

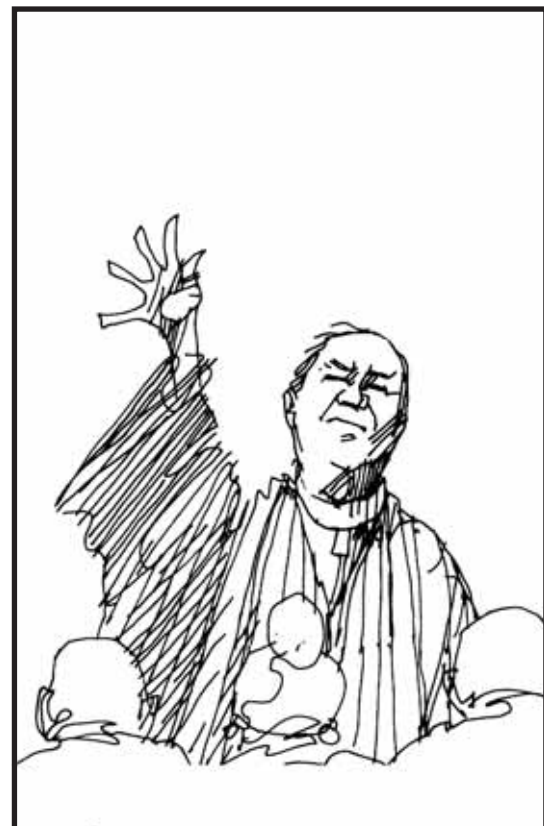
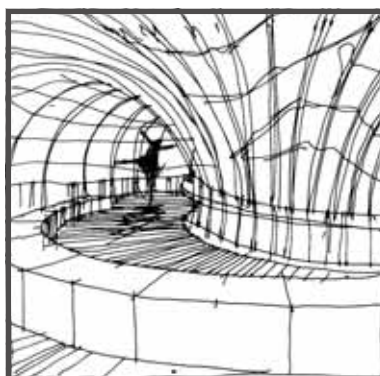
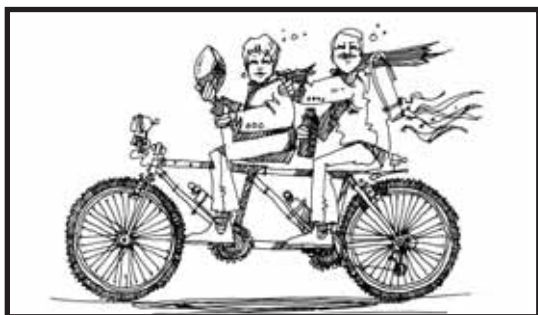
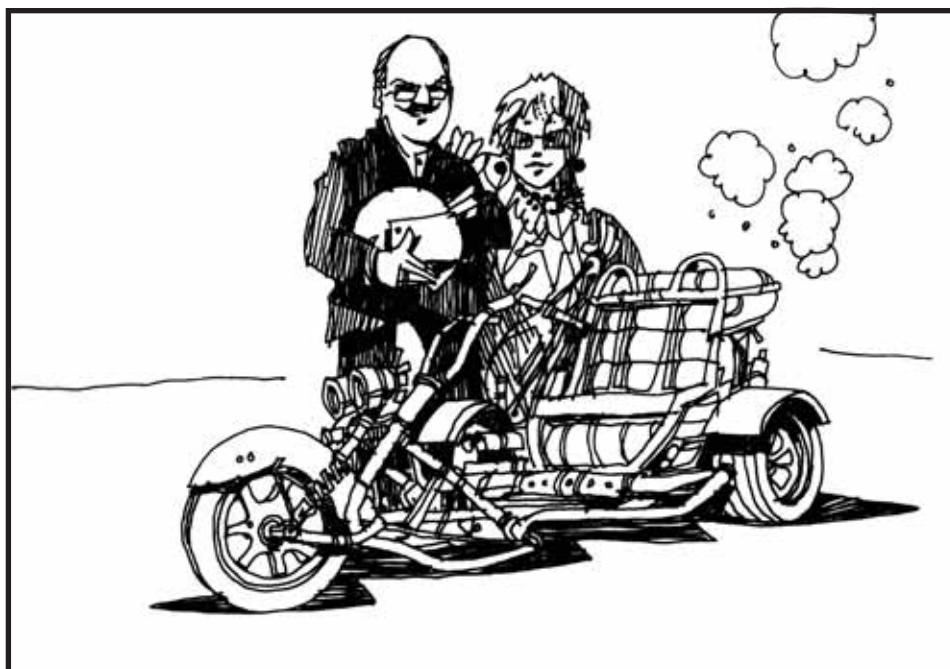
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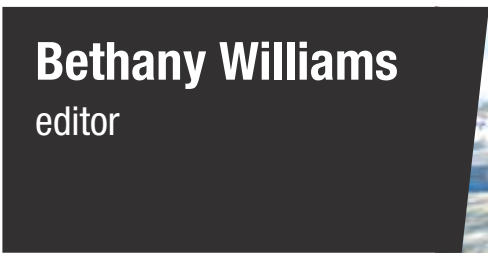
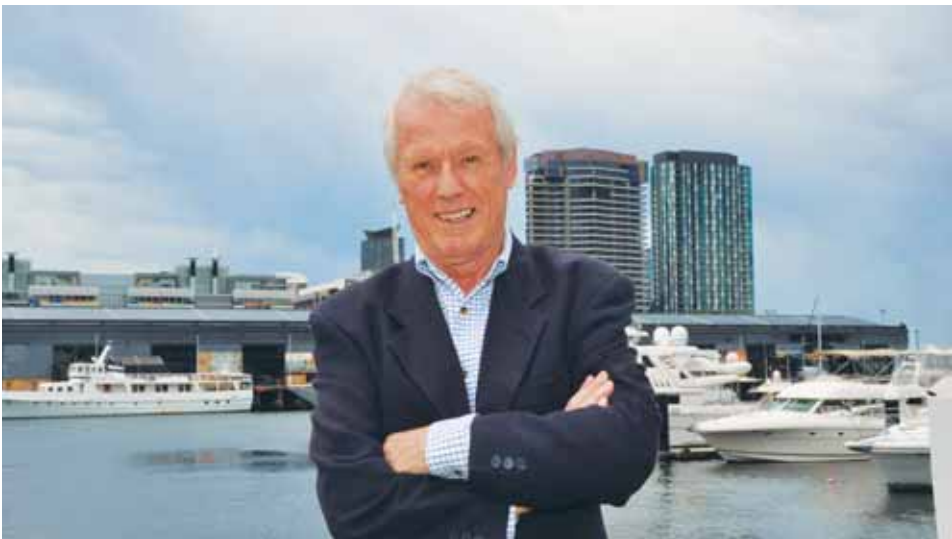
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WELCOME TO THE 100TH EDITION OF DOCKLANDS NEWS

For more than 10 years now we've been delivering news and views from postcode 3008.

While I haven't been with the paper since its inception in 2003, I have had the opportunity to witness the value of local media over the past two years.

Docklands News aims not only to provide the local community with information, but also to provide an outlet for expression.

A place to share opinions, to draw attention to important issues, to revel in good news and to highlight everything that makes Docklands a great place to live, work and visit.

In producing each edition I am always struck by just how much is happening in Docklands, how interested local residents and workers are in what's happening around them and how important a fact-driven, informative local newspaper is to building community.

To celebrate our 100th issue, we've included a special edition wrap, which captures many of the personalities who have been featured in the paper throughout the previous 99 editions. A big thank you to Michael Lindell for all of his hard work creating these amazing caricatures. We've included a list of the identities featured below.

See if you can work out who's who!

We've also included a photo spread, with plenty of images from our archives, again featuring plenty of familiar faces.

In celebrating this milestone, it's also important to recognise everyone who has supported the publication right from the start.

Our advertisers, without whom we wouldn't be able to publish the newspaper each month, the contributors and columnists who have helped to fill the pages of each edition and the readers who have shared news, provided feedback and picked up a copy of the paper each month.

Last, but certainly not least, an enormous amount of credit must be given to the owner of the paper, Shane Scanlan, who has made the paper what it is today.

We hope to continue our role as "the voice of Docklands" and look forward to sharing more stories from the waterfront in issue 101 and beyond.

Bethany Williams
Editor



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Mr Darcy turns heads

Docklands hosted a unique visitor this month, when a giant statue of Jane Austen's Mr Darcy took up residence on Harbour Esplanade.

Modelled after Colin Firth, the statue (pictured above) replicates the iconic wet-shirt scene from the BBC adaption of *Pride and Prejudice*, in which he played the famous literary character.

Standing at 3.5 metres high, the statue was placed at Berth 8, near the Cow up a Tree and was brought to Melbourne by the National Trust Victoria.

"The statue was acquired through the National Trust UK, where it was originally placed in London's Hyde Park Serpentine Lake before making the trip down under," National Trust Victoria's Drew Grove said.

Places Victoria assisted with the installation of the statue and general manager Simon Wilson said the team was excited about the visit from the British icon.

Fishermans Bend bridge remains a long-term option

The Fishermans Bend tram bridge remains a long-term transport option, despite opposition from the Yarra's Edge community.

The bridge was included as a possible tram route in the Fishermans Bend Strategic Plan, released on July 28, but Planning Minister Matthew Guy said there were no plans for the bridge "in the immediate term".

"That's a long term option, which is being given as a possible way forward and I think it should be in there," Mr Guy said.

The bridge was mooted in the Fishermans Bend draft vision last year and was met by outcry from the Yarra's Edge community, who formed a committee of residents and marina tenants in opposition to the proposed transport link.

"Since the draft plan was released in 2013, the entire Yarra's Edge community, including marina and tower residents have faced increased uncertainty as to the future of their local environs, including access to the marina for all boats and the likely loss of the only green space at Point Park," committee member Philip Lack said.

He said the committee wouldn't be happy until the prospect of any bridge crossing between Point Park and Collins Landing was entirely removed from the strategic plan.

