent breaking out of the winter blues and

launching forward into the latest phase of our health and wellness journey.

Here are some great ideas on how you can make your spring exercise and activity plans motivating, fun and memorable within Docklands:

- Try a workout in the Temporary Activity Zone (outdoor gymnasium) in Victoria Harbour. Lendlease has constructed an amazing, world-class outdoor gymnasium space on Collins St. The activities and stations include a 130m running track and multiple cross-fit-type exercise stations on a rubberised low-impact surface. The location is just south of the ANZ building. Cost = \$0, or hire a trainer to guide your sessions Cost approx. \$50-\$100.
- Form or join a running or walking group and head off during your lunch break for a scenic tour of Docklands. Access to trails is fantastic and the quality and width of paths make this choice very attractive. Cost = \$0.
- Ride your bike to and from work. If you are a seasonal rider, it's time to dust off the bike and get mobile on two wheels. Maybe get the guys from Good Cycles to check your bike over and ensure it's safe and efficient to operate. Bike tune-ups are good value and will keep your bike in great working order. Going to Good Cycles will also help support a great Docklands social enterprise.
- Join a studio or a gym – there are plenty of choices to suit your needs, lots of great classes, equipment and they provide great all weather access to exercise.
- Take a boot camp class on the Docklands Green space – many quality operators provide energetic and fun sessions in Docklands – just check on your providers insurance and qualifications!

Seven great things about bodyweight training

Bodyweight training can be described as exercising without equipment or machines,



instead using the mass or weight of the body to provide resistance. Here are seven great things about bodyweight training that should encourage you to get off the machines and use your body to its full potential.

1. Body weight training is suitable for all levels of fitness. It can be adapted to anyone's level of fitness or goals. If you are just starting out, the intensity and repetitions maybe lower. As you increase your fitness levels, you might add speed, power, more repetitions or advanced movements to the activity. Take an exercise like the squat for example – a new exerciser might do 8-10 reps of a half squat and rest for 30 seconds, whereas a more advanced participant might squat deeper, do more squats, add a jump and have less rest – all resulting in higher intensity!
2. The variation is endless. There are a couple of foundation exercises like the squat, lunge, crunch and push up. But, for each of those, there might be 10-20 variations. These variations provide a range of challenges and benefits to the exerciser.
3. It's portable. You don't need any equipment for bodyweight training. All you need is your own body! Look for structures like benches, walls, trees, playgrounds, etc to help set up opportunities to train different muscle groups in different ways.
4. It's functional. Functional training is training for the purpose of living. We can link exercises like the squat and lunge in training to life because we repeatedly perform these movements every day when we move, lift and carry things. Training functionally with life in mind, daily tasks can become easier, we can perform them better and we will reduce the likelihood of injury.
5. Improvement in cardio fitness, strength and flexibility. Your bodyweight training will, and can, cover all three of these key exercise components. Make sure you take time at the end of each workout to stretch.
6. You will get results. Many of the bodyweight exercises use compound movements. Compound exercises like a lunge, squat or push up include movements of more than one joint and involve many muscles and large movements. If you go to a gym, a good trainer would have you completing compound exercise as a preference.
7. It's free! Once you know how to execute a few of the key exercises and movements, you are ready to go. You can work out anywhere at any time and there are no excuses not to train!



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What Women Want

Feeling content with my life

I've never felt so content in my life. I really mean that, even though I've had some absolutely marvellous times throughout my life, I've never felt this content.

Content is a very different feeling to say, feeling happy. Content is a wonderful state of existence – I still feel all the highs and lows of life, all the excitement and disappointment, all the love and all the pain – it's just that I feel I have a better base to stand on. Better foundations or something.

I've been thinking about this recently, probably due to the fact that I have had two quite close male colleagues ask me the same question – in fact within days of each other.

So it does get you thinking, given they've never asked before. And I think they're asking because I might be giving off a different energy – due to feeling so content!

They have asked straight up: "Don't you miss having someone to come home to? Not just the sex, but the comfort of another adult human being there at the end of the day?"

I answered each in the same way. I thought about it for a moment, more to reassure them that I'm not taking their question lightly but am in fact deeply contemplating my situation, before I answer: "No, not at all."

This really confuses them. I think there's a general – and I know generalisations are dangerous, but work with me here – there's a general male perception that if you're a single female then you're naturally craving physical companionship.

