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Alma Doepel needs urgent funding

The Alma Doepel restoration project is under increasing financial pressure, with local corporations failing to put their support behind the initiative.

A fundraising event held onboard the Lady Cutler in June, and attended by local corporate stakeholders, has failed to attract any sponsorship.

A further \$1.7 million is needed to finish the project and, with looming deadlines, the pressure is on to secure the required funding.

Owned by not-for-profit company Sale and Adventure Limited, the 110-year-old historical three-masted topsail schooner has been under restoration at Shed 2 in Docklands since 2009.

The ship is the last of its kind in Australia and is expected to become a key part of the Harbour Esplanade redevelopment.

While work hasn't come to a standstill due to the current lack of funding, it has slowed down, according to restoration director Peter Harris.

He said volunteers were continuing to make progress but \$800,000 was needed to get the ship back in the water and around \$900,000 was needed to get the ship fitted out and

"The question is what happens if we don't get the money for the skilled labour we need to put it together," Mr Harris said.

"It just won't be finished by those target dates and it will be exposed to more unfavourable weather."

Professional shipwrights are required to help finish the project but currently the organisation does not have enough funds to

Mr Harris said plans to have the boat back in the water by Christmas seemed unlikely at this stage

"My preferred timetable would be that the ship doesn't have to suffer another summer because, being a wooden ship, it dries out over summer," Mr Harris said.

Exposure to the wind and sun causes the wood to shrink, which requires them to be replaced, resulting in the loss of pieces of original timber.

Compounding the issue is the fact that the team need to finish the job before Lend Lease, who has development rights over the Shed 2 site, requires the land.

"The longer it takes the more likely we are to run into the deadlines that are set externally by the Docklands developers, Lend Lease in particular, who are very kind to us and support us being in the shed here until they need it," Mr Harris said.

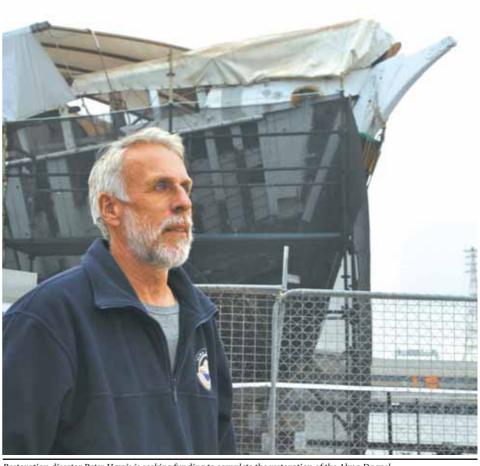
Mr Harris said if required to move the project would relocate somewhere else with a suitable workshop, ideally within Victoria

"If we have everything finished in two years I think we would be fairly safe, if it takes longer than we don't know what will happen."

Mr Harris said the City of Melbourne had been a great supporter of the project, while the restoration team itself had put in about \$1.3 million worth of work, including 33,000 volunteer hours.

The council committed \$300,000 to the project in 2012 and in June Lord Mayor Robert Doyle spoke at the fundraising event, calling on stakeholders to support the

"I have to say the support we've had from the City of Melbourne is fantastic, I couldn't fault them in any way," Mr Harris said.



Restoration director Peter Harris is seeking funding to complete the restoration of the Alma Doepel.

"It's that sort of support we anticipated when we brought the ship to Docklands."

"We felt that the people in Docklands, both individuals and commercial organisations, would see that this a valuable project and would see that they will benefit from us activating the waterways and connecting various people to that community project and they would come forward and support it," Mr Harris said.

Mr Harris said he wasn't seeking one organisation to fund the remainder of the project but ten or 20 individual groups to contribute.

"What we're asking is that other people join us in order to establish a valuable community asset, which will be in Victoria Harbour in Docklands."

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Blues musician Jimi Hocking is headlining the Docklands Blues Festival on October 5.

Festival spirit captures Docklands

Music, cabaret, stand-up comedy, burlesque, art and film – Docklands is full of festival spirit.

As *Docklands News* went to print the Docklands Arts, Laughs and Blues Festival was kicking off.

Over five days, from October 1 a range of events will be taking place across Docklands, with the festival centred on Wonderland Fun Park's "Salon de Elegance" spiegeltent.

And it's at the spiegeltent that acclaimed musician Jimi Hocking will headline the Docklands Blues Festival on Sunday, October 5.

The free festival is the final event on the Arts, Laughs and Blues Festival calendar and will see 20 bands perform across five stages in the Harbour Town and spiegeltent precinct.

Jimi has been playing music professionally for more than 20 years, including with The Screaming Jets, and says the festival offers a great introduction to Melbourne's blues scene.

"If people don't know much about the blues it's definitely a festival they should come and see because you'll get to see a cross-section of the many different styles and varieties of blues there are," he said.

And according to Jimi, plenty of great blues acts are lined up to perform at the festival including Hoodoo Men, Dreamboogie and up-and-coming blues band Blue Eyes Cry.

This year marks the third Docklands Arts, Laughs and Blues Festival, but it's Jimi's first time performing at the event.

So what can we expect from the headliner, who'll be performing at Wonderland Fun Park's "Salon de Elegance" spiegeltent?

"My shtick is somewhere between Jimi Hendrix and Chuck Berry in some ways," Jimi said.

"I do a very electric-blues kind of show, but I like to pull out all the stops."

"I grew up in a showbiz environment and it was essential in our learning as kids that you got up there and performed, so I've taken that ethic my whole life."

The Docklands Blues Festival runs from 11am to 9pm on Sunday, October 5 at Harbour Town.

Headliner Jimi Hocking will be on stage at the spiegeltent from 8pm to 9pm.

Name chosen for new park

Docklands' newest park has been named after football great and war hero Ron Barrassi Snr.

Construction of the future park and sports field at the western end of NewQuay started last month, with the first stage of the \$18 million development to be delivered by midnext year.

Last month the State Government sought input on the name of the park, providing three options for the community to vote from.

Ron Barrassi Senior Park won out over Dudley Flats Park, named for a shanty settlement that existed near Docklands in the early to mid 1900s, and Lancey Park after captain of the Enterprize John Lancey.

Ron Barassi Senior was a Mellbourne Football Club rover who served as part of Australia's World War 2 campaign in North Africa. He was killed in action at Tobruk in 1941.

He also inspired the AFL's father-son rule, which allows clubs to preferentially recruit the sons of past players and allowed Melbourne to recruit Ron Barassi jnr.

Planning Minister Matthew Guy said the name would reflect the spirit of the park, which would become a place where families could spend time together.

"By mid-next year this unused, large space will be transformed into a place where people can kick a ball, walk the dog and take their children to play," Mr Guy said.



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Labor makes promise on Docklands school process

The Labor Party has promised to restart the planning process for a Docklands school if elected, but is making no guarantees that a school will be built under Labor.

State Member for Melbourne Jennifer Kanis last month told *Docklands News* that Labor would restart the planning process if it wins the election in November.

She said a feasibility study into a Docklands school had been commissioned four years ago but had not been released under the current government.

"What we will do if we're elected is release that report, have a look at what it says and then start planning for a school in Docklands," Ms Kanis said.

But she didn't make any promises that a school would be built in Docklands under Labor.

"Until we're in government and have all the documentation that we need we can't promise anything specific because we need to know all the data behind it, and the location and all those sorts of things, but we'll get on with it," she said.

In 2010 the former Labor government commissioned the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development to conduct a feasibility study relating to primary school provision for inner Melbourne.

The current coalition government has not released the findings of the report and in 2011 a spokesperson for Education Minister Martin Dixon told *Docklands News* that former Education Minister Bronwyn Pike had never authorised a study to start.

She denied this at the time, saying it had been completed and she had seen the report.

The need for a local primary school has been a topic of debate for some time now, with predictions suggesting 850 children aged



State Member Jennifer Kanis says Labor will restart planning for a Docklands school if elected.

under 14 will live in Docklands by 2016.

Current anecdotal evidence suggests families tend to move out of Docklands once their children reach school age.

"I am acutely aware of the increasing difficulties faced by parents of school-aged children in Docklands and the CBD who are forced to seek enrolment for their children at schools far from home," Ms Kanis said.

"As a former teacher, the provision of education close to a child's home is an important principle to me."

"On a number of occasions I have raised in Parliament the need to plan schools for the future growth in the CBD and Docklands but the Napthine Government has continued to dither, demonstrating a complete lack of commitment to progress this matter further."

"I am committed to ensuring that children in Docklands and the CBD receive a quality education and our inner-city schools are properly resourced and maintained."

Education Minister Martin Dixon said the proposal was "another cruel hoax from Daniel Andrews and Labor, which cannot be trusted to deliver on their promises".

"The Napthine Government has already invested \$16 million for land purchase, site preparation and preliminary design work for a new government primary school at 129-161 Ferrars St, South Melbourne, which will service the Docklands area."

"The Napthine Government has delivered on all of its school infrastructure election commitments from the last election, and is getting on with the job of upgrading our schools with \$500 million delivered in the 2014-15 State Budget."

"The only thing Labor will deliver for Victoria is more broken promises," Mr Dixon said.

Council leads on waterways

The City of Melbourne (CoM) last month extended its advocacy for rationalisation of governance structure of the Yarra River.

The council included the issue as one of 15 questions to candidates in the upcoming state election.

Specifically, the council is asking: "Will you support rationalisation of the management of the Docklands waterways and Yarra River?"

The questionnaire is a first for the council and results will be published on the CoM website

And on October 24 the council's delegates councillors Stephen Mayne and Rohan Leppert will be asking the Municipal Association of Victoria's (MAV) state conference for support on the issue.

On September 9, the council's Future Melbourne Committee approved a proposal seeking support from the wider local government community to lobby the State Government for change.

The CoM's motion reads: "That MAV State Council seeks support from the State Government for a rationalisation of the governance of the Yarra, Docklands and Port Phillip Bay."

A report supporting the motion said: "The existing waterways governance model involves 16 agencies and a complex framework of 21 pieces of overlapping, non-hierarchical legislation. The intricacy leads to duplicated processes and a scenario where there are many hands on the wheel, but nobody steering."



Local regatta has promise

The annual Docklands regatta has the potential to become a major economic asset for the area, according to the event's organisers.

Held for the second time in August, organisers say there are plans to make the regatta a major event on Melbourne's calendar.

Organised by the Melbourne Passenger Boat Association and the Mission to Seafarers Victoria, the recent regatta has already grown in size since the first event in 2012.

Melbourne Passenger Boat Association President Jeff Gordon said the long-term aim was to make the regatta an economically beneficial event.