"We will continue to lobby hard on this as the state election approaches and will continue to highlight the immediate impact this proposal is having on our community both financially and emotionally," Mr Lack said.

The City of Port Phillip has been campaigning for the tram bridge to go ahead and Mayor Amanda Stevens welcomed its inclusion at the launch of the strategic framework plan.

"We are delighted with the inclusion of the proposed Collins St tram extension to the strategic framework plan," Cr Stevens said.

"Early delivery of new tram, walk and bike links is key to encouraging developers to invest in a high-quality, job-creating mix of commercial, retail and residential property."

The council had even gone so far as commissioning a possible design for the bridge and spoke to *Docklands News* about why the council was pushing for the transport link before the release of the strategic framework plan.

Cr Stevens said the City of Port Phillip was pushing for the tram bridge in order to ensure the development was not car-based.

According to Cr Stevens, a cost-benefit analysis of seven possible options performed by Places Victoria when preparing the Fishermans Bend draft vision indicated the tram bridge was the best public transport option.

She said the council was advocating for the bridge based on this evidence.

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The tram bridge remains on maps included in the strategic framework plan.



The bridge design commissioned by City of Port Phillip.

Tram bridge a long-term option

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The Metropolitan Planning Authority (MPA) is the current authority for Fishermans Bend and a spokesperson said the Government had investigated a range of public transport options for Fishermans Bend and said these would be presented to the public once they were further developed.

The spokesperson did not confirm if a cost-benefit analysis had indicated the bridge to be the best public transport option.

Cr Stevens said the council was committed to working with the group at Yarra's Edge and hoped to clarify assumptions around the potential design of the bridge.

According to Cr Stevens, one assumption is that the bridge would destroy Point Park, but she said the council supported a link that would enhance green space via a "green bridge".

The council's design for the bridge, shows grass, trees and plantings.

Cr Stevens also said the bridge would benefit Docklands by making it the centre, rather than end, of the CBD.

"I think there's an opportunity here to build a bridge that would enhance access to the CBD, enhance property values and allow access to the marina," Cr Stevens said.

But according to Mr Lack, the bridge proposal alone was already negatively affecting Yarra's Edge, with no berth sales in the marina since the bridge was mooted and information about the proposed bridge

required to be in all section 32 notices for apartments sold in the area.

"It's already having a direct economic impact," Mr Lack said.

Mr Lack maintains there are alternative options for public transport to Fishermans Bend, including the Montague Station, which received funding in the recent State Budget.

According to Planning Minister Matthew Guy, Fishermans Bend will initially be served by a spur from the 109 tramline.

"I think in the first instance we can get a spur from the 109 tram through the developer contributions, which are quite sizable, as you can imagine, and we can do that fairly promptly," he said.

The City of Melbourne has been measured in its approach to the bridge proposal and hasn't lobbied against it.

While Cr Stevens last month said the bridge was Port Phillip Council's "number one state election priority", the City of Melbourne made no promises to lobby against the bridge.

A City of Melbourne spokesperson said lobbying against the bridge was not a state election priority for the council.

However, councillors did endorse a motion in November last year seeking further investigation of design options to ensure the bridge did not impede access to and from Yarra's Edge marina.

Fishermans Bend plan approved

Planning Minister Matthew Guy last month approved the final master plan for Fishermans Bend.

The 250 hectare suburb, which neighbours Docklands, is expected to be developed into a residential and commercial hub over the next 40 years, expanding the existing CBD.

According to Mr Guy, the Fishermans Bend Strategic Framework Plan will guide the development of the precinct

The strategic framework plan sets out four key elements; street network, sustainable transport, open space and a series of places as guiding principles for Fishermans Bend. Alongside design guidelines, these key elements aim to provide direction to development applicants.

"Fishermans Bend is Australia's most significant urban renewal project and this plan provides a long-term framework for a precinct that will transform Melbourne by linking the CBD to Port Phillip Bay, supporting 40,000 new jobs and providing homes for at least 80,000 residents," Mr Guy said.

As reported on Page 1, the tram bridge proposed in the Fishermans Bend draft vision remains a long-term option, to the disappointment of the Yarra's Edge community.

However, in the short-term public transport is expected to be delivered to the precinct via a spur from the 109 tram line.

"Fishermans Bend will be served by excellent transport links, serviced by cycling and pedestrian links, roads, trams and rail via the new Melbourne Rail Link," Mr Guy said.

"The new rail link will include a new underground station at Montague precinct, which will provide a high volume of peak services early in the development of the area."

Mr Guy said he had approved three development applications for Fishermans Bend so far.



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Boats will fill the Victoria Harbour this month during the Melbourne Regatta and Blessing of the Fleet.

The love is growing

Local workers are slowly but surely growing to love Docklands, according to a recent Destination Docklands research study.

It's the second time the local marketing and events body has conducted the study and, according to CEO Anita Donnelly, positive responses have increased over the past year.

Around 400 workers took part in an online survey as part of the study, with 45 per cent of respondents saying they thought Docklands was a desirable destination to visit for a leisure trip

This was up from 32 per cent of participants last year.

The number of workers visiting Docklands outside of work to attend an event, festival, carnival or fun run increased this year to 42 per cent of respondents, up from 27 per cent in 2013.

According to the study, the best part about working in Docklands is public transport, accessibility and proximity to the water, while the worst aspect of working in Docklands was the wind and traffic.

There was also more interest in a ferry service than in the 2013 study.

According to Ms Donnelly the results of the study will be used to further inform Destination Docklands' work.

"These results are important for driving Destination Docklands forward and informing our communications and business planning," Ms Donnelly said.

Destination Docklands chair David Cochrane said both worker and consumer research studies would be repeated annually.

"For us, how we influence perceptions with Melbourne residents is a key measure of our success," Mr Cochrane said.

All aboard for the regatta

A major celebration of Melbourne's heritage will highlight Docklands' waterways this month.

The Melbourne Regatta and Blessing of the Fleet will see a flotilla of private and commercial vessels fill Victoria Harbour on Saturday, August 30.

Organised by the Melbourne Passenger Boating Association and the Mission to Seafarers, the regatta will see a range of activities on and off the water.

According to Mission to Seafarers operations manager Bill Reid the regatta has a variety of purposes.

"We're recognising Melbourne's maritime heritage, activating the waterways and celebrating Melbourne Day," Mr Reid said.

Held on August 30 each year, Melbourne Day marks the anniversary of the arrival of Melbourne's settlers in 1835 onboard the Enterprize.

The regatta will see a mass gathering of boats in the southern basin of Victoria Harbour, a blessing of the fleet by Father Bob Maguire, blasting of ships' whistles and flares and a cruise into the Port of Melbourne.

Alma Doepel volunteers will sail their recently restored traditional naval four-oared captain's gig, a Port of Melbourne vessel will be open to the public, tug boats will display water cannons and a Metropolitan Fire Brigade vessel will also join the fleet.

Businesses have been invited to hire a boat for staff and guests to enjoy, or sponsor a vessel to provide free cruises for the public, with proceeds donated to the Mission to Seafarers.

"It will be a real spectacle on the water," Mr Reid said.

But those on dry land won't miss out either, according to Mr Reid, with a range of activities happening around the waterfront.

Shakespearean actors will perform live theatre, a storyteller will share stories of Melbourne's maritime history at the library and the First Fleet Fellowship will showcase historical memorabilia and ancestry information.

The crew from the Enterprize will also perform a re-enactment of the arrival of Melbourne's first settlers in period costume.

A free ferry service will run across the harbour, from NewQuay to Victoria Harbour, allowing visitors to get around easily.

The day begins at 11 am with the boarding of boats in Docklands. Activities will continue throughout the day, finishing at 5pm.

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Council slams shed plan

Melbourne's councillors have slammed a plan to demolish seven bays of the Goods Shed North.

The Equiset Grollo Group proposal came before the Future Melbourne Committee meeting on July 1 and was met with unanimous opposition from the councillors.

Lord Mayor Robert Doyle said the application was "terrible" and "just about everything" in the plan was wrong.

The developer wants to demolish seven bays of the historic Goods Shed North, along with the existing three-storey 710 Collins St building, to make way for a 34-storey commercial tower.

But councillors questioned the perceived lack of respect for the heritage of the building.

Equiset's Nicholas Wilkinson defended the plan at the meeting, saying the 180-metre tower would not exceed preferred height limits and that heritage concerns were separate to planning issues.

He said the development would be "an iconic tower that would reinvent Batman's Hill".

But Lord Mayor Robert Doyle appeared outraged by this defence, saying: "Don't tell me about iconic towers. We've got so many towers we don't know what to do with them. They're not iconic, they're just towers."

He also found fault with the proposed tower's lack of setback from the street, saying



An artist's impression of the Goods Shed North proposal.

there was "no respect for a very difficult area".

"This is one more where you're trying to get the maximum height and the maximum bulk and the maximum density into a challenging site," Cr Doyle said.

He said the proposal did not respect the heritage of the site and that these issues were not separate to planning concerns, as had been suggested.

"Don't tell me that you're going to respect heritage by taking away about 30 metres of it," Cr Doyle said.

Councillors Arron Wood and Ken Ong agreed with Cr Doyle's evaluation that heritage and planning were not separate issues.

"It's well and good to talk about heritage being divorced from this application, when it's the very fabric of what this application's all about given you want to develop a site with a heritage shed on it," Cr Wood said.

Cr Stephen Mayne was more measured in his criticism but said: "the envelope has been pushed too hard", pointing to Planning Minister Matthew Guy.

"In the environment the Minister has created it's not surprising that the envelope is being pushed all over town," Cr Mayne said.

Councillors unanimously opposed the proposal and council will send a letter of objection to the Department of Planning.

NewQuay drug bust

Police arrested two people in Docklands last month after finding drugs in a short-stay apartment.

Police were performing a patrol in Docklands when they found a man outside an apartment building in Rakaia Way around 11pm on July 14.