In fact, it might even be a general assumption across the board, that if you're single then you're surely "waiting" to meet someone.

And this is why I am feeling so content. Because I'm not. I'm not waiting to meet someone. I am very happy exactly the way my life is going. I love being on my own (I mean as an adult – I adore every day with my son!) and I will be happy to stay on my own if that is the way life goes.

Given it's pretty much been like this for the last 12 years, I think it's fair to predict that it's unlikely to change. Don't get me wrong, I've dated a few guys. Some have been lovely but have been at different life stages (such as not quite ready for me, having a young son), whilst others have been wrong in every sense of the word and have brought so much emotional baggage with them that I have rued the day I met them.

However, the silver lining has been that, upon their departure, the clouds lift, the grey skies turn to blue and you are just so grateful and happy to have your lovely, gorgeous, drama-free and peaceful life back. It's like

receiving the gift of realising you had what you were looking for all along!

So for those of you who are restless in life, I hope you find your contentment. And for those who have found your contentment in a place that perhaps you never thought would be your "happy place", well done. Being content doesn't mean not dreaming of more, nor does it mean you're closed to things changing. It just means that you're happy with the way things are transforming, with where you are and how you live – and that's pretty powerful.

"Somewhere between what she survived, and who she was becoming, was exactly where she was meant to BE. She was starting to love the journey. And find the comfort in the quiet corners of her wildest dreams. They say people don't change ... Well she wasn't always this way. Even if she didn't change the entire world, she would change her part of it. And she would affect the people she shared it with. A butterfly whose wings have been touched, can indeed still fly. Whether something was meant to be, or meant to leave, didn't matter as much anymore. She would soak up the sun, kiss the breeze and she would fly regardless." – J Raymond

What a woman wants is to live a life full of love and filled with peace. What a woman needs to realise, is that she doesn't need someone else to show her that love. It comes from within – and that is pretty peaceful. May it be the summer of your content.

Until next month,

Abby

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I love receiving your emails each month, thank you x



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Away from the Desk

Food of dreams

By Susie Williamson

If you cook it, I will come.

I love food. Not in an I'll-only-eat-at-five-star-restaurants-run-by-celebrity-chefs kind of way, but in an I-love-thinking-about-what-meal-I'd-have-if-I-were-on-death-row way. Morbid, but true (for the record, I'm still deciding – good thing I'm not actually on death row).

If you work in the CBD, like I used to, you're spoiled for choice. On days when I felt really indulgent, I'd have a feed at Chin Chin (my office was around the corner so it was easy to get a table) or get takeaway from Gazi, and then finish the meal with chocolate from Haigh's.

If I was on a budget (which was most of the time), I'd grab a \$4.50 baguette from Centre Place, or a \$5.50 cup of pho from Roll'd. And then when the food-court-to-beat-all-food-courts opened up in Emporium Melbourne (Jimmy Grants! Earl Canteen!), it was like I'd died and gone to Fat Pig Heaven.

Then I got a job in Docklands, which, let's be honest, isn't renowned for its food. However, I'm always pleasantly surprised by the quality of eateries here.

On the morning of starting my new job, one of my closest friends met me for coffee in the hope that our regular jibber-jabber talk would put my first-day anxieties at ease. Being a coffee snob, she researched cafes in the area and was "well jel" (i.e. very jealous) of the fact I was now working near Long Shot in Collins Square. "Yeah, but that's probably the only decent place to get anything," I thought. I was wrong.

The fried chicken ribs at Pok Pok are to die for, as is their chargrilled chicken satay. Banoi also serves up a pretty mean chicken rib, but what I love most is their lychee crush, which is exactly what you imagine it to be – crushed lychees mixed with ice into an exotic, fancy Slurpee-like concoction.

Meanwhile, did you know there's such a thing as a Japanese burrito? No, I didn't either. And while I'm still not game enough to try one, I can tell you that the salad

selection at Street Kitchen Co is pretty delectable. And in case you're put off by how green and healthy their salads look, you can always add a fried schnitzel into the mix. Plus, their "original" fries with the "secret spiced salt" are pretty scrumptious, too. I'm now desperate to try their New York Breakfast Bagel – methinks it's time I scheduled a business breakfast meeting.