"We want it to be a food, music and entertainment event and we think it will have economic benefits for the people in Docklands," Mr Gordon said.

The estimated cost of staging the regatta this year was around \$25,000, while attendance was around the 5000 people mark, equating to a cost per head of \$5.

Mr Gordon likened the potential of the event to the Australian Wooden Boat Festival, which started in Hobart in 1994 with 180 registered boats and an attendance of 12,000.



 $Last\ month's\ Docklands\ Regatta\ and\ Blessing\ of\ the\ Fleet\ attracted\ around\ 5000\ people.$

Over the last 20 years the festival has grown exponentially and has become a major tourism asset for Tasmania.

The 2013 Australian Wooden Boat Festival featured 550 registered boats and attracted 200,000 people.

According to data provided by the Australian Wooden Boat Festival, attendees at the 2013 event spent around \$31.3 million in Hobart alone and interstate and international visitors spent a combined \$80.2 million in Tasmania.

The festival organisers put the continued success of the festival to free-admission,

Tasmania's maritime heritage and the dedication of the board.

"It's (the wooden boat festival) now become one of the biggest, if not the biggest, wooden boat regatta in the world," Mr Gordon said.

According to Mr Gordon, the Docklands regatta has the same potential.

"Anywhere you combine water, with boats, sound, music and food it's a 'laydown misere' really good event, and people will come."

"We have what we think is the kernel of a fabulous event for Docklands that will become a major event and drawcard for Docklands," he said.

Chamber AGM this month

The Docklands Chamber of Commerce will hold its Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, October 15.

Current financial members of the chamber are invited to nominate for a position on the executive committee and must be nominated by two other chamber members to qualify.

Under new chamber rules members will be elected to the executive committee only and the elected committee will then elect the office bearing positions of president, vice president, treasurer, secretary and executive members.

The Chamber of Commerce AGM will be held on Wednesday October 15 at 6.30pm at the Library at the Dock.

Nominations must be received by Wednesday, October 8 and can be emailed to the interim executive officer Alan Maxwell at **admin@docklandscc.com.au** or posted to Executive Officer (interim) Alan Maxwell, Docklands Chamber of Commerce, PO Box 23038, Docklands, 8012.

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Robert Williams' piece The Final Reading is one of the paintings selected for the exhibition.

Maritime art on show

Docklands has a long history as a maritime hub so it's only fitting that Australia's largest maritime art exhibition is held here.

The Mission to Seafarers Victoria's Maritime Art Prize and Exhibition is held in October each year and aims to promote maritime and seafaring subjects in art, while raising funds for the work of the mission.

According to curator Catherine McClay, since 2002 the art prize and exhibition has raised more than \$200,000 in funds for the mission and more than \$150,000 has been awarded in prize money.

"The annual maritime exhibition is the biggest of its kind in Australia and is the MtSV's primary fundraiser to ensure that the mission's core work to provide for the spiritual, physical and psychological wellbeing of seafarers can continue," she said.

"This year just over 200 entries were received from artists who responded to our annual theme of 'the relationship between humanity and the sea."

"Of these a total of 70 were selected, ranging from traditional to contemporary works in a variety of mediums."

The selected artists will compete for the \$15,000 acquisitive ANL Maritime Art Award, the \$5000 acquisitive ASP Best in Traditional Maritime Art Award, the \$5000 Bendigo Wealth Emerging Artist Award and the \$2000 PB Towage People's Choice Award.

The Mission to Seafarers Maritime Art Prize and Exhibition is open for public viewing between midday and 7pm Wednesday to Sunday from October 3 to October 31.

The collection can also be viewed online at www.missiontoseafarers.com.au from October 3.

Work selected for the exhibition is available for purchase and will pay a 33 per cent commission towards the charitable work of the Mission to Seafarers.

Docklands keeps giving to city

The City of Melbourne made almost \$4 million profit from Docklands over the last financial year.

According to the Docklands Finance and Infrastructure Plan 2013-14 presented to the Docklands Co-ordination Committee last month, council's Docklands surplus was \$5.9 million, a variance of almost \$5.5 million against the budget.

However, the report also stated that an estimated \$2 million worth of indirect costs and corporate overheads had not been included, leading to an understatement of overall Docklands expenditure and an overstatement in the surplus.

The \$5.5 million variance was down to higher revenue and lower costs than anticipated.

Council had budgeted for a total revenue of more than \$23.3 million but ended up making \$24 million.

It had estimated expenses of \$14.3 million but only spent \$13.4 million.

The almost \$1 million variance was put down to lower expenditure on community services due to the timing of the library opening, lower expenditure on engineering services due to lower than anticipated electricity costs and lower expenditure on urban design due to lower than anticipated employee costs.

Council also spent almost \$4 million less on new capital than it had budgeted for, spending \$8.33 million against a budget of \$12.10 million.

Delays with the community services and boating hub, Waterfront City Marina Renewal and landscaping work at the Jim Stynes Bridge meant budgeted funds were unspent and have been carried over to the current financial year.

The Docklands Co-ordination Committee was also presented with a five-year finance and infrastructure plan, which revealed council plans to make more than \$73 million from Docklands by the end of the 2019 financial year.

However, this figure doesn't take into account capital investments council will make in Docklands, which are subject to annual budgets and will reduce the surplus figure.

The most recent Docklands Co-ordination Committee meeting is likely to be the last, with a request for legislative changes to dismantle the committee currently progressing through Parliament.

Taking their places

The Places Victoria board has been rounded out, with an additional three members appointed last month.

Planning Minister Matthew Guy announced the appointment of Tamara Brezzi, Robert Goudswaard and Graeme Parton as the new, independent board members.

They join current board members, Christine Wyatt, deputy secretary of the Department of Transport, Planning and Local Infrastructure and Garry Phibbs, senior commercial advisor of the Department of Treasury and Finance.

"Places Victoria is now in a strong position to focus on its core urban renewal mandate," Mr Guy said.

"It has been tasked with the important role of working closely with both government and the private sector to unlock the potential of urban development sites and revitalise



Docklands offers warm welcome to seniors

Seniors will be the guests of honour in Docklands next month during the 2014 Seniors Festival.

Docklands is one of the major features of the festival program, thanks to the Docklands Chamber of Commerce's involvement in the Docklands Age Friendly Partners Program.

According to Docklands Chamber of Commerce president Joh Maxwell, the chamber has been working with the Seniors Program, the Department of Health, the City of Melbourne, resident representatives and the local business community to present Docklands during the festival.

"The Docklands Chamber of Commerce are proud to participate in the Seniors Program and will continue to work with the business and residential community to welcome seniors to our area, not just during the festival but all year round."

Between October 5 and October 12 Seniors Card holders can enjoy a range of free activities in Docklands.

One of the major highlights of the festival is free ferry tours of Victoria Harbour on board the MV Grower, which will depart half hourly from the Melbourne City Marina and Waterfront Plaza between 10.30am and 2.30pm.

Seniors can also enjoy free tours of the historic Mission to Seafarers building at 11am and 3pm from Monday, October 6 to Friday, October 10 along with complimentary morning tea. Bookings are essential and can be made by calling **9629 7083**.

Free rides for grandparents are also on

offer at Wonderland Fun Park during Grandparents Day on both October 5 and 12.

The Docklands Blues Music Festival is also on during the Seniors Festival, with 22 bands performing across five stages around the Harbour Town and spiegeltent precinct on October 5 during the free event (see our story on page 2).

Seniors can also enjoy a free afternoon of jazz at the Wonderland Spiegeltent on Friday, October 10, with the Pearly Shells performing at 1.30pm.

Mrs Maxwell said the Chamber of Commerce would be conducting a survey during the festival to find out what seniors have enjoyed and what activities or services the business community can develop to make the Docklands experience even greater.

"For the seniors who participate in this survey there will be an opportunity to win a 'Docklands Experience,' which will include a variety of gifts, vouchers and entertainment opportunities to be used on your next visit to Docklands," she said.

Mrs Maxwell said she looked forward to the Seniors Festival becoming an annual event for Docklands.

"The Docklands Chamber of Commerce thanks all within the business community who have contributed to bringing the festival to like and look forward to this being an annual Docklands event."



The story across the river

For storyteller Anne Stewart, Docklands holds a lot of familial connections.

As a child, Anne (pictured above) and her family would catch the ferry across the Yarra to Williamstown before heading to Torquay on holidays.

Her father also ran a bottle yard nearby and knew a lot of people in the area and often came home with stories from the docks.

Perhaps the most poignant connection is the plaque at the Channel 7 headquarters in Docklands, which remembers her brother Tony.

Tony was just 21 when he was murdered in East Timor, one of the Balibo Five journalists killed in 1975.

"In my last year of high school my brother Tony was murdered in East Timor, I just checked recently and Channel 7 has a plaque that they've moved from Dorcas St to the newsroom here."

"So it's a tenuous connection, but it's the

only monument to my brother anywhere."

On the 39th anniversary of Tony's death next month, Anne will present a storytelling event at Library at the Dock.

Anne is one of a series of storytellers who have been sharing tales at the Library at the Dock as part of a free series of storytelling shows

She said her show "Crossing the River" will share family anecdotes, her introduction to indigenous Australia in the Northern Territory, legends, folktales and her Scottish heritage, all the while relating to Docklands' history.

"Docklands is a place of arrival and comings and goings," Anne said. "It seems really important to acknowledge that."

"Crossing the River" is on at the Library at the Dock on October 16. Doors open at 5.30 pm for a 6pm start.





Turning a lens on Docklands

Docklands can seem a little hostile during the winter months.

But hundreds of photographers have faced the elements to capture the nicer side of Docklands' winter during the Destination Docklands Shades of Winter photography competition.

Held for the second time this year, the competition attracted 321 entries in the adult category, with photographers capturing various sides of Docklands, from the waterfront, to the attractions, to the winter fireworks, to the people.

Matthew Mallet was named the winner of

the adult category for his photograph Gold Dust over Docklands (pictured above), which captured the Friday night fireworks and took home a \$1000 cash prize.

Of the nine entries in the youth category, 13-year-old Olly Faldon's photo of a street sweeper on Harbour Esplanade snagged him the first prize, earning him \$500.

The winning photographs and a selection of highly commended photographs are on display at the Library at the Dock until October 31.

Come along to the Docklands **Social Club**

Docklanders are invited to come along to a new monthly event to meet each other in a relaxed and social environment.

Docklands News publisher Shane Scanlan is organising the events on the second Wednesday evening of every month.

"We're calling it the Docklands Social Club because it's the social interaction that has been missing for many years now in Docklands," Mr Scanlan said.

"The Docklands Social Club isn't a club as such, it's just a name for a monthly event at the different restaurant or pub in the suburb."