After checking on his welfare, they accompanied him to his short-stay accommodation, where they discovered quantities of crystal methamphetamines, GHB, cannabis and cash.

A 34-year-old woman from Paddington, NSW was arrested and charged with two counts of trafficking methamphetamines and GHB, one count of possessing methamphetamines and cannabis and one count of possessing the proceeds of crime.

A 33-year-old Sunshine man was charged with two counts of trafficking methamphetamines and GHB, one count of possessing methamphetamines and cannabis.

"We're aware there is a lot of short-term accommodation in Docklands," Sen-Sgt Mick Wilmott said.

"Be aware of any unusual or suspect behaviour in your building," Sen-Sgt Wilmott said. "It's up to residents to give us a call."

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Announcement precedes ferry infrastructure

The Wyndham Harbour to Docklands ferry service is unlikely to begin operating any time soon, with supporting infrastructure issues yet to be addressed.

In June, Planning Minister Matthew Guy told 3AW that the ferry service was expected to be up and running within 12 months.

Collins Landing has been named as the ferry berth in Docklands, but *Docklands News* understands the State Government is yet to do any work to prepare the site for a commuter ferry service.

At the same time Lyons Capital, the developer of Wyndham Harbour, says construction of infrastructure at Wyndham Harbour won't be completed until April 2016.

A commuter ferry service from Melbourne's west to Docklands has been on the cards for a number of years, with a discussion paper reporting on its viability released in April last year.

A final feasibility report on the service has since been completed but has not been publicly released, raising question about what the report reveals about the proposed service.

Mr Guy failed to explain why the report had not been released when asked by *Docklands News*.

Similarly, he did not specifically address a series of other questions about the construction of floating infrastructure at Wyndham Harbour, the issue of speed limits within the port and the suitability of Collins Landing for ferry berthing.

In a statement provided to *Docklands News*, Mr Guy said: "The Government is currently

in negotiations with an operator. Issues related to supporting infrastructure will be resolved when a service is confirmed."

When he approved the expansion of the Wyndham Harbour project in 2013, Mr Guy said it would assist in providing "a critical mass of population to make a commuter ferry service from Werribee to the city fully sustainable."

The development is expected to grow to a population of around 1400 and construction of necessary infrastructure for a ferry service continues.

"Wyndham Harbour commenced construction of the marina infrastructure in late 2011, which will ultimately provide a safe boat harbour for 350 berths plus ferry terminal," a Lyons Capital spokesperson said.

"Construction is forecast for completion in April 2016."

The operator of the proposed service is yet to be identified but has previously been linked to Riverside Marine.

Riverside Marine chief operating officer David Pollak said the company had been involved in conversations with the State Government about the service in the past.

He said he was not aware of the latest developments with the project.

Mr Pollak said he was aware the State Government was speaking with others in the industry, but did not know which operators.



A new artwork at Southern Cross Station aims to encourage commuters to take the stairs.

Put a spring in your step at Southern Cross

By Tina Thorburn

Commuters at Southern Cross Station will be encouraged to skip the escalator and take in the new public art that covers the Bourke St stairs.

The scenic garden stairs were designed to spur city workers to reach their daily target of 30 minutes of physical activity a day.

Endorsed by a partnership between the Victorian Government, the City of Melbourne, VicHealth and the Heart Foundation, the stairs offer commuters an opportunity for incidental exercise.

Victorian Health Minister David Davis said the partnership and initiative showed the State Government's commitment to improving the health of Victorians.

Mr Davis said: "Through the partnership we are continuing to strengthen this work to help get city workers active and healthy."

Lord Mayor Robert Doyle said the public art would be a catalyst for change, offering an easy opportunity to put a spring in people's step.

"Using the stairs instead of the escalator is one way we can integrate exercise into our lives," the Lord Mayor said.

People are also encouraged to interact with the public art by posing with the butterfly, hugging the caterpillar or holding one of the balloons.

The initiative was funded by the State Government's \$1.2 million contribution to Healthy Together – Active Cities in Melbourne.

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A new perspective

According to Luca De-Pasquale, the key to attracting more tourists to Docklands lies in accessibility, promotion of the area and infrastructure.

Currently writing a thesis on the area, the 23-year-old student has spent the past three months investigating Docklands.

Studying a masters in tourist destination management in the Netherlands, Mr De-Pasquale first encountered Docklands when visiting Melbourne for a field work research trip with his class.

After hearing a presentation from the Yarra River Business Association’s Tim Bracher and the Mission to Seafarer’s Bill Reid about Melbourne’s waterfront, he became intrigued by the area.

“It’s very unique and so many questions came up in my mind,” Mr De-Pasquale said.

“The thing that interested me the most is that there’s not much literature or studies about it and the possibilities to promote the area, especially for tourists but also for locals.”

He decided to focus his thesis around recommendations and advice on attracting tourists to Docklands.

“My study is very objective and international. It’s an international view, which is an advantage and disadvantage,” he said.

Since May, Mr De-Pasquale has spent time researching the area and meeting with local stakeholders.

“I have the feeling that everyone likes to think about good plans (for Docklands) but there isn’t a main body that will actually carry it out,” Mr De-Pasquale said.

“There may be too many stakeholders trying to achieve something positive but maybe in a confusing way.”

According to Mr De-Pasquale developing water transport is one way to capture tourists’ attention.

“It’s unacceptable for me that a big city like Melbourne, with four million inhabitants doesn’t have stable, public water transport,” he said.



Luca De-Pasquale has spent three months investigating Docklands from a tourism perspective.

If and when a local ferry service is developed, Mr De-Pasquale said it would benefit Docklands directly and indirectly.

“If some one wants to take a trip down the river, they will have to go to NewQuay, and it’s totally different from the water, it’s an amazing view.

“I don’t think it (the ferry) is the key, but it would be one of the main factors to help Docklands grow, especially from a tourism perspective,” Mr De-Pasquale.

According to Mr De-Pasquale, another focus should be developing infrastructure to attract tourists.

“There needs to be an attraction, perhaps a museum, it doesn’t have to be huge, just something to give people a reason to go there,” Mr De-Pasquale said.

For Mr De-Pasquale, who lives on the Amalfi Coast in Italy, the pace of development in Docklands is astonishing.

“I come from Europe, where it’s very slow to grow. For me it’s crazy to look at the aerial view from 2000 in Docklands and now 14 years later it’s huge,” he said.

“I can only imagine what it will be in 14 years from now.”

Ultimately, he believes Docklands is bound for success from a tourism perspective.

“I think in the end it will be a really successful area in the future.”

“Many people don’t understand that Docklands is still a work in progress. It takes time for a destination to become a solid attraction.”

New CCTV camera for Docklands

Docklands has become an even safer place to live, work and visit, with a new council CCTV camera installed last month.

The new camera, located on the footbridge from Bourke St to Etihad Stadium, is the fifth council-managed CCTV camera in Docklands, with the four other cameras located along Harbour Esplanade.

The new camera was installed after the City of Melbourne received \$250,000 funding from the State Government.

Council has installed nine new CCTV cameras across the CBD and Docklands and upgraded the network’s monitoring infrastructure.

Crime Prevention Minister Edward O’Donohue said the locations of the new cameras had been chosen in consultation with police to help deter vandalism, graffiti, theft from vehicles and anti-social behaviour.

“The additional CCTV cameras will make a big difference, assisting police in preventing, detecting and investigating crimes in Melbourne’s busy city centre,” Mr O’Donohue said.

“They will support a safer CBD and Docklands for everyone who works, lives, trades and visits our great city.”

Lord Mayor Robert Doyle said the new cameras expanded the reach of the Safe City Camera Program throughout the city.

“The City of Melbourne’s cameras are monitored 24 hours a day and have the ability to record images over a range of several hundred metres,” Cr Doyle said.

“The Safe City Camera Program has proven to be an effective tool in both crime prevention and crime prosecution.”



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Coen's story is just beginning

For Coen Ashton, life has changed dramatically since receiving a double lung transplant almost two years ago.

From barely being able to move from the couch before the transplant, Coen is now able to do "all the stuff teenagers are meant to do".

"The quality of my day-to-day life is better than I even dreamt it would be like before transplant," Coen said.

"I can run, jump, laugh and walk forever."

"In a broader sense, I'd be dead right now if it wasn't for my donor family. My donor, my Hero," Coen said.

Born with cystic fibrosis, he received a double-lung transplant in November 2012.

He and his family lived at Yarra's Edge in Docklands for a year, before a donor was found. They returned to their family home in Marysborough, Queensland in February last year following Coen's surgery.

According to Coen's mum Dawn, the biggest change since the transplant is that Coen no longer spends more time in hospital than he does at home.

"Not spending all that time in hospital allows us to catch up on all the lost time as a family," Dawn said. "Last year we spent a few months sailing and enjoyed quality family time."

She said the best part of the 20 months since Coen's transplant included watching him learn to laugh, and to do simple things he



Coen Ashton has a new lease on life since receiving a double-lung transplant 20 months ago.

hadn't been able to do before, such as run and jump.

"Even after 20 months he is discovering how to do new things and the delight on his face

is such a gift," Dawn said.

"We are so grateful to the donor family whose decision to give the ok in their hour of grief has saved our child's life. Coen would

have passed away long ago had it not been for them."

Before his transplant Coen jet-skied the 2000km length of the Murray River over seven weeks to raise awareness of organ and tissue donation, leading to more than 1000 people signing up to become organ donors.

Currently his focus is on encouraging people to "have the chat" and discuss their decision on organ donation with their family.

According to Coen, his health is currently "great", having only spent a few days in hospital with a virus, since he received his transplant.

With a birthday coming up this month, Coen plans to spend the day going for a drive along Rainbow beach and then enjoy dinner with family and friends.

"I turn 17 this month and I am looking forward to getting my Ps," Coen said.

In the meantime Coen is busy conducting life coaching sessions for primary and secondary school students and community groups around the country. Earlier this year he spoke in front of 6000 students at the Sydney Entertainment Centre.