Speaking of bagels, I've been told that Schmuck's Bagels was named after me (ha ha). I do love a good bagel, especially when it comes packed with fillings like salmon and cream cheese, or bacon and egg with tonkatsu sauce. Admittedly, Schmuck's Hippie-Slicker bagel, with its tumeric roasted cauliflower, is a bit too hipster for me, but I can overlook that (and I'm sure it's probably good).

You see, when it comes to my food, I'm as unpretentious as they come. Give me a good old iceberg lettuce over a salad-with-four-different-types-of-organic-greens-encrusted-with-edible-gold-flakes any day. Which is why I'm stoked there's:

- a Subway across the street;
- a Woolies downstairs; and
- tons of cheap but oh-so-tasty Vietnamese places.

It's also why I love the food and atmosphere at Tap831. Its interior is very of-the-moment (think shiny subway tiles and funky light fittings), but the grub's still pretty affordable and there's no pretension (they have \$10 lobster rolls! I'm not kidding!).

The place opened not long after I started working here. The guys who work the floor downstairs have been with the joint since day one. They hope to stick around for a while, with the aim of fostering a growing community vibe.

And indeed, that's what it feels like here in Docklands, a community that's constantly evolving and bringing in more foodies. Sure, Docklands may not attract the likes of George Calombaris or Shannon Bennett, but who cares when you can get a Japanese burrito or a \$10 lobster roll?

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Why Docklands fireworks must stay on the water

The Docklands community is now galvanised and will do everything in its power to protect Melbourne's "most liveable" reputation.

We are probably the only city in the world that grossly underutilises one of our greatest public assets – our waterways and harbour. Getting boats on the water is a nightmare of red tape. Just look for yourself. Have a look on the harbour. Have a look on the Yarra. Why is movement virtually non-existent?

It is hard to imagine, but the City of Melbourne is actually considering moving one of the most important activations we have on the water, the Docklands' fireworks.

Our fireworks are one of many features that delivers our most liveable reputation because of its water location. If you move the fireworks, you potentially damage that reputation.

Local residents and businesses are now recommending an alternative activation that could be spread around the harbour with:

- Staging at "MAB corner" – this would spread down NewQuay Promenade and down Harbour Esplanade;
- Staging at Victoria Harbour Promenade at Merchant St (where the Regatta had its staging). This would spread down Victoria Harbour Promenade and across Harbour Esplanade;
- Different genre of music/entertainment at

each site would bring in diverse attendees – and spread the share of people around the area; and

- This would provide diverse entry and exit strategies to dissipate traffic in and out of the area.

Views of the fireworks would be all around the precinct and would support both land-based and water-based business.

There are 7km of waterfront in Docklands and this is the unique point of difference compared with other cities.

The Docklands Chamber of Commerce is concerned about the lack of consultation on the proposal to move the fireworks from the harbour. Businesses have already started taking bookings for New Year's Eve based on water-based fireworks as a focus. Activation of the waterways is the high focus for the DCC and the Docklands Community Forum.

The council is saying that water-based fireworks are a risk but this needs to be examined so we can eliminate the perceived risk and keep the fireworks safe and on the water. The DCC executive has voted to commission an independent risk assessment to be completed.

The chamber has received emails, phone calls and letters of concern from publicans, boat operators, accommodation providers, restaurants, retail businesses and residents.

The Chamber of Commerce will work with Cherie Fraser, the council's director of events and Victoria Police with one objective – to ensure the continuation of safe water-based fireworks events from Victoria Harbour. We will ensure that all councillors and council staff are aware of the Docklands community's position.

Meet your councillor candidates

Come on Thursday, October 6 and meet your candidates for the Melbourne City Council. Come and see who are the friends of Docklands and who understands how the precinct can to continue to grow and prosper. The Meet the Candidates event is being held at Library on the Dock from 7.00pm. We currently have 16 candidates attending.

Docklands Chamber of Commerce AGM deferred

Due to the focus of your executive on the continuance of water-based fireworks on New Year's Eve the AGM has been

deferred until November. This is to maintain continuity on the team working to resolve this issue. We will confirm a new date as soon as this has been set.

Now is the time to become a chamber member!

Join the chamber, protect the Docklands fireworks and connect your business to people with like minds who are actively encouraging the development of the Docklands community.

If you have anything you wish to share, or you want to join us simply email: admin@docklandsc.com.au or visit our web site www.docklandsc.com.au



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Owners Corporation Law

Being on the owners' corporation committee is no picnic

Being a chairperson, secretary or committee member of an owners' corporation (OC) can sometimes be a thankless task.