"There is no membership, no entity or hierarchy," he said. "And there is only one rule - that all the local political baggage gets left at the door."

Mr Scanlan said it appeared the Docklands Community Association (DCA) was largely focused on political representation.

"I'm not saying that there is not a role for political representation, but many good people have dropped out along the way

because they were primarily interested in getting together socially," Mr Scanlan said.

"The Docklands Social Club will hopefully bring everyone together to have fun and also get to know a different part of Docklands every month."

The first Docklands Social Club is at 7pm at Watermark (Victoria Harbour Promenade) on Wednesday, October 8.

Guests will pay their own way directly with the venue.

"It will be possible to have a meal, have a few drinks or just turn up for a chat," Mr Scanlan said. "All we are doing is selecting a venue and publicising the event."

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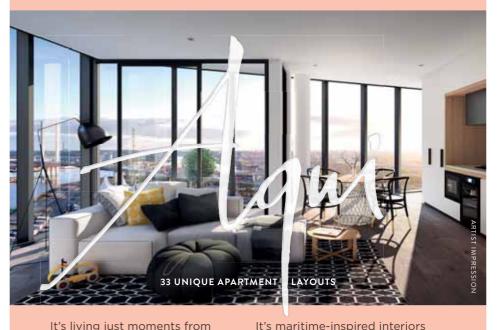
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Private Sale \$780,000

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Fibre 'coup' for Dock 5

Docklands' own Dock 5 is one of a dozen buildings in Australia which has been retrofitted with NBN Co optical fibre to the apartment.

While new buildings in Docklands are being fitted to the same standard, typically retro-fitted fibre stops at the communication rooms of apartment blocks.

NBN Co is being coy about its motivation for selecting Dock 5 for what it is called a "trial" but it followed closely on the heels of news about rival TPG demanding access to Dock 5 to install its own connection.

At a meeting with residents on September 17, NBN Co representative Corrie Withers likened the installation to winning Melbourne Cricket Club membership.

"You are very lucky," Mr Withers told residents.

He said that residents would have a choice of potentially 80 approved retail providers to manage the connection. He said NBN Co was a wholesaler only.

"We build the road, you choose the car," he said to explain the relationship.

NewQuay-based telco Harbour ISP provided food and beverage for the information evening

Dock 5 building manager Bill Castles spoke glowingly of the local service provider.

He described the NBN Co installation as a "coup" for the building, particularly as the fibre extends throughout the building to the front door of every apartment.

Mr Castles also acknowledged the work of Tom Burt who worked tirelessly with NBN Co on behalf of the owners' corporation.

Dock 5 is one of only four buildings in Victoria and 12 throughout the nation to receive the fibre to the apartment roll out. The other three Victorian buildings are believed to be in South Melbourne.

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) last month ruled that



Mr Withers briefing Dock 5 residents on the fibre installation last month

TPG was entitled to compete with NBN Co in the race to connect "fibre to the basement" within the lucrative apartment tower market.

TPG is technically able to compete with NBN Co because its fibre network was already in the ground before 2011.

In the press release on September 11, the ACCC said: "The 'NBN level playing field provisions' prohibit the use of networks other than the NBN to supply high speed broadband services to small business or residential customers, unless the network operator supplies on a wholesale basis only and is subject to open access obligations."

"However, networks that were capable of being used to supply high speed broadband services to small business or residential customers as at 1 January 2011 are not caught by the level playing field provisions, provided they are not extended more than a kilometre from the network footprint as it was at 1 January 2011."

"Having carefully examined TPG's plans, the ACCC does not propose to take further action in relation to TPG's planned fibre to the basement network rollout to supply residential customers in high-rise buildings in Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide and Perth," ACCC Chairman Rod Sims said.

"The ACCC has reached this decision based on information and evidence that TPG's networks were capable of supplying superfast carriage services to small business or residential customers at 1 January 2011, and confirmation that TPG is not extending the footprint of these networks by more than one kilometre."

"The ACCC will now conduct a declaration inquiry into whether a superfast broadband access service like the type to be provided by TPG over its fibre-to-the-basement networks should be the subject of access regulation. Amongst other matters, the inquiry will consider whether regulation is necessary to ensure that consumers in TPG connected buildings can benefit from competitive retail markets for high speed broadband services," Mr Sims said.

Fishermans Bend off to a flying start

Planning Minister Matthew Guy has given the green light to five major planning permits for Docklands' newest neighbour, Fishermans Bend.

Mr Guy approved the construction of 11 towers which will be located in the Montague precinct, adjacent to a new Melbourne Rail Link underground metro station.

The \$738 million investment will provide 2800 new homes and is expected to create up to 6000 jobs over the course of construction

Mr Guy said the inner-city renewal project was a major boost to both Melbourne and Victoria's economies.

"Fishermans Bend will be a key driver of Melbourne's liveability over the next decades," he said.

"Development will create significant investment, jobs and commercial opportunities right on the doorstep of Melbourne's CBD."

"Construction alone will deliver billions of dollars in economic benefits to Victoria over the next 40 years."

The five permits relate to four sites on Buckhurst and Gladstone streets in South Melbourne, and a 40-storey tower at Normanby Rd in Southbank.

Four of the six towers to be built on Buckhurst St will be between 27 to 30-storeys, while another four towers on Gladstone St will each top out at 30 storeys.

The project also includes plans for two new CBD-style laneways between Gladstone and Buckhurst streets through land covered by three of the permits.

Eilish Cooke answers your legal questions.

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Finding a sense of belonging

For international students, the experience of living and studying in a foreign country can be a challenging one.

Language and cultural barriers, the demands of study and work and difficulty connecting with local residents are common issues that international students face.

But a project being held in Docklands over the next few months aims to give international students the skills to thrive in, and connect with, the local community.

Supported by the City of Melbourne and the Australian Federation of International Students (AFIS), the project involves a series of theatre workshops held at the Library at the Dock and facilitated by Catherine Simmonds.

Having worked in community cultural development for 22 years, Ms Simmonds said her work was about creating spaces where people could learn about and express themselves.

The project, called "Transient Belonging" will involve a series of workshops that will ultimately lead to a theatre production.

"I run workshops with international students that develop confidence and creativity, sense of place, sense of interaction and expression of the issues and experiences they are having," Ms Simmonds said.

She said the project would also involve students going out into the community, interviewing people and gathering information about the local area and the experiences of local people.

"The eventual aim is to create a performance and that performance is the conduit that allows the wider audience to look into the themes, to see the stories, to see what people have said and to see people connecting and ultimately to be inspired," she said.

According to AFIS project manager Antoinette Vicentello, Docklands was a logical location for the project, with a large population of international students and also some symbolic connections.



 $Catherine\ Simmonds,\ AFIS\ project\ director\ Antoinette\ Vicentello\ and\ AFIS\ president\ Kai\ Jie\ Lim.$

"We consider that Docklands is somewhat of an isolated area and the many international students feel isolated too," she said.

With further funding the project could be extended and run throughout next year, involving greater collaboration with members of the Docklands community and a larger-scale final production.

Ms Simmonds said anyone was welcome to take part.

"This kind of work isn't premised at all on talent or the desire to be an actor," Ms

Simmonds said.

"It's about enquiry. You don't have to be a confident person but through participation you'll develop confidence in English and self expression."

The workshops will be held weekly at the Library at the Dock at 7pm on Monday nights from November 3 through to December 8.

For more information contact **Antoinette@afis.org.au**



Green means free trams

The State Government has revealed new green signage which will signify free tram travel within the CBD and Docklands.

The new free zone comes into effect on New Year's Day. More than 70 tram stops will have bright green signage.

Premier Denis Napthine unveiled the new signage on September 21 on an Elizabeth St tram stop.

"Vibrant signage will catch the eye, providing an instant reminder to passengers that they are in the zone and don't need to touch on their myki. In fact, you won't even need a myki if only travelling within the free zone," Dr Napthine said.

The new free tram zone follows the traditional CBD grid and stretches from Flinders St to Victoria St, and from Spring Street to Docklands in the west.

"People will be able to travel much of the city without a ticket and visit some of our best landmarks," Dr Napthine said.

Dr Napthine said most major attractions were within the zone or a short walk away.

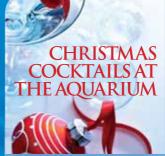
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- OBITUARY -

A tribute to Eamon McCarthy

Docklands News pays tribute to a true Docklander who passed away unexpectedly last month. Vale Eamon McCarthy.

By Peter Crowley

Eamon McCarthy was one of the earliest residents of the Boyd/St Elia building when it was completed late in 2002.

In 2003 community building started in Docklands, and Eamon was at the forefront of that process.

He was energetic and active in the local groups that formed to start the Docklands Community Association, the Docklands Chamber of Commerce, and the *Docklands News* and, like other community champions at the time, Eamon frequently hosted community meetings in his private home to offset the lack of local facilities.

His vision for a vibrant Docklands was underpinned by his values and upbringing – he understood the importance of community.

Eamon was a passionate photographer. More than that, he had a clear understanding of what was going on in Docklands – a profound transformation of the city unlike anything in living memory – unprecedented except perhaps in the 1850s gold rush.

Eamon loved taking photos and,

accompanied by his little dog Bruce, he would get outdoors in search of those special opportunities – the still morning light or the setting sun – to capture those special reflections or odd light angles.

Eamon knew he was capturing the record of something unique and planned to record the transformation of Docklands.

Eamon was generous with his work. Many of those photos graced the pages of *Docklands News* and he was present, camera in hand, at all the Docklands events in those times.

Eamon was also responsible for a Docklands legend – McCarthy's Bar. During the 2003 Rugby World Cup Eamon devised and led a temporary transformation of Shed 14 on Central Pier, turning a derelict warehouse into a vibrant Irish Pub that was visited by thousands.

For many an international fan visiting Docklands (particularly the Irish) a night spent in the lively McCarthy's Bar remains a key ingredient of their World Cup memories.

A venture like McCarthy's Bar couldn't happen now – but it did happen and is a big part of the unwritten history of Docklands.

Staunchly Irish, Eamon was also a proud Australian with an ambition to be naturalised.

He lobbied hard to become naturalised in a ceremony in Docklands, something that he understood would tacitly acknowledge the city's acceptance of its new waterfront suburb.

That wasn't to be, but he was immensely proud when he did become a naturalised Australian in a ceremony at the Melbourne Town Hall, watched on by his beloved daughter, Grace.

Eamon ultimately left Docklands, but it never really left him... like a true Docklander he was magnetically drawn back.