And when asked what his next plans are Coen said there were too many to mention.

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Local Rotarians Jim Hardy and Mark Nutter both received the Paul Harris Fellow recognition.

Recognition for local Rotarians

Two of the founding members of the Rotary Club of Docklands have been recognised for their commitment to the club.

Mark Nutter and Jim Hardy were surprised when they were named Paul Harris Fellows at the club's annual changeover lunch in June.

The pair, who were charter president and treasurer when the club was formed in 2009, weren't told they were to receive the honour.

Both remain active members of the club and have been credited with keeping it going, particularly in recent years when the number of members dwindled.

"It's a great honour to be recognised," Mr Hardy said.

Mr Nutter said friends, family and former

club members were in attendance at the lunch to see the pair recognised.

The Paul Harris Fellow recognition is named after Rotary's founder and aims to recognise the work of Rotarians.

"I felt they deserved it as, without them, the club wouldn't exist," Docklands Rotary Club president Richard Clark said.

The club continues to seek new members and invited anyone interested in joining to attend a meeting.

Docklands Rotary meets each Tuesday at 12.30pm (for 12.45pm - 1.45pm) at "The Village" at NAB's 700 Bourke St building.

Aspiration and reality collide

By Shane Scanlan

The City of Melbourne believes government should intervene in the housing market if low and moderate income earners are to continue to live in the municipality.

In its recently-released 70-page draft housing strategy, the council says: "If current market trends continue, virtually all low and many moderate income households will not be able to afford to live in our municipality."

The council says it wants cheaper housing, but the strategy recommends a series of measures that would actually add to the cost of development.

It wants greater developer contributions, bigger and better-built apartments, less density, more open space and at least 15 per cent of new developments reserved for "affordable housing" (to be paid for by other levels of governments).

On the cost-savings side of the development equation, the council suggests cutting out car parking, swimming pools and gymnasiums.

"Housing affordability could potentially be improved by reducing the amount of car parking and expensive communal facilities such as gyms and swimming pools within new housing developments," the strategy says.

The strategy confines itself to the urban renewal areas of municipality, which are the same areas in which the City of Melbourne has limited actual powers in its own right. In these areas, which include the CBD, Southbank and Docklands, the State Government controls all developments over 25,000 sqm.

In the strategy the council acknowledges its impotence and confines its goals and actions

largely to influencing, leading and informing.

"We will continue to proactively engage with the community to help shape planning scheme amendments and structure plans and to help increase awareness and knowledge of the benefits of good quality urban renewal and the need for socially mixed, sustainable neighbourhoods," the strategy says.

"We are committed to continue to show leadership, provide direction and work collaboratively with all stakeholders and the broader community to help achieve better housing outcomes for the City of Melbourne."

The authors of the strategy struggle to reconcile the realities of the market with their desire for social outcomes.

On acknowledging that developer levies increase the cost of housing, the strategy says: "They are, however, crucial to help retain the liveability of the city and build successful and sustainable neighbourhoods."

The strategy says that 13,000 households in the municipality are currently considered to be in "housing stress".

But the strategy rails against increasing densities and smaller apartments as a solution to affordability. And the council doesn't like the type of resident that these developments attract.

"High levels of housing supply isn't delivering a good housing mix and social diversity in the community," it says.

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Docklands’ Norfolk Pines have certainly grown since they were first planted. Compare the size of the trees when first planted in 2011 (left) to today (right).

My how you’ve grown!

Sometimes you don’t realise how much something has changed when you see it everyday.

Like the Norfolk Pines on Harbour Esplanade. It seems, all of a sudden, they have grown quite tall. But, of course, the trees (or araucaria heterophylla) haven’t just gained a metre or two over night.

Growing steadily since they were planted in 2011, the trees that line Harbour Esplanade have survived Docklands wild weather to grow to new heights.

Although there were a few casualties, with some of the Norfolk Pines developing a slanted stance (perhaps owing to the strong winds), while others succumbed to the elements and turned from green to crispy brown.

Change to local tram route

Changes to local tram routes have resulted in more services to Docklands.

The 112 tram route from West Preston to Victoria Harbour has been split into two routes, the 11 and the 12.

Starting on July 27, the 11 tram took over the old 112 route, but now includes more larger capacity trams and will run every six minutes during weekday peak and every 10 minutes off-peak and on weekends.

The 12 tram is a new route from St Kilda to Victoria Gardens. People commuting to and from Docklands can catch the 11 tram from the corner of Collins and Spencer streets.

Trams are now expected to run along Collins St every one-two minutes during the day.



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Fresh focus for new space

The Docklands Spaces initiative has jumped across to the other side of the waterfront, with the first Victoria Harbour space opening this month.

The most recent addition is Kelly Cube, which opens this month on the waterfront side of the ANZ building in Collins St.

Like other Renew Australia projects, Docklands Spaces participants utilise otherwise unused spaces rent-free on a short-term rolling lease.

Kelly Cube is the brainchild of Cameron Joss and aims to support Australian farmers and local businesses, while bringing fresh, healthy, easy meals into the homes of time-poor people.

According to Mr Joss, the basic premise of the Kelly Cube is ready-to-cook meal kits, perfectly proportioned to avoid waste, which can be cooked in 10 to 15 minutes.

Cubes can be ordered online and are delivered daily to homes and offices or can be picked up at selected independent businesses.

Beginning in 2012 as an online business, a shopfront was never a major priority until Mr Joss heard about the Docklands Spaces project through some local residents.

"Originally I had no intentions of having a shop but now I'm really excited to see what's going to happen," Mr Joss said.

Alongside the online component of the business, Mr Joss said the Docklands shopfront offered new opportunities.

"I want to make it a liveable space, add some energy to the area and give back to the community," Mr Joss said.

Apart from selling Kelly Cubes from the space, he will also offer produce individually, fresh from the farm.

Mr Joss said he also hoped to hold community events such as cooking and produce demonstrations and communal cooking nights in the space.



Kelly Cube founder Cameron Joss.

The Docklands Spaces project began in March last year and according to Renew Australia project manager Carolyn Lambert there are currently 13 participants across NewQuay and Victoria Harbour.

She said the organisation was currently in conversation with multiple parties that could lead to more properties across NewQuay and Victoria Harbour becoming available for participants.

"Docklands Spaces is already having a fantastic effect on the cultural landscape of Docklands through creating interesting and engaging places to visit," Ms Lambert said.

According to Ms Lambert, participants reported a combined total of more than 3000 visitors to their Docklands Spaces across April and May this year and she said the future of the project was bright.

"As additional spaces are secured, Docklands Spaces participants will continue to benefit property owners through increasing foot traffic and activity, and decreasing vacancies in and around their properties, creating a more vibrant and desirable Docklands, while giving creative enterprises and initiatives the chance to trial their business ideas in temporary commercial spaces."

Music to our ears

Point Park will soon be filled with the sounds of chimes, bells and gongs, with work on a unique music garden beginning last month.

Yarra's Edge developer Mirvac is delivering the "integrated art and landscape play environment", which will feature hand-crafted flower bells, lantern bells and gongs.

"The unique urban art installation and play environment will be a permanent inclusion at Point Park that will be handed over to the City of Melbourne upon completion," a Mirvac spokesperson said.

According to the spokesperson, Mirvac is working with Simon Ellis Landscape architects, Neil McLachlan and Emilia Storm on the project.

Mr McLachlan designed the Federation Bells at Federation Square in 2000 and is currently collaborating with Ms Storm on design and sculpture installations using aluminium and steel bells, gongs and electronics.

"The garden is being built as part of Mirvac's commitment to deliver integrated urban art at Yarra's Edge," the Mirvac spokesperson said.

"The music garden is part of the next phase of developing Point Park, the primary open space and centrepiece of Yarra's Edge."

"It also serves as a new and exciting addition to Point Park that will provide the Yarra's Edge community with a diverse, educational and interactive family-friendly children's playground to be enjoyed by residents and visitors of Yarra's Edge for years to come."

To allow for construction of the garden, the western end of Point Park was closed last month and is expected to re-open in spring.

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Let there be light

Lend Lease will review the layout of apartments in its 888 Collins St development, after the City of Melbourne raised issue with the inclusion of windowless rooms.

The “flexi-rooms” were a sore point at the Future Melbourne Committee Meeting on July 1, when a ministerial planning referral came before Melbourne’s councillors.

According to a report presented to councillors at the meeting, a number of apartments in the proposed building would have rooms without access to natural light or ventilation.

Identified as “flexi-rooms”, the council report stated the rooms were not intended as bedrooms but as additional area to increase the useability of the apartments.

But Lord Mayor Robert Doyle dismissed the flexi-rooms as nothing more than cupboards.

“A room that doesn’t have direct or indirect access to daylight, ventilation or outlook is not a room, it’s a cupboard,” Cr Doyle said.

Councillors unanimously endorsed a motion to support the planning application, subject to a number of conditions, including modification of the “flexi-rooms”.



An artist's impression of 888 Collins St.

Putting a “Zing” into Docklands Rotary

The Rotary Club of Docklands want local residents, workers, business owners, corporates and other Docklands stakeholders to take part in an innovative community meeting this month.

The club is planning its upcoming Rotary Club of Docklands Festival of Giving and will hold a “think-tank” style meeting on August 7, to find out how to encourage people to take part in and support the event.

Max Dumais, an accredited trainer in Edward de Bono’s thinking methodologies, will facilitate the meeting using the innovative “Zing” electronic meeting system.

According to Mr Dumais, the system is “cutting edge collaborative technology” and works by allowing people to respond to questions via multiple keyboards, which are linked to a single system, allowing ideas to be collated and edited collectively.

Mr Dumais said the process removed some of the fear around public forums, where often the same voices are prominent.

He described the process as “structured brainstorming”.

Docklands Rotary Club member Loryn Clark said the meeting would be an interesting experience for attendees. “Come along and experience the process,” she said.