After a long day at work, and after attending to domestic duties, these voluntary members must then meet at unsociable hours to discuss and manage the affairs of the residential buildings they live in and to ultimately make binding decisions with important repercussions for all residents.

The functions and duties of committee members are contained within the Owners Corporation Act 2006 and include core concepts such as maintaining and repairing common property, keeping the building insured, ensuring that the rules of the owners' corporation are enforced and ensuring that the OC has sufficient funds in its accounts to pay its bills.

Stepping outside those core functions and duties is permissible, as most owners' corporations will delegate all functions and powers to the committee at the annual general meeting. However, committee members need to be extra careful when stepping outside the bounds of their core functions and duties.

A code of conduct applies to committee members under the Owners Corporation Act 2006, requiring members to act honestly and in good faith in performing their functions and to exercise due care, skill and diligence in every decision they make (or do not make as the case may be).

The insurance industry offers protection and cover for committee members that make bad decisions – but only if it can be proven that the committee made the bad decision in reasonable belief that the decision was in the best interests of the OC.

Committee members should not feel comforted by the protection offered by insurers. Any lot owner may file proceedings in VCAT if they believe that a decision made by a committee was made in bad faith and without due care.

The key lesson for all committees when considering potentially contentious issues are to seek advice early and often, from their OC managers and from appropriately-qualified and insured service providers.

Whether it be legal advice, engineering advice or advice from financial services professionals, reliance on that advice would help to shield committees from shouldering the blame for decision making over contentious issues gone wrong.

Moreover, if individual committee members feel uncomfortable or pressured about a certain proposed course of action, they should ask that the decision be deferred so that appropriate advice can be sought.

In "strata land", there are no prizes for making hasty decisions.



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Secret



Cow-buoy in a tree

By Rhianna Busler

Stuck up a tree – first a cow and now a (life)-buoy?

Last month marina officers noticed a life buoy was missing from its Harbour Esplanade cradle.

They discovered it hanging from one of the branches of Docklands' famous *Cow up a Tree* sculpture.

It isn't certain how long the buoy was hanging in the tree. However, it has since been successfully returned to its rightful spot.

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Pet's Corner



Dynamic double act

By Rhianna Busler

The terrible twosome Giulio and Bear might not be related but they're brother and sister at heart.

The Teacup Pomeranians are hard to tell apart but owner Oriana knows them like the back of her hand.

"I've pretty much had them all of their lives. I've had Bear the longest. She's almost three years old and Giulio is one," Oriana said.

Oriana moved to Docklands from her Port Melbourne home this time last year and couldn't be happier.

"I love the lifestyle that Docklands offers. Its locality is key because it's central to everything," Oriana said.

The two fluffy pups are full of energy and love their daily walks.

"I usually take them out in the morning before I go to work. They get scared with loud noises and don't really like the busyness of

the CBD streets so Docklands is perfect," Oriana said.

Even though Bear and Giulio are the ideal apartment-sized dogs, they're full of energy and are always bouncing around the house.

"I think people would be pleasantly surprised with how peaceful and quiet Docklands is. I love walking the dogs along Harbour Esplanade and NewQuay," Oriana said.

Describing the two pups as affectionate, energetic and loyal, Oriana said: "Docklands is a very animal friendly suburb. I'm always finding myself smiling at other dog owners and it's nice because there's quite a few of us."

We Live Here

Vertical living should be celebrated

Melbourne has a long history of apartment living. Pre-war, this was the choice of wealthy bohemians seeking alternatives to the Victorian terrace and post-war. It is reputed that one in eight lived in flats.

Melbourne is once again seeing a major change in how many residents are choosing to live, with tens of thousands moving into high-rise apartments and deciding to make the CBD, Docklands and Southbank their home.

Regrettably, however, vertical living is still often portrayed negatively and in terms of space deprivation - a cut-down house - and has yet to pique the interest of local designers.

This stands in contrast to the experience of many other international cities such as New York, Osaka, and Delft where vertical living has been a focus of much innovative attention. Multifunction furniture, moveable internal walls, small scale recycling, cost-effective noise mitigation, individual and building-based gardening, energy alternatives and small-space design for pets are the subject of ongoing innovative endeavour.

This is why next year will see the launch of the inaugural SKYPAD, an event to be held by UpRisings at KNOWMA (the Knowledge Market at Docklands) which will showcase innovative design suited to the daily lives of the vertical dwellers of Melbourne.