He remained a regular visitor to the waterfront with camera in hand and his daughter holding the other as he returned to watch the fireworks, appreciate the moods of Docklands, to enjoy its bars and cafes and his own favourite places

Eamon McCarthy will be missed by many friends and his family to whom we extend condolences. He was a community champion in the recent history of our suburb ... and a true Docklander.



Eamon and his daughter Grace.



SEEKING PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT?

The Docklands Chamber of Commerce is looking to employ an Executive Officer and an Administration Officer.

Executive Officer

5-10 Hours per week on average - irregular hours based over all seven days of the week.

Administration Officer

10-20 hours per week - irregular hours based over all seven days of the week.

Expressions of Interest will be reviewed and short listed during Late October after the AGM (15th October) by the incoming Executive Committee. The expectation is that the roles will be filled by November 2014.

For further information see www.docklandscc.com.au/current/ expressions-of-interest-employment-with-dcc





New artwork to cast an interesting shadow

Docklands' public art collection has a new addition, with a sculpture by artist Sally Smart installed at Buluk Park last month.

The sculpture, *Shadow Trees* is made of large, painted steel components measuring over 12-metres high and was commissioned by Lend Lease for the City of Melbourne and Places Victoria.

The sculpture is lit up at night with a lighting design by Ramus Illumination.

Lend Lease project director Claire Johnston said she was thrilled with the sculpture and praised artist Sally Smart for her work.

"Creating the best places means creating places that connect with people, places that people want to visit and spend time at, places that promote people's wellbeing," she said.

"By working with Sally to deliver highquality public art like *Shadow Trees*, we're continuing to create a world-class civic precinct that has something for everyone."



Sally Smart's sculpture Shadow Trees was installed at Buluk Park last month.

Cr Rohan Leppert agreed, saying: "The installation of *Shadow Trees* marks the completion of this new civic meeting place for Docklands. The colour and scale of the sculpture invited visitors to look up through

the branches or read the poetry at their feet, to enjoy the park and explore the library."

Installation of the artwork is expected to be complete by October 3.

Lawyers head to Docklands

Legal firm Maddocks will join KPMG as tenants of Docklands' tallest commercial building.

Maddocks last month signed a 10-year lease to occupy three floors of Walker Corporation's Tower 2 at Collins Square.

The firm will move from its current office at 140 William St, following the trend of businesses re-locating to Docklands.

"We are very excited to be moving into new, modern facilities with first class amenities in a large city development," Maddocks CEO Michelle Dixon said.

"Collins Square brings us close to a large number of clients and gives us an opportunity to bring our people together in a premium collaborative working environment."

Walker Corporation chairman Lang Walker welcomed news of a new tenant at Collins Square.

"We are excited to welcome prestigious law firm Maddocks to Collins Square, reinforcing its position as Melbourne's leading new commercial, retail and hospitality precinct," Mr Walker said.

The 38-storey Tower 2 building is currently under construction and is scheduled for completion in mid-2016.

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Medibank cycles money into Docklands charity

Local corporate Medibank has put its money where its mouth is, donating \$10,000 to Docklandsbased not-for-profit Good Cycles.

Based in Village St, Good Cycles offers mobile bike maintenance and repair services, with all profits used to fund support, training and jobs for long-term unemployed Melburnians.

According to Medibank's head of corporate social responsibility Rita Marigliania, the Good Cycles program was a fantastic initiative and the large contingent of Medibank staff who ride to and from work were encouraged to use the service.

"Through the Medibank Community Fund we have been able to provide some funding to Good Cycles to continue its great work with unemployed young people and others in the community who are homeless or at risk," Ms Marigliani said.

"Not only is this a great, convenient service we know is helping out those in need, it's also encouraging people to be active by riding their bikes, and is perfectly aligned to Generation Better and our Better Health message.

Good Cycles, which is based in the Goods Shed North on Village St, is set to open a



Good Cycles' Luke Wright and Medibanks' Rita Marigliania

second space at the Medibank headquarters, where they will fix bikes onsite.

"The funds will be partly used to fit-out

the space that we're moving into at the Medibank building and also partly to help with the programs we run," co-founder Luke Wright said.

Kind-hearted local event

Docklands is full of kindhearted people, so the **Docklands Festival of Giving** next month should prove to be a popular event.

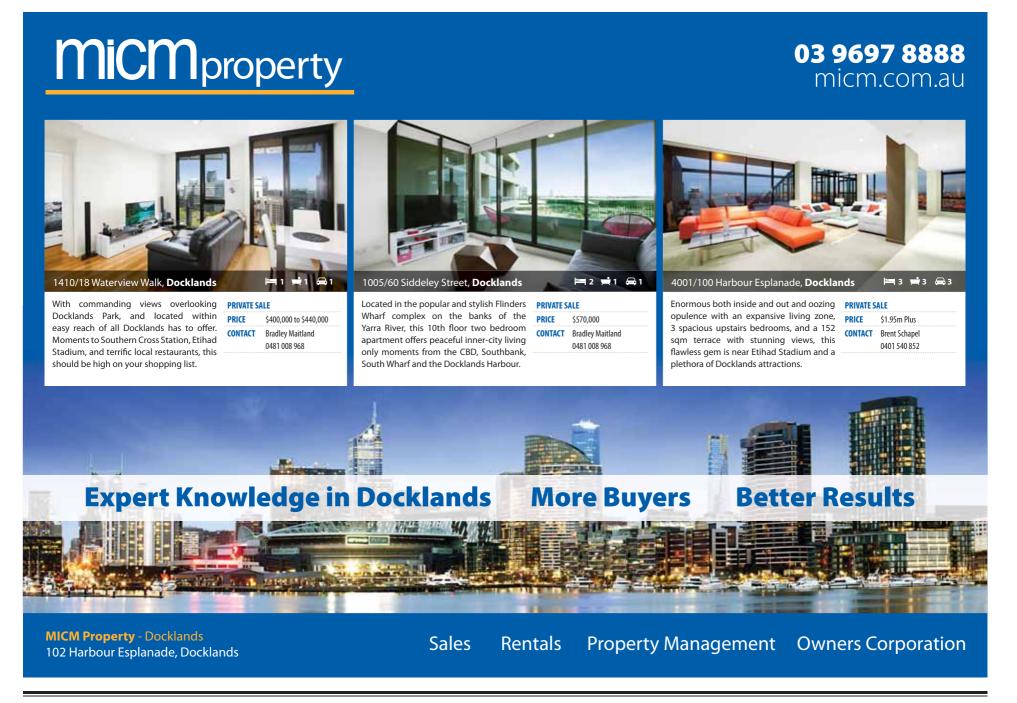
Organised by the Rotary Club of Docklands, and with all proceeds going to the Royal Children's Hospital, there's a full schedule of activities planned for the November 30 festival.

Festival-goers will enjoy a "show 'n shine" car show, a Zumbathon, multicultural food stalls, Koori dancing, music and entertainment, face painting and roving

Local businesses will also showcase how they fulfil their social responsibility and offer support to the community.

Festival-goers will be invited to vote on which business has contributed the most to the local community, with the winning business to be awarded on the day.

Running from 10am through to 7pm there will be plenty of activities throughout the day to keep everyone entertained.









Barry Plant's Lyle Dean says showroom auctions provide another option for owners and buyers

Showroom auctions a first

Local real estate agency Barry Plant is pioneering a different method of auctioning in order to attract a wider market.

Barry Plant is the first local agency to hold inroom "showroom" auctions within the innercity Melbourne residential market, according to Barry Plant sales manager Lyle Dean.

The agency started the showroom auctions in August, holding them on the first Wednesday of the month at The Auditorium at NAB's 700 Bourke St building.

Properties auctioned at the showrooms are listed for four weeks in conjunction with an

advertising campaign and scheduled open for inspections.

A three-minute professional video is also displayed before each property is auctioned at the showroom, Mr Dean said.

So far, up to 10 properties have been auctioned at each showroom.

According to Mr Dean, on the Gold Coast up to 100 properties can be up for auction at a showroom.

He said the agency decided to introduce the showrooms to provide another option for owners and buyers.

"We wanted to be pro-active, do something constructive and provide another option for our owners," Mr Dean said.

Local buildings recognised

Local buildings have been attracting plenty of attention lately, with two Docklands buildings winning major awards over the past month.

The Quays at NewQuay won multiple awards last month, with developer MAB taking out the Australian Property Institute's Property Development Award for Victoria.

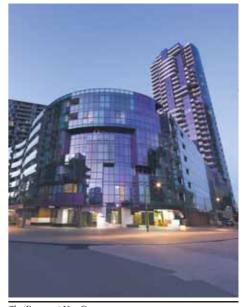
In accepting the award, MAB general manager residential David Allt-Graham said: "We are thrilled to accept this award, which is testament to the cutting edge building and interior design of The Quays and Sebel development."

"As the Docklands area undergoes a major urban transformation we're proud to set the benchmark in contemporary accommodation in the precinct and for

The Quays' architect McBride Charles Ryan was also recognised in two categories at the Australian Timber Design Awards for its work on the residential development.

The Library at the Dock in Victoria Harbour was also acknowledged at the Australian Timber Design awards, winning the Sustainability Award.

The building was constructed from Cross Laminated Timber (CLT) and recycled hardwood and is Australia's first six-star green star public building.



The Quays at NewQuay



https://www.facebook.com/rotaryfestivalofgiving





Local worker is "aWarded"

YMCA Docklands manager and Docklands Community Forum representative Andrew Ward has been recognised for his leadership capability

Mr Ward was honoured at the SACS Annual Leadership Awards on August 28, winning the non-executive, not-for-profit award.

Taking out the award, Andrew received \$7500 to be invested in leadership development.

Over his time as manager at YMCA Andrew has introduced a range of initiatives, including offering a second chance to young offenders through employment.

Under Andrew's leadership YMCA Docklands also offers programming for homeless men, women and youth through partnerships with the Salvation Army, Youth Projects, WIRE and Melbourne City Mission.

He has also worked with Job Support to provide employment of people with an intellectual disability.



Andrew Ward with managing director of SACS consulting Andrew Marty Photo by Event Photos Australia



Fancy a bit of belly dancing?

Docklands' Wonderland Spiegeltent this month hosts a unique event that will transport you to the exotic east.

The regular event involves a souk market, belly dance workshops, floor show and

The next Assiut and Tie Belly Dance Club

is on Sunday, October 26.

The souk and afternoon workshops begin at 2pm and doors open for the evening event at 6pm with the show beginning at 7.30pm.





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A truly magical networking event

Magic tricks, displays of super-human strength, death-defying stunts and a few fluffy bunnies are not what you'd expect at a networking event.

But that's exactly what guests enjoyed at last month's Docklands Networking Lunch.