Rotary president Richard Clark agreed, saying it would “show people something they’ve never see before.”

The aim of the meeting is to generate ideas and involvement in the upcoming Docklands Multicultural Festival of Giving, which will be held in Docklands over October 4 and 5.

The festival will include multicultural food stalls, dragon boat demonstrations, a car display and entertainment.

Local businesses will be invited to host marquees where they will exhibit how they support their community. Festival visitors will be asked to vote on which business deserves to win the 2014 Business Community Award.

The public meeting will be held on August 7 from 5pm to 6.30pm at “The Village” at NAB’s 700 Bourke St building.

The club is also seeking new members and meets each Tuesday at 12.30pm (for 12.45pm – 1.45pm) at “The Village”.



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More apartments for Digital Harbour

Planning Minister Matthew Guy has approved a new dual-tower residential building for Digital Harbour, worth \$78 million.

To be located behind the planned The Altus hotel and apartment development, the building will feature a 24-storey and a 13-storey tower above a shared podium.

The building will comprise 261 apartments, four retail tenancies and 406 car parks, 300 of which will be used for a private car park.

Digital Harbour director David Napier said he was pleased to obtain planning approval and said the twin tower complex would complement the soon-to-be constructed The Altus.

"Both 48 Digital Drive and The Altus will overlook and be separated by a fully landscaped public open space to be handed over to the City of Melbourne on completion," Mr Napier said.

"These buildings will complete the north end of the Digital Harbour precinct and the new park will provide a landing pad for the proposed pedestrian footbridge across Dudley St, connecting Digital Harbour to the new E-Gate precinct soon to be announced by the State Government for redevelopment as a major residential enclave."



An artist's impression of the podium of the planned Digital Harbour building.



Walk, don't wait

Docklands pedestrians will soon be spared the annoyance of having to wait two traffic cycles if they have not pushed the button at the traffic lights.

The City of Melbourne intends to extend "auto-on" to traffic signals beyond the CBD and into surrounding inner suburbs, including Docklands.

Speaking at a public forum to explain the council's draft walking plan on June 26, consult David Nash of Traffinity said: "Implementing 'auto-on' more widely in the inner suburbs would be a worthwhile thing to do."

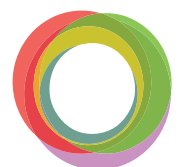


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Storyteller Niki na Meadhra will share tales at the Library at the Dock this month. Photo by Charlie Suble

Hear the Blarney at the Docklands library

Docklanders are invited to attend the second in a series of free storytelling events at The Library at the Dock this month.

Storyteller Niki na Meadhra will share her story *Kissing the Blarney as it Flies* at the library on August 21.

Described as a tale about “coming home”, Niki will share stories about her Irish roots and ancestors, of growing up in Australia and of her journey to Ireland, interspersed with songs, anecdotes and traditional stories.

The event is part of a series of Storytelling Australia Victoria events running each month at The Library at the Dock through to December.

Kissing the Blarney as it Flies is on at The Library at the Dock on August 21. Doors open at 5.30pm and the show begins at 6pm.

Book your seat at the networking table

Don't forget to book your seat at next month's Docklands Networking Lunch.

Join other Docklands stakeholders at the popular quarterly lunch at the Wonderland Spiegeltent on Friday, September 12.

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New tower for Yarra's Edge

Yarra's Edge will receive a population boost after Planning Minister Matthew Guy approved a 30-storey residential tower for the precinct last month.

The \$100 million, 100-metre high apartment building will be the first tower built in Mirvac's new Bolte Precinct

The 30-storey tower, at 160-186 Lorimer St is designed to reach four star Green Star standards and will include 229 apartments,

302 car parks, 84 bike spaces and ground floor retail.

"This development reflects not only the fact that Melbourne is the best place to invest and build, it is also the centre of great architectural design," Mr Guy said.



An artist's impression of Tower 10 at Yarra's Edge.



An energetic six years

New Energy Physiotherapy celebrates six years serving the Docklands community from its Merchant St clinic this year. Principal physiotherapist and owner, John Bradshaw is pictured with his team of therapists, massage, and reception staff. John is looking forward to many more birthdays at New Energy Physio in the vibrant waterfront of Docklands.

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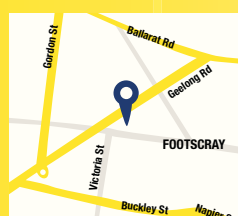
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Have you ever stopped and wondered if you're on the right path?

I don't mean a moment of panic, where you kind of semi freak out and second guess a recent major decision, like moving states – or countries (although I have done that, several times). I mean when the question starts to float around your mind and kind of sticks there a little longer each time ... Am I on the right path? Is this the life I was meant to live? Is this the life I chose to live, or the one that just kind of happened? And do I still like it? I have to admit, I find myself getting restless from time to time, a nagging feeling that there should be ... well ... more.

It's no good ignoring these feelings, or opening a bottle of wine and trying to forget them. Although it is worth a shot, particularly with a really good bottle of red by a crackling fire, you can *almost* convince yourself everything is awesome.

But whenever there's that niggling feeling that you can't put your finger on, well it's just much better to try and figure out what is causing all the fuss. Sometimes it's a storm in a teacup – like you just plain forgot to reply to a client, or you're overdue on your BAS or something else that's just as annoying, and you can give that sigh of relief knowing you've found what was causing the unrest.

But other times, it really is about the big questions. Am I happy? Am I on the right path? Have I 'zigged' when I should have 'zagged'? Am I where I want to be? Sounds a lot like a mid-life crisis, right? I prefer to think of them as little 'mid-life check-ins'. An opportunity to listen to your own story and make sure you're writing it the way you want. Well, I know that sounds a little ridiculous as you'd potentially write in being really rich,

incredibly healthy, a partner you're madly in love with – and vice versa – and so on! But I really do mean it. You can't control the cards life deals you, but you can control how you play them. I've had a few curve balls lately, and stress – and emotions – have been running high. And when you're stressed, well you can lose sight of the path.

So what to do in times of stress? When the questions are coming at you thick and fast, and you're not sure you're quite where you're meant to be? There's only one thing I've found works. Sit quietly and calmly, somewhere you are really comfortable, alone. Meditate. Close your eyes, and look inside yourself. Let the questions come up and explore them in your mind, answer them, have a conversation with your inner you. I find this helps to break things down,

get some sort of order again. It helps to face the toughest questions that might have been brewing inside you, and when you face them they don't seem as big as the nagging voice made them sound. I meditated this weekend, and touched the question I was most frightened of answering – and you know what? It's liberating to say that, in fact, I am most certainly on the right path.

What a woman wants is to have a crystal ball to know the path that lies ahead, but what a woman needs is to simply believe in her own inner voice that will let her know whether she is on the right path.

Have a great month,
Abby xx

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Puppy Porter

Porter is a 15-week-old French bulldog who loves seagulls, ham and the beach. According to her owner Kylie, he is loving life in Melbourne.

"Porter has been with us for a month and he's grown a centimetre and a half in the last week."

Porter will graduate from puppy school this weekend and he is going to his first "squishy faced club" meeting with other bulldogs and pugs

on Sunday.

"Even through French bulldogs are not good swimmers because they are heavy and have short legs, Porter loves jumping into the waves," Kylie said.

Porter's favourite treats are ham, milk sticks and carrots and he gets on well with kids and other dogs.

Kylie is getting some jackets especially designed for Porter so he can stay warm in the cold Melbourne winter.

Although Porter came from Sydney, it seems he is a Melburnian at heart!

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DOCKLANDS FASHION



Lisa Do, 20

WHAT ARE YOU WEARING? Uniqlo jacket, pants from H&M, and shoes I got on sale ages ago.

LOCATION: Spencer Fashion Outlet.

DESCRIBE YOUR OUTFIT: Casual, but comfortable winter clothes.

WHERE ARE YOU FROM? Sunshine.

WHAT BRINGS YOU TO THE DOCKLANDS? Killing time shopping at Spencer Fashion Outlet before I meet my friend at Costco.

FAVOURITE CLOTHING ITEM: Basic tops and skirts because you can pair them up with anything.

WHAT MAKES A GOOD OUTFIT? Accessories, like bracelets. And wearing comfortable clothes that are appropriate for Melbourne weather!

Jake Beaushamp, 23

WHAT ARE YOU WEARING? New Nike Airs. Jeans from Uniqlo on Bourke St. Knitted jumper from an op-shop in Ringwood and Beats headphones.

LOCATION: Outside Southern Cross Station.

DESCRIBE YOUR OUTFIT: Smart casual for what I do. I'm an apprentice tattoo artist in Footscray.

WHERE ARE YOU FROM? Ringwood.

WHAT BRINGS YOU TO THE DOCKLANDS? On my way to work, and I'm taking the extra time to just have a wander.

FAVOURITE CLOTHING ITEM: Shoes, like my old classic Adidas Gazelle.

WHAT MAKES A GOOD OUTFIT? Plain and simple with components of comfort and style, which is rare to find.

Nat Edwards, 27

WHAT ARE YOU WEARING? Swing grey dress, grey and blue tone scarf, little black boots and a black blazer.

LOCATION: Harbour Esplanade.

DESCRIBE YOUR OUTFIT: Work attire with an edge as it's not too corporate.

WHERE ARE YOU FROM? Ashburton.

WHAT BRINGS YOU TO THE DOCKLANDS? Working as a journalist at the AFL.

FAVOURITE CLOTHING ITEM: My crop, leather jacket from Mister Zimi. It has got cute buttons and it's casual but easy to dress up.

WHAT MAKES A GOOD OUTFIT? Accessories like scarves, big jewellery and statement necklaces. Outfits look different when you spark them up with accessories.

Five winter essentials

We are squarely in the middle of winter but that does not mean your fashion quotient has to plummet like the temperature.

We've put together a list of everyday winter wearables that also rank high on the fashion scale.