Amendment to the Owners Corporation Act

After the amendment to the Act was introduced by the Andrews Government into the Victorian Parliament last month, any prospective owner or buyer must now consider "what am I getting myself into"?

Things to do if you are a prospective buyer

Due diligence will now have to be exercised by all new prospective buyers/owners:

- Check to see if the owners' corporation committee is independent or being run by and/or subsidised by developers or commercially-operated businesses; and
- Check to see if the strata manager and building manager are appointed by an independent committee and not just appointed clones of the developers, and that no long-term contracts have been entered into (more than five years).

It's a known fact that in new multi-storey residential apartment buildings, developers are leasing left over apartments that are not sold off the plan to short stay operators.

There is now no protection against serviced apartments ruining your lifestyle and amenity.

Commercial short-stay operations are also

affecting housing affordability and rental availability.

How do you build communities when apartments are being pushed out for "hotel rooms" and profit?

The current Bill proposed by the government does nothing to address the real issues facing residents.

We desperately need serious legislation to protect us and regulation of the commercial short stay industry before our homes are turned into ghettos.

It is time for all owner/occupiers and residents to stand up and have your say to protect your way of life.

Have your say

The We Live Here movement strongly encourages you to email/write to your local member of parliament, the Minister for Planning Richard Wynne and the Minister for Consumer Affairs Marlene Kairouz voicing your disapproval of this new Bill.

Tell them that this new Bill does nothing to protect residents and ask what they are going to do for residents. All you want is effective legislation to protect yourself and to have the commercial short-stay industry properly regulated.

Council elections

Council elections are coming up in October. Before voting, all residents should check out the policies of the candidates to see if they support residents or are entirely pro-business.

This is your chance to have your say. The We Live Here movement encourages you to contact the candidates and seek their views on what their policies are on short-stays in residential buildings and what they are going to do for residents.

Remember your vote is extremely important to them. Make sure that your vote counts.

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Comprehensive healthcare

The Southbank Family Medical Centre continues to go from strength to strength under its philosophy of providing an easily accessible and patient-centric health service to the local community.

Head general practitioner (GP) Dr David Izon said, given the fast-paced nature of working and living in the inner city, the City Rd clinic's key focus was on providing a quick, easy and holistic health service.

"It's very patient-orientated. When we created this clinic we looked at creating a patient-centred approach even from the way the patients find us and book in for appointments," he said.

"You can do it over an computer, iPhone, iPad or Android device. Patients can even say that they've arrived without seeing the receptionist using one of the tablets in the front, which are easily accessible."

Within minutes, a patient can easily book in an appointment online and see a doctor on the same day.

Complemented with a broad set of general health practices, which include a range of therapies, psychology, vaccinations and occupational health services, the clinic has quickly become the go-to-place for many locals.

With both a male and female GP onsite, Dr Izon said the clinic was committed to serving the inner city's diverse community and, most importantly, in a timely manner.

"Obviously, as doctors, we know we have to prioritise emergencies but generally we run very much to time," Dr Izon said. "I hate when I go to the dentist sitting there and being told 'there's four people ahead of you and it might take 45 minutes' because that's not okay."

"Even if there's a queue at the front desk they can log in electronically, grab a cup of coffee and put their feet up, watch TV and chill out. It's very much patient-centred. There's no rush."

While fostering a fun, friendly and relaxing environment for staff and patients alike, Dr Izon said the clinic aimed to offer "multidisciplinary approaches to health and wellness".

Yet another reflection of that approach is the recent addition of a skin cancer surveillance service to the clinic, which is one of few around in the inner-city area.

As a qualified skin cancer sub-specialist, Dr Izon said the clinic would now be able to provide both mole mapping and surgical services onsite.

"There's nothing around here and the ones that are, as far as I can tell with the skin cancer surveillance where they do mole mapping, it's done by a nurse that is sent off to a doctor at a later time," he said.

"What we try to offer here is like a cosmetic clinic. It's like a boutique clinic where you see the same doctor every time and for a high quality of service."

And as inner city's transient community continues to grow, Dr Izon said the clinic looked forward to growing with it to meet demand.

"We've got middle to upper-middle class and student populations all built up in these really luxurious apartments around this area. So we've actually got a very high-density population under-doctored," he said.

"From our point of view, it's a perfect environment because we offer all of these services and we're wanting to grow and we want to grow rapidly."