Alongside a three-course meal, guests enjoyed a range of entertainment at the Wonderland Fun Park's Salon de Elegance

Jointly hosted by Docklands Chamber of Commerce and Docklands News the quarterly networking lunches provide an opportunity for local stakeholders to meet and mingle.

The December networking lunch is the last for the year and will be held at Hooks at Yarra's Edge on December 12.

The lunch is \$60 and must be paid in advance of the day.

To book contact Docklands News via lunch@ docklandsnews.com.au or by calling



Guests enjoy the aerial show at the Docklands Networking Lunch last month.



Randall Bradshaw, Lyn Kelly and Avril Laurie.



Kay Setches meets one of the cutest guests at the lunch.



Sonya Febbo and Josephine Tan.





Kirsten keeps contributing

Kirsten Howe is in the unique position of having watched Docklands develop from both a personal and professional perspective.

She and her husband Peter were some of the first residents of Yarra's Edge, moving into Tower 1 in 2002.

Kirsten was the first vice-president of the Docklands Community Association and was part of the original volunteer committee that helped to produce *Docklands News*.

She has fond recollections of those early days and said the people who got involved were like her, in that they saw the great vision there was for the area.

"Particularly those people who were heavily involved came in with a real passion for the area and a real view that we wanted to do what we could to ensure the community got what it needed as soon as possible in the planning process," she said.

After living in the area for a few years Kirsten went on to work with VicUrban (now Places Victoria) as the Docklands events manager, overseeing some of the first major events hosted in Docklands.

She oversaw the International Volvo Ocean Race 2005-2006, the commissioning of the HMAS Ballarat in 2004 and the Commonwealth Games in 2006.

"I feel like I know every nail on the boardwalk," Kirsten said of the preparations for the games. "We had to look at the way everything was laid out to prepare for a walking event."

She also organised the first fly-over of the RAAF Roulettes and brought the first dragon boat championships and wakeboarding championships to Victoria Harbour.

Kirsten also had a hand in the first major community events in Docklands including Winter Wonderland, which saw an ice-skating rink set up in one of the sheds and Santa by the Sea, a Christmas event which saw Santa arrive by boat.



"Those were some real highlights for me from a work perspective, being apart of some of those firsts," Kirsten said.

"I guess I've lived and breathed Docklands in being a resident as well as having a say and a stake in how the area grows," she said. "I feel incredibly lucky to have been able to do that."

Having lived in the area since the early days of development, Kirsten remembers a time when Tower 1 was the only building around and curtains didn't even seem necessary.

At least until a certain incident occurred that reminded her she wasn't quite as alone as she thought.

"We'd just moved in and we didn't have blinds but we didn't really need them," Kirsten recalled.

"It was a Saturday and I went to have a shower, I had stripped off and was about to get into the shower when the phone rang in the kitchen."

Kirsten said she ran to the kitchen to answer the phone call, which was from her mother, and as they were talking away began to hear a "ch ch ch" sound in the background.

"I slowly realised that the sound was of a helicopter and as I turned around there was the Channel 9 helicopter," she laughed. "It was so close that I could see the guy salute me."

"Suffice to say we got blinds after that and I was careful about what I wore around the apartment."

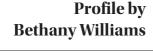
"And I didn't watch Channel 9 news that night, just in case."

Nowadays, Yarra's Edge is much more heavily populated and Kirsten says it has developed a "village" atmosphere.

"It has got to that stage now where it's a real neighbourhood and there's a real sense of connectedness."

She says here favourite part of the day is walking her two dogs along the promenade at Yarra's Edge each evening.

"It's peaceful, it's calm and you're right on the doorstep of the city and you see these magnificent lights and calm water. That's my favourite time of day. It's pristine."



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NAME: Andrea Ashley-Brown

AGE: 44

DESCRIBE WHAT YOU ARE

WEARING: My scarf is from Thailand, which I bought four years go. My coat is made in China. I am wearing Wittner shoes with new stockings, because my old ones had a rip in them! And my brown handbag is from an op-shop.

WHAT BRINGS YOU TO DOCKLANDS: A work meeting.

LOCATION: Southern Cross Station.

FAVOURITE ITEM OF CLOTHING: It would have to be this brown op-

shop bag!

WHAT MAKES A GOOD OUTFIT:

Colour co-ordinated, but not too much of the same colour. Not too "matchy-matchy" as we used to call it when I was a fashion designer. Something tonal with a bit of colour is best.

NAME: Juliana Jeo

AGE: 30

DESCRIBE WHAT YOU ARE

WEARING: A black dress which is a little bit see-through, so I am wearing a black layer underneath, and a cream trench-coat. I have plain black shoes and a shoulder-bag.

WHAT BRINGS YOU TO **DOCKLANDS:** Work.

LOCATION: Outside Etihad Stadium.

FAVOURITE ITEM OF CLOTHING:

My shoes, I have quite a big collection of shoes! My favourites would be my high heels.

WHAT MAKES A GOOD OUTFIT:

A good outfit is something that is comfortable, easy to wear and matches a lot of other colours.

NAME: Phil Carabott

AGE: 42

DESCRIBE WHAT YOU ARE

WEARING: A black fedora hat with a dark grey wool suit and black shoes.

WHAT BRINGS YOU TO

DOCKLANDS: Lunchbreak from work in Docklands.

LOCATION: Harbour Esplanade.

FAVOURITE ITEM OF CLOTHING:

I've got a very old pair of jeans that are definitely my favourite. They are sentimental and comfortable.

WHAT MAKES A GOOD OUTFIT:

When you look in the mirror, it makes you feel good.



Fashion on the track

By Laura Timberlake

Spring is in the air and it's time to get ready for the racing carnival.

Melbourne has a unique love of racing fashion, to the point where international tourists wonder why on earth anyone would have a public holiday to celebrate a race.

To some, it's all about the hats. Others prefer to focus on their dresses.

Louise McDonald, a celebrated Melbourne milliner, says that there are three key new millinery styles this season.

They consist of the jockey cap, turban-like styles and a structured visor shape (that has the added bonus of offering some sun protection).

Louise works on fashion and costume headwear designs from her studio in the CBD, and also creates fashion hats to go with Hugo Boss women's wear. Her website (www.millinery.com.au) showcases her beautiful designs and is abundant with helpful race wear tips.

She believes the hat or fascinator should always be purchased before the dress, but concedes that as a milliner she is probably

But ... "If you're buying off the rack (rather than from a milliner), it is better to buy the hat first because there are more dress options to choose from than hats," she said.

If you do buy a hat in advance, figure out the best way to style it and take a selfie to refer back to. This makes it easier to remember how you did it on race day!



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REPORTING FROM THE DOCKLANDS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

You will all be aware that Docklands is now an aged friendly precinct, a project that your Docklands Chamber of Commerce has championed since earlier this year.

The Seniors Festival runs from October 5 to 12 and the Docklands Chamber of Commerce has worked hard to bring our senior citizens into our precinct during the Seniors Festival. If you are a business in Docklands, make sure you are part of the program. A free ferry service will operate throughout the week from 10.30am to 2.30pm.

The Docklands Arts, Laughs & Blues
Festival kicks off on October 1 for five days
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The Mission to Seafarers plays host to its

annual ANL Art Prize throughout October, and if you are senior – then come along to one of the seniors tours during Seniors Week. If you like music, then on Thursday, October 16 come and listen to Cool Change from the Bureau of Meteorology who are playing at the mission from 5pm till 7pm. Call **9629 7083** for more information and bookings.

The Melbourne Regatta and Blessing of the Fleet was a huge success and showed Melbourne what a wonderful playground Docklands can be. One of the key aims of the regatta was to celebrate Melbourne's rich maritime heritage, and what better time than Melbourne Day and the re-enactment of the first landing by the schooner Enterprize.

Victoria Harbour was brought to life with

dozens of vessels of all types and vintages. The event demands to see more participation in period and maritime costume to bring to life a sense of history and a carnival atmosphere to the waterways – and this is what the Melbourne Regatta and Blessing of the Fleet promises for the coming years.

How fitting then to see an article by the Lord Mayor Robert Doyle about a proposed transport museum slated for Harbour Esplanade, and State Planning Minister Matthew Guy saying that if a site could be found in Docklands that it would be a great addition to Melbourne.

If this is something Docklands Community would like to see, then the chamber can open up that dialogue with council and State Government. It would be of interest to know what funding could be available to ensure

an important community project such as this becomes a reality, and suggestions on where such a project might be located and how it would look for maximum community benefit.

If you are interested in working with the Docklands Chamber of Commerce, then come along to the annual general meeting Wednesday, October 15 at the Dock Library from 6.30pm. We are always looking for enthusiastic people to continue the hard work of bringing great opportunities to Docklands. So looking forward to seeing a great turn out!

With summer is on its way and Christmas just around the corner Docklands can look forward to some exciting events throughout the holiday period, so stay tuned! Have a great October in beautiful Docklands!

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Docklands people came out to party at the Dockfest on March 19. The new wharf area at the corner of Victoria Harbour near the National Australia Bank building was transformed into a funfair atmosphere.

The festival got off to an early and exciting start as teams commenced the rapid construction of boats in the Fast and Furious Boat Building event.

This event was a constant point of interest and the different vessels built were as diverse as could be imagined.

When the boats eventually raced at 7.00pm the craft built by the Docklands Yacht Club was the ultimate winner but, in what was a testament to the skills of the participating teams, every boat proved seaworthy.

Jazz music greeted patrons as they arrived Dockfest.

Stalls dispensing food and wine nestled between booths and information stands from local enterprises.

Children wandered from the animal nursery to the bounce castle, soaking up the festival fun.

The Corporate Challenge proved to be a hotly contested event.

With all teams keen to serve it up to the



10 YEARS ON

Looking back at Docklands' first decade

National Australia Bank team, last year's victors, the competition was intense.

The team from City of Melbourne finished first, just ahead of Baracon with the national team, weakened by the late withdrawal of through illness of a key paddler, a close third. The site then came alive as the sensual samba beats of "Melsamba" had everyone swaying to the rhythm, the band's carnivale dancers adding a new dimension of colour and fun

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I held a tiny baby in my arms today. She was only hours old, a long-awaited daughter of my very best friend. Her hands were tiny – so, so tiny with little slivers of pearly fingernails no bigger than a grain of rice. Her eyes would struggle open, unfocused, like a tiny drunk trying to work out where on earth she was – and then she'd simply close them, and with a little mewing sound, curl back under the soft pink and white striped blanket that seemed so small in the nursery but now seemed ridiculously huge wrapped around her.