1 COCOON JACKET

This jacket is making a comeback this season. Perfect for all body shapes, make sure the layers on the inside are not bulky to disrupt the shape of the "cocoon". To give it a dramatic twist, use a belt to cinch the waist.

2 BLANKET SCARF

Rug up with these oversized scarves. They are warm, cozy and can completely transform any look (and best of all, one size fits all).

3 KNEE-HIGH BOOTS

A favourite with the street-style crowd, knee-high boots are being worn in every shade of black, grey, cream and camel thinkable and in every heel height from flat to sky-high.

4 ANIMAL PRINTS

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The best of both worlds

For Darcy Inglis, Docklands is the best of both worlds.

DOCKLANDER

Profile by
Bethany Williams

The small community atmosphere, coupled with the close proximity to the CBD, makes Docklands a great place to live and work, according to Darcy.

And luckily for him, he gets to do both.

As a resident of Yarra's Edge and employee of local business Lucas Real Estate, Darcy spends much of his time in the waterfront suburb.

He'll soon be putting his local knowledge to good use as one of the newest representatives on the Docklands Community Forum.

Darcy was one of three new representatives announced at last month's forum and was selected to represent Docklands' younger population.

As part of his new role on the forum, Darcy said he was particularly interested in looking into how the rest of the Melbourne perceives Docklands.

"It's something that's already been raised but I need to find out a little bit more about it," Darcy said.

"The raised eyebrows I got from my friends and social circle when they found out I was moving to Docklands from St Kilda was really surprising."

"Now that I'm here, it's just been perfect. I couldn't have asked for a better move."

"It's really surprising to me how many people write it off as a concrete jungle, where nothing happens and it's always windy."

While he admits the wind isn't his favourite part about living and working in Docklands, he said there were many things to love about the area.

Originally from Sydney, Darcy lived in Tasmania before moving to Melbourne in 2011. He's lived at Yarra's Edge for the past year and a half, and as luck would have it, began working in Docklands last November.

"I feel like I'm very lucky to be living and working so close," Darcy said. "I know a lot of my colleagues wake up in the morning and then have to travel an hour in traffic."

He also said it was great to be able to work in an area where almost everything was within walking distance.

"We're very lucky as an agency because most agents spend all day driving around in the car. We can walk to Yarra's Edge, Victoria Harbour and NewQuay" Darcy said.

And Darcy said the strong sense of community at Yarra's Edge made it a great place to live.

"You've got that friendly, small community, easy to get around, well-connected aspect, while being literally next door to the CBD, where most people don't know their neighbours," Darcy said.

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Ever heard of Maslow's hierarchy of needs?

Abraham Maslow was a psychologist who, in 1943, proposed a theory of human motivation that suggests we are all motivated to achieve certain needs in order of the most basic - the need for adequate food and rest to more complex needs - for security, intimacy, friendship - and finally to the highest human need for self-actualisation.

Fascinating as it is, I should probably get to the point as this is an article about surviving a Docklands winter. You see, the need for shelter from the environment sits at the second tier of human needs.

According to Maslow it's not as essential a human need as food, air or water. So, as we face the biting cold wind and rain that falls sideways and lashes you in the face, as you struggle to stay vertical and keep a grip on the \$10 umbrella that has just broken, its okay, as long as you've eaten a good breaky and have a water bottle handy, right?

Well, you could argue not right. Wrong. Having survived not one but two Docklands winters, I reckon warmth needs more focus. Like food, water, and air, warmth has become a prized and much sought after commodity here in Docklands.

On my way to work in the morning I find

myself lingering around the doorways of warm places, deciding where to get my lunch based on how warm the establishment is, and of course, seeking out the companionship of people who, like werewolves (c'mon, you know they exist, right?) exude a warmth that sometimes originates from the heart and may be genetically based (usually Scottish and Irish types). Or because they are werewolves.

On the other hand, what you need to survive a Docklands winter is, to me, a complex question that needs to be unpacked a little. Bear with me, I am the thinking, analysing type for whom life is never ever simple and possibilities are endless.

So, I reckon the question is loaded. "Survive" implies it is really, really, really, really bad here. That conditions are so extreme that they threaten survival. So far this year, I haven't experienced that.

I have been cold some mornings on the walk from Southern Cross or along Collins St, but never have I felt like I would surely perish. Mind you, I do have an arsenal of Docklands winter staples:

- Big, unshapely, lined jacket that effectively wraps me from head to knee

kind of like a doona. A black doona;

- Gloves, leather ones;
- An Angora beret I bought from a vintage shop on Brunswick St that has become effectively part of my head; and
- Long leather boots.

For men you could limit this to just a woollen beanie because they don't seem to feel the cold (are they ALL werewolves?)*

Last, but not least on my list, is really just an attitude - a positive one. You know it's going to be cold, and you know it's winter, and you grit your teeth, and you tough it out because hey, its supposed to be cold in winter and, more than this, you know that this too will pass.

There have been many, many tragedies and stories of people facing unimaginable loss and hardship in the news over the past few months.

So really, surviving a Docklands winter seems to be a kind of walk in the park ... with a werewolf for company.

*Actually in all fairness my friend Mikey also has leather cat burglar gloves and quite a few big warm jackets which pretty much shoots my generalisation to pieces. But I digress.



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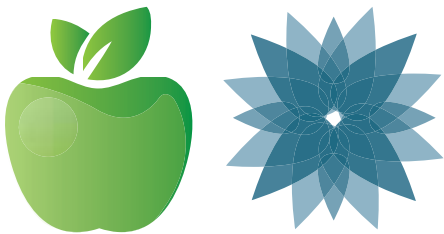
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By *Andrew Ward*,
YMCA Docklands manager

Maintaining Healthy Iron Levels

Iron is a dietary mineral and its presence is critical for the maintenance of many bodily functions. Perhaps the most important and well-known function relates to the transportation of oxygen within the blood.

Iron deficiencies are, unfortunately, more common in women than in men.

You might be iron deficient for a number of reasons:

- Insufficient intake of iron. The body absorbs iron from animal sources more readily than from plant sources. If you are vegetarian, your diet needs to allow for this and address any potential iron shortfalls,
- Excessive exercise and sport placing high demands on the body,
- Inability to effectively absorb iron, and
- Significant blood loss, associated with menstruation, pregnancy.

The symptoms associated with low iron levels are fatigue, chronic tiredness and a weak immune system.

If you think you might suffer from an iron deficiency, then you should consult your doctor or dietician. Avoid self-diagnosis and treatment through supplements as you can easily over do it. Dietary iron in excess can be toxic within the body so it is important you get the balance right and get a professional opinion.

Importance of calcium

It is well known that dietary calcium is critical for strong bones and teeth.

Here are three other good reasons you should make sure there is sufficient calcium in your diet:

- Regulation of muscle and heart functioning,
- Assistance with blood clotting, and
- Proper enzyme functioning and transmission of nerve messaging.

Calcium needs change throughout life and with the aging process. Young children and adolescents need increased calcium when they are growing. The need for calcium occurs again for women as they approach 50, and all adults from the age of 70.

Milk, cheese, yoghurt and milk-based products are a great source of calcium. Fish with light bones (salmon and sardines for example) are also recommended. For vegetarians, tofu, soy products and leafy green vegetables are highly recommended.

You will be much better off sourcing your calcium through balancing dietary intake and consuming foods high in calcium as opposed to consuming supplements. If you think you might be deficient in calcium and need advice, refer to your doctor or consult a dietician.

Lastly, in order to maintain bone density and calcium levels within the body, it is highly recommended that we all exercise and more specifically train with weights, performing weight-bearing exercises.

Five great benefits of Pilates

1. Improved posture and alignment. Pilates helps correct imbalances in posture and alignment by training muscle groups equally and evenly. When the body is out of alignment, excessive stress is placed on the joints, ligaments and spine. Once improvements are made, the body functions more efficiently and injuries are avoided.
2. Improved flexibility. Many workouts, especially those with heavy resistance and weights focus on muscular contractions and muscle shortening. Stretches if any are typically static. With Pilates, movements and stretches are mostly dynamic and there is a focus on both shortening and lengthening the muscles.
3. Relaxation and stress relief. Pilates methods incorporate a strict focus on deep and regular breathing, which brings on a sense of calm and well-being.
4. Muscle tone and strength. Pilates is not easy. Hard work and excellent execution of moves and sequences will bring with it improvements in strength without creating bulky muscles. Better muscle tone, especially around the thighs, hips and waist is readily achieved with time.
5. Physical and mental endurance and capacity. Pilates is a true mind and body workout. Body weight exercises and sequences challenge the physical capacity, whereas the completion of repetitions and sets combined with improvement over time, engage and challenge the mind.



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ADAM CHONG GUM, 24
Staples warehouse in Port Melbourne.

Adam's greatest achievement is being a father of two. He's a family man who wants to give four-year-old daughter, Auiluma, and 17-month-old son, Lesra, three more brothers and sisters.



CHRIS KEYNES, 56
Visitor from Adelaide

Despite a career in education, Chris believes her greatest achievement is raising her son William, as a single mother. Chris is proud of William because he is "musically talented, has a job and direction".



RALPH PFISTERER, 72
Cyclist visiting from Richmond

Ralph met his Australian wife in Germany and was married in 10 days. He considers having a "successful family" as his greatest achievement. Ralph has three children and eight grandchildren who are all "healthy, happy and live nearby in the suburbs of Melbourne".



JESS FAWKE, 23
Works at NAB

Jess volunteers every fortnight with MS Australia and spends her time with elderly people with dementia. This opportunity is Jess's greatest achievement and has helped confirm her dream of becoming a social worker.



ELLEN JOSEPH, 21
Visiting Docklands from Seddon

Ellen's greatest achievement was moving from Perth to Melbourne on her own at the age of 18. Ellen came to Melbourne to study marketing at Swinburne and last year her family followed her lead and moved to Melbourne too.



KIERON CHALLIS, 20
Visiting from England

Kieron's greatest achievement is climbing to the base camp of Everest last June. Kieron also plans to ride from Perth to Sydney in 30 days, in the hope of raising funds and awareness for testicular cancer.