For more information visit www.southbankmedical.com.au



World of Style ID Studio interior designer Stephanie Atanasovski.

Interior design heaven

With a name reflecting the experience of entering the 2000sqm heritage-listed South Melbourne warehouse, World of Style is truly a slice of interior design heaven.

As the interior design arm to construction company Porter Davis, the City Rd showroom, complete with a cafe, was established two years ago to provide clients with expert styling advice for their new homes.

However, with demand for their style and expertise constantly increasing, World of Style marketing manager Erin Field said the vast showroom had been tailored to assist anyone in need of styling tips and guidance.

"As amazing and beautiful as this space is, when you walk in it can be quite overwhelming so it's quite important that there's a solid customer experience and design philosophy that sits behind it," she said.

"We've put a lot of work and thought into how can we better help customers with those styling decisions. How can we make it simple, care free and easy?"

Devised by its qualified and experienced team of interior designers, the World of Style's conceptual approach to interior design is based on four key themes of classic, resort, contemporary and designer.

Within each of those themes are four individual interior schemes which have been designed to help provide clients with the most comprehensive guide to styling their homes.

While the concept is based on trends from cities all around the world, Erin said ultimately it was a guide for helping people to express their own individual styles.

"What the design team has done is draw inspiration from iconic cities and places around the world like Prague, Tuscany, Barcelona and also Maldives as well as

more local names like the Whitsundays and Bondi," she said.

"We believe your style is the ultimate expression of who you are so we're ultimately here to help people enhance that expression."

In a bid to provide comprehensive styling advice to a broad range of clients, World of Style has recently launched ID Studio – a boutique consultation service providing clients with a unique experience.

ID Studio's interior designer Stephanie Atanasovski, said the new service meant that anyone could now incorporate the Porter Davis style in their own home renovations.

"If you're not going to build a new house but you are looking for a home style makeover or you want to refurnish your apartment or do a DIY but you need some help visualising it ID Studio can help," she said.

"It's particularly great if you're in love with the Porter Davis style aesthetic and you want to bring a little bit of that into your existing home."

Being located in the heart of the inner city, Erin said the showroom's services were increasingly being sought after by apartment owners in areas such as Docklands.

Erin said the team invited anyone in need of home styling guidance to drop in to experience the service.

"The location is great and because we've got that impressive facade out the front it's a draw card and it gets people to stop and look and go 'what's in there?'" she said.

"As far as being based in South Melbourne, it's a trendy, vibrant and cool place to be and with the freeway access as well it's great."

For more information visit www.worldofstyle.com

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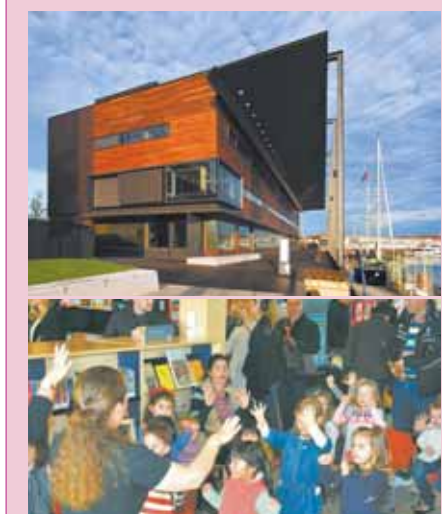
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DOCKLANDS SPORTS PAGE

Here come the skateboarders

By Sunny Liu

The City of Melbourne is planning to formally bring skateboard culture to Docklands.

The Future Melbourne Committee has approved a draft Skate Melbourne Plan that introduces a new approach to the provision, location and management of skateboarding.