I am so proud of my girlfriend, I'm in awe of her strength, and I admire her calm in the storm of unexpectedly early deliveries. The expression on her husband's face when I walked in, only hours after she was born, will remain with me forever and I have no doubt I will describe it to my girlfriend again, and again over the years. It was one of utter love. He was speechless, a little shaky, very teary and grinning from ear to ear. He couldn't speak, his mouth would open and shut but words escaped him completely. His life had changed forever, and he turned into a man who suddenly realised he held the most precious thing on earth. He was a man completely in love.

I remember when my son was born, my most precious bundle, the overwhelming feeling of love as his tiny pink body was placed on my chest and the bond was instant and unbreakable. And I remember the moment when it felt like, suddenly, I understood everything with absolute clarity. I understood my parents' protectiveness, their sacrifices, their living with a single purpose – to ensure the very best possible opportunities were opened. I suddenly got why they would worry if I was late home, lecture me about staying safe, and cry with pride at my achievements. It all made sense, as I looked at my small bundle in a blue blanket and wondered what the future would hold.

I would have said, 11 years ago when my darling son was born, that a big family was on the cards for me. I would have told you how important children are to me, how much love I have for them and how I long to nurture gorgeous individuals into this world. I would have told you I had love and

dedication to give the man of my dreams, and that this would be my primary purpose in life – to raise my beautiful family. It came initially as a shock to me, when this wasn't to be. As a single parent, I raise my son on my own and am responsible for 100 per cent of all the bills, all the education, all the decisions – but most importantly all the love. And for that, I am forever grateful.

I have had a wonderful 11 years with him, I have opened businesses, moved cities, moved to the country and found some peace. I have bought a house, survived a house-fire, and consider myself one of the luckiest people I know. I have loved my single life, my son and my life intertwined into a happy family with a crazy dog and a horse that loves cuddles. I have learnt that our own adaption of "family" is just fine. I have learnt that I can survive without the

love of a husband, the support of him as a best friend, confidant and parent. I have found a life that is wonderful, happy and fulfilled

But I held my best friend's baby girl today. And I wished with all my heart, that she was mine. I am aching for the family I never had, the love that I once dreamt of, the man that has eluded me thus far. I ache with longing – and love - when I see the happiness and joy of my best friend and her family. And as the tears bounce off my smiling face, my best friend smiles at me, knowingly, and holds my hand.

Until next month,

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The experimental politician

By Shane Scanlan

Councillor Arron Wood has an amazing CV but it remains to be seen whether "politician" will be added to the list.

His current term as a City of Melbourne councillor is largely an experiment to determine whether or not he is suited to political life.

"I thought I'll dip my toe in the water with a metro council which is supposedly at a more strategic level and see what it's like. And if it's something I like maybe I'll head down that path further, otherwise I'll return to my normal life," he said.

At the half-way point in the four-year term, the jury is out. But he gives the impression that the experience is not pushing him further up the political food chain to Spring St or Canberra.

For starters, he has an obvious problem with honesty and straight talking. He's got way too much of it for his own good.

And he's also in trouble because of pesky principles that become a burden when he is supposed to be playing for the "team".

The laconic, but polished, Cr Wood was elected on the "Team Doyle" ticket and is often obliged to vote accordingly.

"I do find on most things if you put a good argument and argue on its merits then you can get some things across but there are those times when things fall on political lines. And that's the stuff I struggle most with," he said.

Cr Wood came into the Doyle camp before the 2012 election almost as a celebrity candidate. As a youth, he came to national prominence for his successes in sustainable waterways programs. He still runs the renowned "Kids Teaching Kids" program.

He had a meteoric rise to stardom winning numerous national awards and ended up hosting television and radio programs.

In 2001 he was Young Australian of the Year, in 2006 won the United Nations' Individual Award for Outstanding Service to the Environment and in 2007 he won the Prime Minister's Environmentalist of the Year award. He's on numerous boards, works the professional speakers circuit and has a page on Wikipedia.

Growing up in the country and being courted at a young age by the National Party, Cr Wood finds himself in 2014 marooned in a political no-man's-land because of his environmental focus and deep beliefs.

He bemoans the demonisation of environmental issues by today's conservative parties and says he could clearly not work



"I've got a lot of respect for Robert (Doyle) as a meeting chairperson, as an advocate for the city and as a mentor for me in terms of how politics works. He's also quite a pragmatic Liberal," Cr Wood said.

"But, at the end of the day, if you have to put me in a box politically, my politics is probably further to the left, it's safe to say."

"What I find most difficult is a loyalty to a person for whom I have a huge amount of respect for but in also finding my own voice in the council."

Cr Wood doesn't describe himself as a leftwinger though - more of a business person with a love of nature.

"There are a lot of small 'l' Libs who have a business focus but love the natural environment," he said.

"I've got a far more mainstream view of environmentalism. I think most of the best environmental decisions are also good business decisions and vice versa."

"I think it's a great shame that, for some reason, the environment is heavily politicised because, back in the day, national parks and having a clean beach, etc, all parties agreed on."

Another major factor in whether or not Cr Wood's political career starts and finishes at the City of Melbourne is his health.

At the peak of his "fame", and perhaps

because of it, he suffered a serious mental breakdown some years ago and still encounters anxiety and panic attacks.

He uses daily meditation rather than prescription drugs to keep on top of his condition but agrees it is not the best situation to take into an unforgiving political

A recent unexpected loss in the council chamber made him question whether he was cut out for the role.

"What started out as a winning position in the morning was a losing position by the end of the day. You live and learn!" he said.

"Probably everyone went home and forgot all about it. I spent the whole night analysing where it went wrong and why people didn't stand up and want to make a stand."

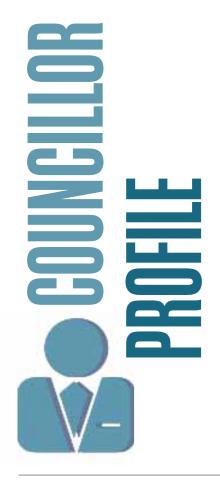
"I know there are some very good operators who can divorce the emotional aspects for whom 'politics is politics' but for me, if I move a motion, I've got a lot of emotional investment in it."

"That stuff is difficult not to take to heart. Maybe I'll learn that over time. Maybe that's not something I want to learn over time?"

"I understand that compromise is important - that's what a democratic society is all about - but there are certain lines in the sand that I'll draw where my values and what I believe in are going to cut through pretty strongly."



Next month's Councillor Profile looks at **Cr Richard Foster**



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HEALTH & WELLBEING



By Andrew Ward,

YMCA Docklands manager

Ideas for outdoor exercise Five tips to help manage

Spring and summer are the perfect times to get outdoors and exercise. As an immediate precaution, make sure you protect your skin from the sun's harmful rays. Sunscreen, head protection and some lightweight workout gear will give you a great start!

Mobilise your family and friends

Exercising can be fun, but it's always more fun in a group. Share your passion with others. Take the lead in getting your group

Explore new walking trails

You don't have to travel far in the garden state to find some new trails to explore. You can get off the beaten track, or walk on wellmade and maintained paths depending on what you like. You can find something close by, or travel far - take a day and explore the coast, the country or the city.

Here are a few suggestions - The Artistes Walk, The Anniversary Trail, The Docklands Family Walk and The Klingsporn trail. All have a little bit of history too.

Arrange an active weekend away

Rather than co-ordinating a "relaxing" weekend away, why not arrange an active weekend for you and your family/friends? You can put it together yourself or seek out a professional to facilitate it for you. They can bring exercise equipment, or even teach yoga or pilates to balance out the workouts. Combine great healthy food with three or four hours of activity and exercise per day for great results!

lower back pain

Before you reach for the medication... make sure consider the following tips to help manage your lower back pain for the long

Exercise. It doesn't need to be strenuous, but maintaining regular and gentle exercise routines like walking and getting out of a seated position will help.

Limit down time. Excessive bed rest or lying down can be counterproductive. It may help relieve the immediate symptoms by taking pressure off the spine, but will not resolve underlying issues. If you can move, then you should. And the more you move the better!

Strengthen your core. Poor core muscular conditioning places strain on the lower back. Strengthening the core muscles will provide more support to the spine.

Improve your flexibility. Tight hamstrings, hip flexors and lower back muscles can play havoc with your posture and alignment of your pelvis. Combined with balanced strength work in these areas, stretching and improving flexibility will provide long-term solutions and pain management.

Consult a physiotherapist. Rather than relying on generalised advice or information, consult a physiotherapist. They will assess your personal situation and pain, and then prescribe treatment and actions including strengthening and flexibility that you can complete in your own time.

Vitamin D deficiency

It's tricky isn't it - on one hand, we are encouraged to be sun smart and stay out of the sun's harmful rays. Then on the other, we are told about a downside to being deficient in Vitamin D brought on by a lack of exposure to sunlight.

Medical evidence suggests and confirms that Vitamin D is crucial for muscle and bone strength and development, and avoiding osteoporosis.

You may be deficient in Vitamin D under the following circumstances:

- If you avoid contact with the sun for medical reasons;
- You wear full body covers for personal or religious reasons;
- Your work life or nature restricts your exposure to sunlight;
- You have spent significant time in hospital or in a care situation; and
- You suffer from diseases or take medication that impacts the production of Vitamin D in the body (for example: obesity, renal or liver disease).

How much sun is enough?

Generally, the recommended exposure to sunlight is 5-15 minutes per day, outside the sun's most intense period of 10-2pm. Solariums are not a suitable source or means of exposing the skin to the sun. Consult your doctor for more information, related tests and further advice.



Welcome to Docklands, Tyson

Thirteen-year-old poodle Tyson is one of Docklands' newest canine residents.

Tyson moved to Docklands with owners Shane and Denise Juegan around two months ago and is settling in well.

"He's adapted really well, he loves it," Shane said.

Having previously lived in a townhouse with a courtyard, Tyson was used to living without a big backyard so apartment living hasn't been too much of a change.

"He's got his doggy door in the apartment and he's taken to that pretty quickly so he's in and out from the balcony," Shane said.

Shane said Tyson was very well trained, very obedient and very smart, as is the nature of

"He likes to talk to us and barks to say yes."

And according to Denise, Tyson knows when

"He drags the PJs out from under the pillow at 9 o'clock, although he is getting a bit confused sometimes as he gets older."





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DENTAL CARE WITH A SMILE

Fear of visiting the dentist, or dentophobia, is not uncommon, but according to Pia Oparkcharoen, a trip to the dentist doesn't have to be a scary experience.

Dr Oparkcharoen recently opened Docklands Dental Studio in Victoria Harbour and aims to make every patient's visit as pleasant as possible.