What is your greatest achievement?



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Beverley adds heart to councillor team

Coming up to the half-way point of her term as a Melbourne city councillor, Beverley Pinder-Mortimer is starting to get the hang of how the town hall operates.

Perhaps the most unlikely politician of the city's 11 councillors, the charming career public relations consultant is the first to admit she had little clue about what she was getting herself into.

"I am so much not a politician and I really knew very little of how local government works," she said.

But despite these challenges, Cr Pinder-Mortimer is thriving in the role and is loving every minute of it.

The current team of councillors is a well-balanced group of disparate individuals with a broad range of capacities, interests and intellects.

Cr Pinder-Mortimer says she contributes a "soft-centre" and a "warm heart" to this balance and, in return, is well supported by her colleagues.

"All of my colleagues are so good to me. I am learning so much about life and, in particular, people," she said.

Despite being elected to office in late 2012 on the "Team Doyle" juggernaut which stopped just one seat short of an absolute majority, Cr Pinder-Mortimer says there are really no factions within the council.

"We seem share a common vision on many issues, but when it comes to making decisions, everyone's view is important and respected. We each have one vote and you'll find that on many occasions this council will reach a unanimous decision," she said.

She said she had reached a point in her life when she wanted to start giving back to the community when the Lord Mayor, Cr Robert Doyle, first approached her to run for office.

"I didn't need much convincing. I was very honoured and said yes there and then," she said.

"For me, this is very much about community. I am such a passionate Melburnian that the opportunity to serve as a councillor is priceless."

As the council's marketing portfolio chair, Cr Pinder-Mortimer has been given the chance to indulge her passion for promotions, tourism, events and retail.

She said her other major interest within council was in helping the less fortunate members of the community.

"I guess this matches with who I am – first and foremost a compassionate person who believes in humanity, humility and hard work with a focus on family and community," she said.

While she says council life is tough, she doesn't consider it a sacrifice in any way.

"I am learning so much and getting so much back through the role, that I certainly don't begrudge the extra 35 or 40 hours a week devoted to the job," she said.

Cr Pinder-Mortimer "fell into" the public relations industry after winning in 1978 the beauty pageant Miss Universe Australia.

She says she learned from the best and has been in business for herself for nearly 30 years.

As the only girl and middle child of an immigrant family, she arrived in Australia from her native Sri Lanka as a highly-motivated teenager.

"I remember arriving on the tarmac at Essendon Airport and seeing that great big sky and all that space and saying to myself – 'Yes, I've arrived,'" she said.

Growing up in and around St Kilda (with a brief stint in the outer suburbs), Cr Pinder-Mortimer is still in love with Melbourne and St Kilda Rd.

She is realistic about how much a city councillor can actually achieve and likes to talk about "advocacy" rather than "change".

She said it has been an eye-opening experience to see the way councillors and council staff work together to make things happen. "Getting the balance right in terms



of my role and council officers is a challenge and I'm always learning," she said.

"There is no shortage of advice on our responsibilities, particularly statutory obligations and those relating to conflict of interest."

"I'm learning as I go but I really would prefer to just pitch in and get things done," she said. "Politics is part of the landscape here but I'm a straight-shooter and am more interested in getting the job done."

No doubt Cr Pinder-Mortimer will be more effective if she is returned for a second term. At this stage she says she has no aspirations in this regard but, looking at how much fun she is having, don't be surprised to see this most unlikely of politicians lining up again in 2016.



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"For many people, doing the paperwork for their annual tax return is the only time they spend looking at their financial position," Mr Huynh says. "But it's also a golden opportunity to look at the bigger financial picture and think about your individual goals."

The team of qualified tax and finance professionals at This is My Plan work with a diverse range of clients, including families, small business owners and individuals to provide practical advice and clear answers to every tax or finance question.

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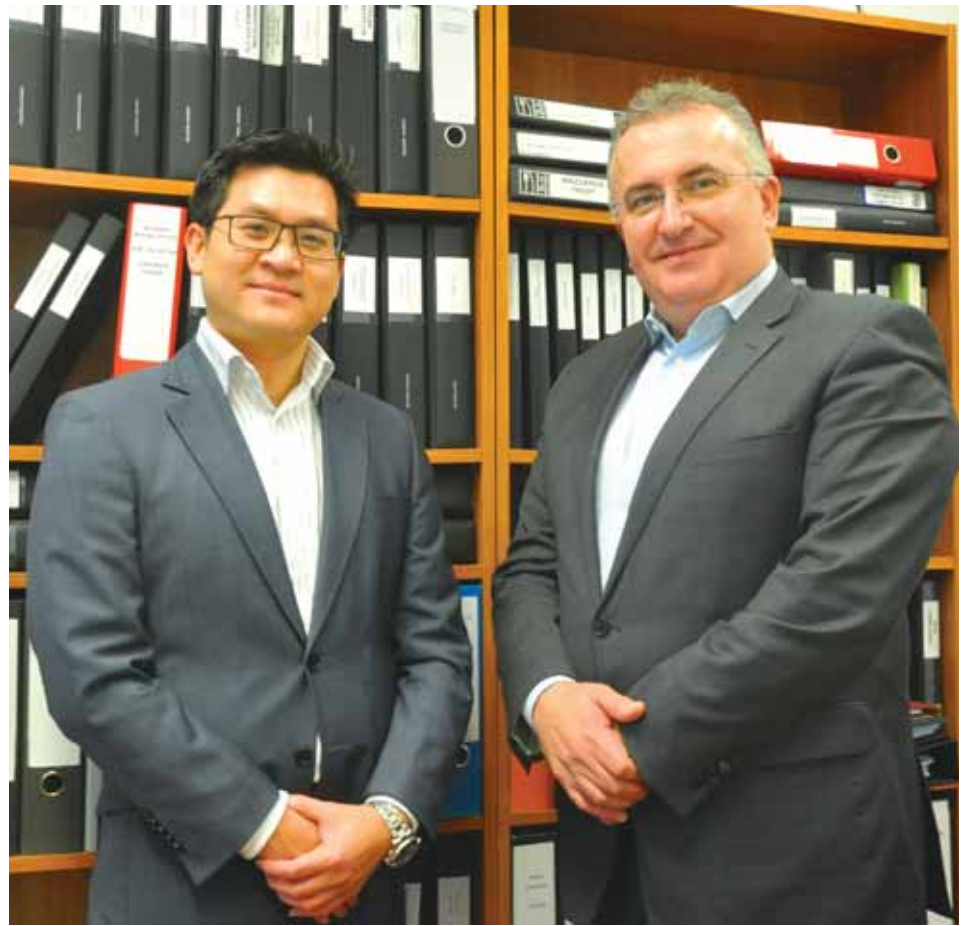
Mr Huynh says the tax team at This Is My Plan are also experts at property taxation and self-managed super funds – areas that can be complicated and daunting for investors but needn't be with the right professional advice.

Nicholas Psychogios, Head of Finance at This Is My Plan agrees that this is the best time to examine your whole financial position. "Whether you have loans for your home or investment properties or even your share portfolio, it's important to take time to re-evaluate your finance solutions regularly," he says.

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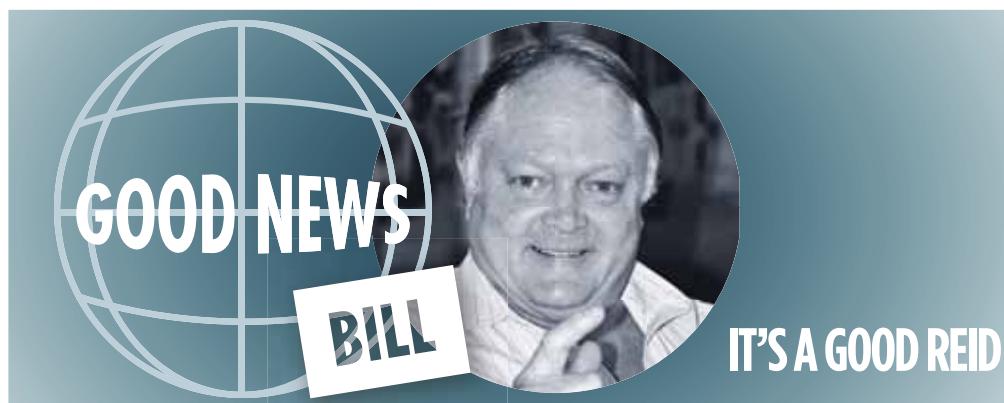
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It is never too early to bugle a good networking lunch, and what better networking and what better lunches than the very popular Docklands News/ Chamber of Commerce lunches.

The next assembly promises to be hugely spectacular – and why? – because it will be in the spectacular Wonderland Spiegelent in Docklands, lying in the shadow of the Melbourne Star observation wheel in Harbour Town.

Here is another opportunity to discover this part of Docklands on Friday, September 12. Numbers are strictly limited so book now via lunch@docklandsnews.com.au. Cost is a very reasonable \$60, representing exceptional value for money. I have booked mine, so see you there!

The AIDS2014 conference has now finished and it was hugely successful. Many buildings illuminated red to show support for the cause. It was very sad that the event started off with the Malaysian Air tragedy that claimed many lives – and it was originally feared a large number of delegates. It is very sad to report that, although the numbers were fewer than feared, there were a number of delegates on board. As a mark of respect the plans for Friday night welcome fireworks were cancelled and public buildings flew flags at half-mast.

August sees the Melbourne Regatta and

Blessing of the Fleet take place on Victoria Harbour. Father Bob will preside over ceremonies. The day is to commemorate Melbourne Day and to celebrate Melbourne's maritime heritage. The event is proudly brought to you by the Mission to Seafarers and Melbourne Passenger Boating Association, who are organising the event on Saturday, August 30. Robert Doyle, Lord Mayor of Melbourne has publicly declared his support for activation of Melbourne's waterways and its maritime heritage – and here we are ticking those boxes!