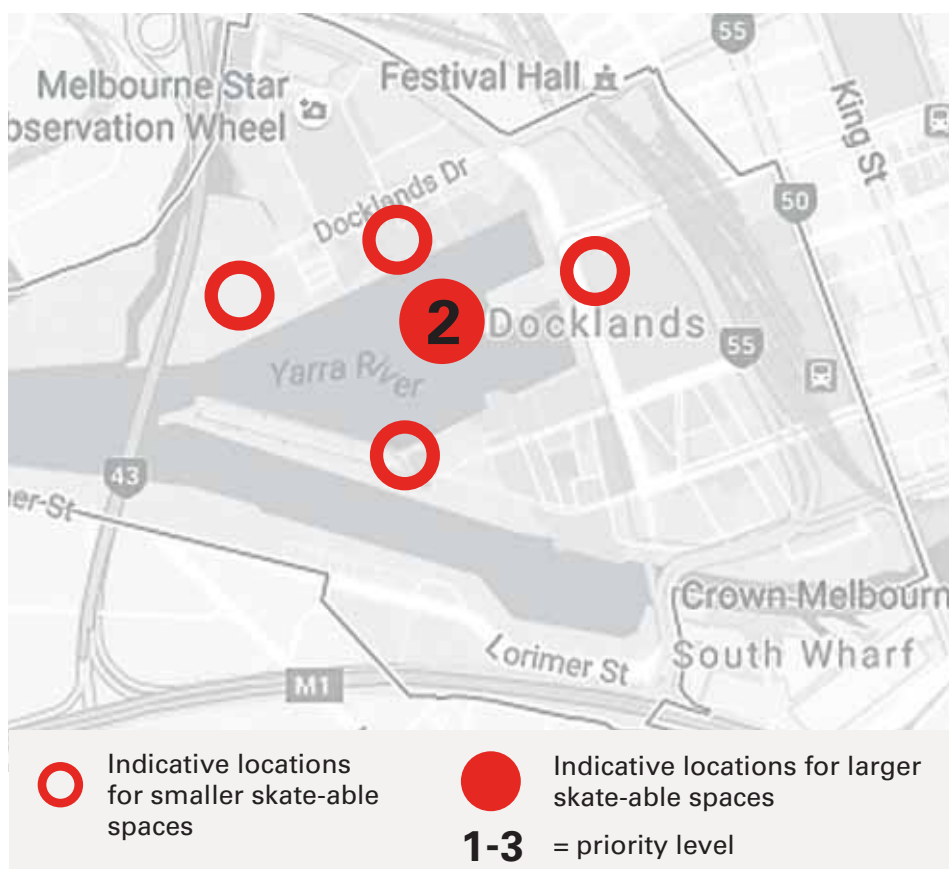
The draft plan identifies areas for skateboarding and investigates the feasibility and potential locations of a skate park in Melbourne.

Docklands is a priority skateboarding area due to the existing and developing projects that aim to further improve the spaces dedicated to skateboarding.

The draft plan shows five indicative locations of smaller skate-able spaces in Docklands, including the Victoria Harbour Promenade, Ron Barassi Senior Park, Harbour Esplanade, Waterfront City and North Wharf.

The plan also aims to find a potential location for an internationally renowned skate park to accommodate for street-style skaters, park skateboarders, inline skating and BMX.

The current two skate parks within the City of Melbourne, the Riverside Skate Park in Alexandra Gardens and the Kensington Skate Park, may be replaced in the next five



years. According to the plan, neither of the parks caters to street-style skateboarding.

More than 500 responses from the community were collected to help develop the plan and 77 per cent of the respondents were people who participate in skateboarding activity.

Bernard Griffiths, president of the Victorian Skateboard Association, welcomed the

proposed Skate Melbourne plan.

“It’s a very well thought out plan with statistical evidence and consultation with the local skateboarding community. It also addresses the concerns of residents by identifying skate-able locations that are far enough from residential areas,” he said.

Mr Griffiths also acknowledged the need for a large-scale skate park in Melbourne.

“Melbourne needs a skate park that’s challenging enough for skateboarders to compete professionally and provide an entertainment area for them to participate recreationally.”

Skateboarding will become an Olympic sport in the 2020 Tokyo Olympics and the City of Melbourne is putting an increasing focus on the training facilities and public activities spaces for skateboarders.

“Often people don’t realise how big skateboarding is. It’s a sport for people of all ages. Being made into an Olympic sport can display skateboarding to a broader range of audiences and open their eyes to the athleticism of this sport,” Mr Griffiths said.

The proposed Skate Melbourne plan will also enhance the management of skate activity, especially around shared skate spaces.

The demolition of Lincoln Square in Carlton signified the conflicts between local residents and skateboarders, with some residents raising safety concerns.

Mr Griffiths said residents’ reaction to skateboarders was an “unfounded fear” because skateboarders were not a threat to the local community.

“People can’t be under the influence of alcohol or drugs when they are skating. Skate parks are community facilities that encourage a positive community connection,” he said.

“The City of Melbourne will be able to make it fitting for the interests of both residents and skateboarders.”



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