"We like to make every patient feel comfortable and at home," Dr Oparkcharoen said. "Visiting the dentist shouldn't be scary."

With a brightly decorated waiting room, pleasant music playing and friendly staff, Docklands Dental Studio aims to put visitors at ease from the moment they walk through the door.

A dentist for the past 15 years, Dr Oparkcharoen says to her dentistry is more than just a career.

"I want to do this job with passion."

She's now focused on providing high-quality dental care for Docklands residents and workers.

"I aim to become the local dentist for residents and workers," Dr Oparkcharoen said.

Docklands Dental Studio is located in

Merchant St and fills a gap in the services in the area, according to Dr Oparkcharoen.

"The strip here was quite good, with a doctor and a pharmacy, the one missing piece was a dentist and now we have that too," she said.

Dr Oparkcharoen said the clinic was conveniently located close to many of Docklands' corporate headquarters, making it easy to visit during lunchbreaks.

A simple online booking system also takes the hassle out of making an appointment, according to Dr Oparkcharoen.

Docklands Dental Studio offers a range of services including general dentistry, root canal treatment, children's dentistry, periodontics, prosthodontics and tooth whitening.

The clinic is also family-friendly, offering bulk-billing for children aged between two and 17.

Docklands Dental Studio is located at 57 Merchant St. Visit www. docklandsdentalstudio.com.au or call 9021 9487 for more information.



Local dentist Pia Oparkcharoen wants to make your next visit a pleasant experience

PAMPERING FOR YOUR CAR

With more than 12 years experience in the car wash industry, owner Naresh Kumar has built a reputation on putting special care into every vehicle.



According to Naresh Kumar, Carerra Car Wash puts special care into every vehicle

While having only recently taken over the business six months ago, Mr Kumar said he had made it a priority to continue delivering outstanding service to the local area.

"The Carrera Car Wash here in South Melbourne has been operating for 20 years, so there is a very good history with the customers," he said.

"This car wash is special because unlike a normal hand car wash, every car gets fresh soap instead of having a bucket full of soap in the morning until evening washing 100 cars."

"Even after 10 cars the soap gets dirty and dust goes in there, which can scratch the cars

Mr Kumar said Carrera Car Wash uses a spray gun, which dispenses a fresh highquality Belgian soap on each individual car.

Using tested and certified spray on cloths and hand polish products from its award-winning supplier, he said every car receives the best possible care without the use of harsh chemicals.

"The use of chemicals can harm the cars, whether it be the wheels or any part of the car including the interior," he said.

"We also have a special triple interceptor, where we collect the soap before it goes into the drains, so it's all very safe for the environment as well."

Mr Kumar said all staff went through strict training, to ensure the highest level of professionalism was maintained.

"The team that is working here is very qualified in all aspects of what we do," he said.

"We are sometimes dealing with \$200,000 cars – everyone who works here has to be very well trained before they can go anywhere near a car so they know what they're doing."

While their cars are being detailed, customers can unwind at Carrera Car Wash's cafe, which comes equipped with free Wi-Fi and even massage chairs.

While having only operated in the area for a short time, Naresh said he and his team had quickly established a great relationship with the locals.

"People are really very relaxed here and they really love their cars," he said.

"They come, they give you keys, tell you stories and wait with no fuss!"

Carrera Car Wash is located at 160/164 Montague St, South Melbourne.

For more information visit www.carreracarwash.com.au

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PUTTING THE FOCUS ON PEOPLE

For the team at Tolhurst Druce and Emmerson the focus is on people.

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

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

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

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

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

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



Randall Bradshaw and Eilish Cook both work in TDE's family law department.

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

immigration law expertise.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"Most of our work comes from word of mouth," Mr Bradshaw said. "People prefer to deal with someone who's been recommended by family or friends."

Tolhurst Emmerson and Druce is located at 520 Bourke St. Visit www.tde.com.au for more information.



Please don't call me Today is a truly glorious day. Sunny, light infused, mellow, peaceful and smiley.

Away from my desk today meant having a picnic lunch with my friends Tam and Mike on the grass over-looking Victoria Harbour - hummus and quiche, bread and ham, a really great salad. Good conversation that ebbed and flowed, buoyed up by the sunshine and sparkliness of the water.

Kind of a shame that I am leaving to head far, far north tomorrow in search of the sun ...

It's just so easy to leave Melbourne when it's bitter, cold and twisted - so often the case at this time of year - and flee north to sunny Queensland.

Having made the decision months ago in the dead of winter, I guess we'll just have to tough it out.

It's funny, because the big questions for this trip didn't revolve around where we would

For me, it's more about how can I encourage a state of real presence in myself and my children for the here and now.

And for me, like lots and lots of people, it's got a lot to do with my phone. Having a phone is like taking your desk, your friends, your loved ones, your colleagues, all the myriad of large and small issues and worries, compressing them into something that fits in your pocket, and carrying it round with you ALL THE TIME.

It's such a drag. A serious drag.

Because instead of taking in what you can see, hear, feel and touch wherever you are, you are thinking about something else, someone else, somewhere else. It totally sucks.

The moments where I do become aware of this, and deliberately pull myself back into the present, whether its on a tram, at my desk, talking to a friend, I feel a sense of delicious connectedness that is both grounding and satisfying. Imagine spending every waking minute actually thinking about what we were doing at the time, rather than: a) worrying about the future; or b) regretting or over-analysing the past. Just imagine.

So this holiday I have resolved to have nophone time during the day, where we leave our phones behind. We go to the beach without our phones. We go for ice-cream without our phones. We go for bike rides

without our phones. We sit and do nothing. Without our phones. I know. SCARY ISN'T

Won't I be bored? What if someone were to get sick? What if something happened to my parents? What if the house burned down? What if my partner broke up with me because he interpretted my not answering the phone as a sign of indifference and found someone who always had her phone on her? Always on call. Never remote and unattainable. What if?

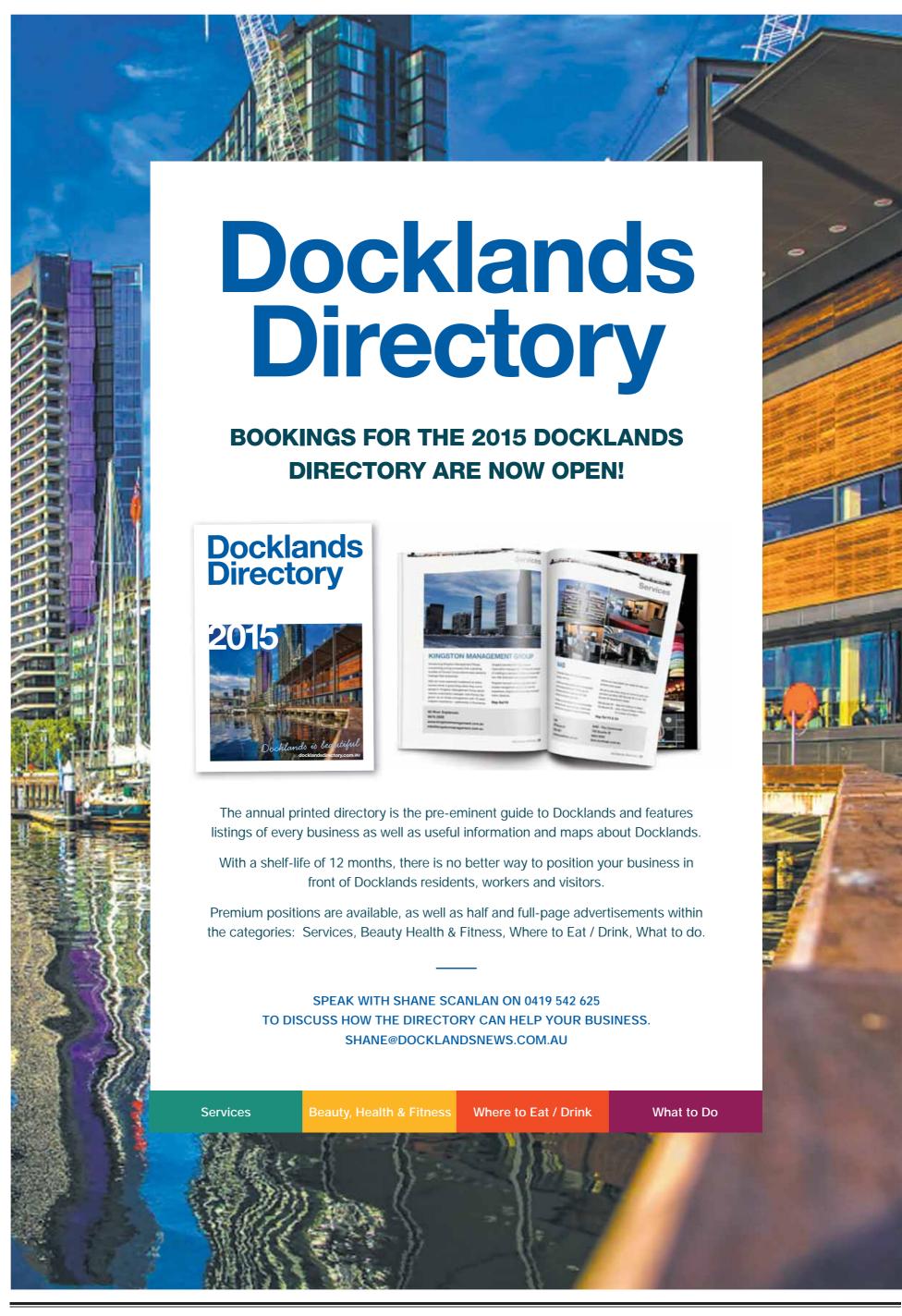
So I guess the antidote to this is to remember the time before mobile phones when holidays away from home meant keeping in touch via public phones along the journey. When people didn't expect to be able to reach you all the time. When things could wait. When we were allowed to be bored from time to time, and it wasn't seen as suffering akin to one of Dante's seven circles of hell.

Just imagine that. Would make a great sci-fi concept.

'til next time.

Maria x







NORTH WHARF NEWS

Being on Docklands' North Wharf one might say to "fill a gap, they built a bridge" and certainly from a lay person's perspective the bridge architecture is something else not just for "bridge enthusiasts" but for us all to enjoy.

Webb Bridge, Seafarers' Bridge, and the more recently opened Jim Stynes Bridge truly are among the beautiful attractions of Docklands and all within a 600m walk from the Mission to Seafarers Victoria (MtSV) building at 717 Flinders St.

October is a busy time for the MtSV and we extend an invitation for you to draw a little nearer to the water and all things maritime with the ANL Maritime Art Exhibition opening from October 3 - 31, Wednesday to Sunday, 12noon - 7pm.