Thanks to the City of Melbourne, Docklands Chamber of Commerce, Port of Melbourne Corporation, Lend Lease, MAB and Wonderland Fun Park who have all generously sponsored the event. From this line-up of sponsors you see a fine example of where larger corporates, community groups and smaller enterprises can come together to deliver a fantastic community day. Make sure you come because there is something for everyone.

Check out the numerous cruise options available on the day. Mission to Seafarers and Melbourne Passenger Boating Association are running cruises to suit all budgets. We need prizes to give away to visitors to encourage return visitation. If you run a business and would like to donate a prize, such as dining package, accommodation or whatever – contact me at bill@missiontoseafarers.com.au. For more information see www.melbourneregatta.com.au or follow on www.facebook.com/BlessingoftheFleet

Fireworks in Docklands have kicked off with

good crowds coming to watch the spectacle. There are plenty of dining and cruise options available to those looking for something special. You might choose to head over to Victoria Harbour and witness the Carnivale spirit that is happening there. Drop down after work, pull up a deck chair and enjoy the live music along with some spectacular fire and light performances. Tuck into one of the \$5 food specials provided by Watermark Docklands and look up to see the spectacular fireworks show at 7pm. All this for the next two Friday nights August 1 and 8. It is all happening here in Docklands.

Now then, HTR Docklands Online Radio – they are very excited with the feedback they are getting from a growing audience with HTR. Obviously their cool music format has hit the right note!

HTR are announcing a once in a blue moon special for one member of the Docklands Chamber of Commerce. HTR is soon to print and distribute throughout the city 10,000 double-sided postcards. Only one side is needed by HTR so if there is a business that would like to be a part of that initiative, then please contact Docklands Chamber of Commerce for more information. HTR will also throw in six weeks with your commercial/message on HTR. Your Chamber working for you.

And looking into October briefly. Seniors Festival announcements are imminent! What I can tell you is the festival runs from October 5 to 12. Our seniors are a significant and valuable part of our community. They have plenty of time and they want to enjoy life. So keep your eyes open on the Chamber

website for announcements as to how you can become involved. The City of Melbourne is encouraging precincts to be “age friendly”, and the Docklands Chamber of Commerce is working hard to ensure Docklands is right up there.

If your business is not yet a member of the Docklands Chamber of Commerce, for as little as \$100 a year you can join a growing association that is recognised by the City of Melbourne as the representative body of Docklands businesses. You should be a part of that. The more members we have, the greater the influence we exact. Once again contact the Docklands Chamber of Commerce at admin@docklandsc.com.au

So have a safe and prosperous August folks, it is going to be a good one for Docklands as we continue to be recognised as new precinct worth visiting. Consider what The Age had to say about Docklands:

“While all the attention has focused on the fledgling suburb's shortcomings, Docklands has quietly become one of the nation's economic engine rooms.

A new report by the Grattan Institute, identifies Docklands as second only to Perth's central business district in terms of wealth generation. It states that Docklands employees, more than half of whom work in finance and insurance, generate an average \$103 worth of goods and services for every hour worked. The average for the entire Melbourne city-wide area was \$53 an hour.”

So how is that? Keep talking it up! Docklands is Beautiful! Be a part of your Community. See you all at the Melbourne Regatta!



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GREETINGS FROM THE DOCKLANDS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



Greetings everybody

It was gratifying to see Minister Guy can the proposed tram bridge over the Yarra saying it will not happen in his time. It shows we can win one occasionally. Planting the bridge in the Yarra's Edge residential precinct was never an acceptable idea considering the large marina there, the need for power lines, to say nothing of the noise due to the gradient. In any event there is already a tram/light rail running through the Port Melbourne/Fisherman's Bend area between the city and Beacon Cove [109 I think] as well as the trams along Clarendon Street.

The esplanade re-development continues to get one-way media attention with the media releases from Places Victoria. They took their survey site down after the time limit. Their summary of responses is rather confusing. It does say however that 86% of respondents want lawn/grass areas and 74% want passive areas for seating and relaxing, including bike riding, despite the fact that Places Victoria/Council didn't offer a linear park option. Why didn't they? Because Places Victoria and Council are determined to put sheds along the Esplanade. As a result however, of people giving priority to lawn and passive recreation, are they going to modify their plans? The concept plans, which they came

up with showed 12 sheds/pavilions along the stretch. The Places Victoria/Council idea is to have spaces/lanes between the buildings which they seem to suggest will provide nice passive open space! Got to be joking!

As we've already said, people want an open stretch to offset the cramming of buildings, with open space being at a premium in Docklands due to most land having been given to developers.

Regarding including heritage sheds, people were asked if they rated heritage buildings as important, to which, of course, they gave support. But they weren't asked if they supported two large old cargo sheds being installed in the middle of the esplanade stretch. In fact in our resident survey only one person in seventy supported that. Places Victoria/Council also didn't tell people that we already have a line of these sheds along both sides of Central Pier. I might add that these sheds and pavilions will block the panorama of the waterfront. As for calling it a 'vision' I wonder what they were on.

In terms of events, which we send out in notifications, just mentioning that the Friday night fireworks are scheduled to continue through August.

I went through the new library/ community centre a week ago. It is certainly spacious with a lot of good features and fittings. The theatre provides space for meetings and functions. The boating hub is to be built next door. The lack of parking space is a pity.

Removal of amenities by the developer in New Quay continues. Having earlier removed a line of mature tall palm trees behind the Conder building to make way for construction, they have now removed more mature palms and shrubs from the side of the Boyd building as well as innovative planter boxes to make way for construction of a small 'square'. Council's response is they can't tell the developer what to do on his own land. My response is they can certainly recommend, but they don't give any indication of doing so. Believe it or not I've since found out that the 'square' is actually on Council land. I had asked that they suggest to the developer to return the palms to a prominent position on another site - no answer, likewise a children's playground they removed. The reply was to put it down at Bolte Bridge. Is it any wonder I say developers rule?

Regarding the establishment of the Owners

Corporation Network Victoria [OCNV], A committee has been formed with representatives from various buildings including a number from the CBD [including the Eureka tower], St Kilda Road and Docklands, with myself as President. This was an essential step forward to enable formal operations. It is great to get this off the ground in order to gradually take up issues and give a voice for strata owners and also to ally with counterpart organisations interstate.

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

If you would like to talk to me about any aspect you are welcome to call me on

0412 097 706. You can also keep up with things on our website **www.docklandscommunityassociation.com**

Regards to all
Roger Gardner
President DCA



OWNERS CORPORATION LAW *With Tom Bacon*

The many trials and tribulations of committee members

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 at large, 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 Owners Corporation has sufficient funds in its accounts to pay its bills. Stepping outside those core functions and

duties are permissible, as most owners' corporations will allow the committee to be delegated all functions and powers of the OC at the annual general meeting.

However, committee members ought 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, however 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 owners' corporation.

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 owners' corporation managers and from appropriately-qualified and insured service providers.

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

Moreover, if individual committee members feel uncomfortable or pressured about a certain proposed course of action, they should seek 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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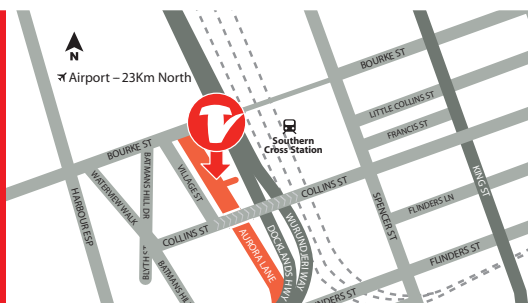
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Intense competition for local dragon boaters

Local dragon boaters could have their work cut out for them if they're to make it on to next year's national dragon boat team.

The Australian team, known as the Auroras, this year included paddlers from local teams including the Melbourne Flames and the Yarra River Dragons.

But according to Flames captain and Aurora's co-captain Georgina Wakim, interest in joining the national team has doubled in the past year.

"It's the largest response ever from the dragon boat community from people wanting to try out for the 2015 world championships in Canada," Ms Wakim said.

"There's been an enormous interest. It's the coach's dream to be able to pick and choose."

Ms Wakim said 540 dragon boaters would attend selection camps between August and December this year.

Paddlers, sweeps and drummers who attend the camps hope to be one of the 300 chosen to represent Australia at the World Nations Championships in Welland, Canada, in August next year.

The increased interest from the Australian dragon boat community could be attributed to the Aurora's recent international success.

The team competed at the Asian Championships, Hong Kong International Dragon Boat Regatta and International



Local dragon boaters competed at a range of international competitions earlier this year.

Photo by Michael Daniel

Dragon Federation World Cup in June, bringing home a swag of medals.

The Auroras came home with five bronze medals from the Asian Championships in

Macau, were the most awarded team at the Hong Kong regatta, bagging eight trophies and came in fifth at the International Dragon Boat Federation World Cup, against full-time professional paddlers.

Mustangs and Ice eye finals

The Melbourne ice hockey clubs have continued their stranglehold over the AIHL competition, with the finals series approaching.

Melbourne Mustangs remain on top of the ladder and are well positioned to take part in their first finals series.

In their last three matches they have dominated Newcastle, Sydney and Canberra, having 50 or more shots on goal each match.

Canberra Brave lived up to their name, but were just beaten in a 4-3 loss to the Mustangs in which Melbourne dominated the shots on goal a whopping 51 to 15.

Melbourne also easily accounted for the Bears 4-0, adding more misery to Sydney's season.

Last month Melbourne continued Newcastle's woes with a damaging 6-3 win at home. The win was set up in the first two thirds with the Mustangs dominating shots on goal and taking a 4-1 lead.

Their counterparts, Melbourne Ice are also enjoying a successful season. They are currently third position only a few points behind the Mustangs.

Melbourne went down to Adelaide earlier this month in a shootout. After leading the match by two goals heading into the final period, Ice relinquished control and the match ended in a shootout with Adelaide winning the match 3-2.

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