Artists from around Australia have responded to the theme "The relationship between humanity and the sea." There are 70 paintings exhibited this year and artwork is for sale with 30 per cent of proceeds supporting the charitable work of MtSV in seafarers' welfare. Special thanks to Docklands' community sponsors ANL and Bendigo Wealth, part of the Bendigo

Adelaide Banking Group.

The common theme with the exhibition is ships and shipping. If you ever wondered what happens in the Port of Melbourne, who works there, why the cranes are so big, or how we developed the waterways, Mr John Bennett, general manager Bid Management, Port of Melbourne Corporation and myself are all making presentations during Melbourne Knowledge Week regarding the history, present and future of the value of the

The talk will be held at MtSV on October 28 at 6pm. For further details visit the City of Melbourne's website.

Also in October The MtSV is participating

in the Urban Life Together Forum on Friday, October 17 and Saturday, October 18, please visit the Urban Seed website or to secure your tickets go to www.

urbanlifetogether2014.eventbrite.com.au

Certainly urban life takes on a new feel as we emerge from winter into spring and by the end of October The Mission to Seafarers' secret garden will be in full bloom so take time to visit and if you have not already visited Man Mo, make a reservation. The exquisite Chinese and Malay cuisine is another good reason to come to North Wharf during October.

Andrea Fleming, CEO Mission to Seafarers Victoria



If you were given one wish, what would it be?



"I would wish that Scotland wins the referendum tomorrow."

Sorry Delia, but we now know that referendum was lost.



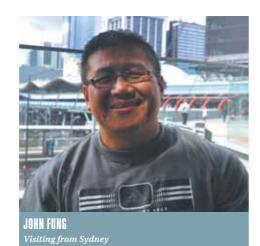
"I would want to be able to speak every language in the world."

Tiina is from Finland, and decided that she would rather be able to speak every language in the world than travel to every country, as speaking every language is harder to achieve.



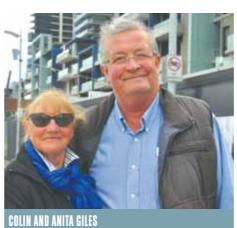
"That people are happy all the time. There will be no rude people and everyone is nice to each other."

After having a troubling meeting in the city, Laylane said that she would love to see more people being nice to others and having a world where everyone is happy.



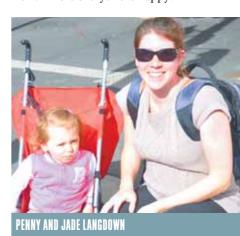
"If I could only have one wish, it would be retirement!"

John works in IT and is visiting Melbourne from Sydney for a short business trip. John says that he would love more freedom, and if he could have one wish it would be early retirement.



"We don't need a wish! We got our wish by moving to the Docklands."

After moving into their NewQuay apartment three years earlier from their home in Blairgowrie, the couple said they now had the best of both worlds between the two homes. Thirsty for a change of scenery, Colin and Anita could not be happier buying an apartment in the Docklands, as Colin believes that living close to water adds another dimension to your life.



"My wish is to find Harbour Town!" joked Penny, after admitting that she and 18-month old daughter Jade got lost on a tram trying to find Harbour Town Shopping Centre. After finally finding the shopping district, Penny said her real wish would be that her unborn son, who is due this New Years Eve, is born healthy and happy.



GREETINGS FROM THE DOCKLANDS COMMUNITY



Greetings everybody

Christmas time is approaching again - seems to come around quicker every year. Anyhow it's good to see the weather warming up! Given that, we've scheduled the DCA Christmas Party for Wednesday, December 10 so put that in your diaries now. Venue to be decided and will be advised later.

It's good to see some additional attractions and facilities being introduced into Docklands. We have the car museum at the southern end of the Esplanade, the library/ community centre with a boating hub to come nearby to that and the 2ha Western Park area being worked on at the end of Docklands Drive. We certainly need things like that, apart from other major items to be dealt with.

I met, on September 25, with senior managers from the City of Melbourne and Places Victoria to discuss some issues. Firstly provision of amenities in NewQuay, including our request for provision of a children's playground near the main residential towers following the removal of a small one by the developer. A site offered by council is not that central but better than originally proposed. Removal by the developer of some six mature palm trees, shrubbery and innovative boat-shaped planter boxes was also raised.

Discussion moved on to the Esplanade re-development. At an earlier meeting in September with the Docklands Steering Group, composed of senior managers from council and Places Victoria, a council manager stated that alleged windiness was the reason for proposing to put a string of sheds/ pavilions along the Esplanade. I argued that windiness occurs adjacent to buildings at either end due to the wind tunnel effect but the main open stretch is no worse than anywhere else and in fact more protected.

Funnily enough, the group met in the Hortus café situated in the centre of the stretch and no wind was present. In any event however, at the more recent meeting the council manager stated wind is not the only reason for the sheds/ pavilions proposal but rather they believe the buildings will draw crowds more to inside markets and other activities.

Of course the DCA argues that the proposed buildings will block the water views as well as deny badly-needed open space.

With so many buildings already crammed into Docklands, more buildings on the Esplanade will increase the sterility of the area and do nothing to improve its attractiveness. We plan to call in some expert opinion. Incidentally I had supplied the DSG with the results of our online survey showing that 76 per cent of 80 respondents voted for a linear park.

The managers stated they plan to present their plans at the next Docklands Community Forum in late October; also that as they don't involve high-rise they don't require approval by the Minister.

It's surprising how determined council and Places Victoria are to enforce their own ideas. We'd be interested to know what companies in the area think.

We continue to liaise with other resident groups who are gearing up for the November state election. There's a lot of argument about infrastructure not keeping up with population growth. Victoria's population

grew by 109,000 last year including 62,000 new migrants, so the Government needs to hasten infrastructure development.

Interestingly Lord Mayor Robert Doyle will debate the rate of population growth headto-head with Kelvin Thomson Federal MP on Monday October 13 at Deakin Edge Building Federation Square commencing 6pm. It's an open forum.

The Owners Corporation Network Victoria (OCNV) will hold its first committee meeting on November 6. A priority task will be to develop membership.

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

Regards to all

Roger Gardner

President DCA



CORPORATION LAW With Tom Bacon

Risks involved in providing gymnasiums

As developers and urban planners continue to create and build 'vertical communities' in the form of large residential buildings, it stands to reason that there is a great need to provide services and amenities.

This is both from a marketing point of view and also to retain quality tenants and improve the quality of life for residents.

Common property gymnasiums have long been provided by owners' corporations as an amenity or service to residents, and the health and welfare benefits are numerous.

However, it becomes tricky to manage and regulate access to all residents with tenants constantly moving in and out of the building.

An induction briefing by a personal trainer or the building manager is considered essential and mandatory by many insurers providing insurance to owners' corporations.

Consider this: an owners' corporation is an unlimited liability entity in law. If a resident seriously injures themselves using gymnasium equipment, then the owners' corporation and all of its members could be sued by the resident for failing to reasonably safeguard against a foreseeable injury.

An insurer may cover the owners' corporation's liability, so long as the owners' corporation did its best to ensure that all residents were adequately briefed on all safety matters, and otherwise maintained and cleaned and repaired the gymnasium area and equipment, and was not negligent in any aspect.

Risk management dictates that an owners' corporation should ensure it observes the following checklist as a minimum:

■ Pass a rule in the owners' corporation additional rules setting out the terms of use for the gymnasium, including hours

- of operation, minimum age for entry, standard of dress, etc;
- Introduce a rigorous induction policy and ensure that all permanent residents undergo the induction;
- Ensure that the induction is administered by a personal trainer (who holds adequate indemnity insurance). If the induction is carried out by the building manager, ensure that he or she is trained professionally by an appropriate entity before they induct any residents;
- Instruct cleaners to clean the gym and equipment at least daily;
- Engage a service provider to inspect, maintain and repair the gymnasium equipment several times per year;

- Engage a health and safety consultant to advise on potential hazards relating to layout of the gymnasium; and
- Enforce the induction policy by performing regular audits and inspections and removing persons who have not been inducted (guests from serviced apartments, under-age residents, etc).

Only a robust risk management system would save an owners' corporation from exposure to liability in the event of a major accident or incident on common property, and a laissez-faire attitude to these types of matters could cost all owners dearly.

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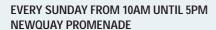
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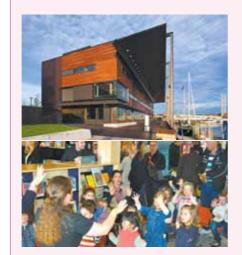
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DOCKLANDS SPORTS PAGE

VFL triumph for Footscray

By Robert Bremner

The Footscray Bulldogs have come from behind to defeat reigning premiers Box Hill Hawks in the Victorian Football League (VFL) grand final at Etihad Stadium on September 21.

The 16. 13. (109) to 13. 9. (87) win was the Bulldogs' first major trophy in 60 years since their VFL/AFL grand final win in 1954.

2014 was Footscray's first season in the competition after the Western Bulldogs ended their affiliation with Williamstown last year and created its own reserves side.

The match itself wasn't without its controversies with Hawthorn players Ben McEvoy and Brad Sewell pulling out of the Box Hill side prior to the bounce.

And Cyril Rioli was rested in the last quarter after showing enough to possibly earn himself a spot in the Hawthorn grand final team.

This left the Hawks down three rotations, with Billy Hartung and Luke Andrews injured before three-quarter time, leaving Box Hill with only one fit player on the bench.

The match was tight throughout with only a couple of goals separating the teams in the first three quarters. Momentum see-sawed with no team able to take control of the match for long periods of time.

Box Hill led by six points at three quarter time and looked home after kicking the first two goals of the final quarter to break away with an 18 point lead. However, Footscray hit back with the last six goals to run away with the match.



The Footscray Bulldogs came from behind to take out the VFL Grand Final at Etihad Stadium last month.

Brett Goodes collected 30 disposals and was named the Norm Goss Memorial medallist as the best player on the ground while Liam Jones starred with five goals including two late ones to seal the win.

Footscray reached the grand final after knocking off first placed Port Melbourne

in the preliminary final. Box Hill pipped Williamstown by seven points in the other

The match was played in front of 23,816 fans, the highest attendance at a VFL grand final in 25 years.



The VicSpirit cricket team joined local dragon-boaters for a team-building day last month.

Spirited exchange

Local dragon boat club the Melbourne Flames had some company last month when the Victorian Women's Cricket team VicSpirit joined them on the water.

The Flames hosted the cricketers for a team building activity, providing an opportunity to showcase their sport to the elite cricket squad, some of whom have played for Australia.

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