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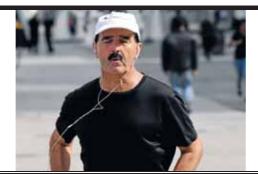
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Work has started on primary school

By Sunny Liu and Shane Scanlan

Docklanders rejoice! After years of lobbying, the site for Docklands' very own primary school has finally been announced and preliminary work is underway.

The State Government announced on April 10 that the new primary school would be built at 259-269 Footscray Rd, on the corner of Little Docklands Drive. The land will be transferred from Development Victoria (formerly Places Victoria) to the Victorian School Building Authority.

The school will accommodate about 475 students from Prep to Year 6. The vertical school will be built over three to five levels and will make best use of the open space.

Community engagement will run until May 22. The government will develop a master plan after collecting feedback. Construction and opening timelines will be released after the master plan is finalised.

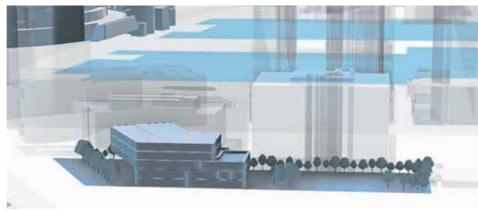
Two consultations will be held in Docklands on May 10 at the Community Hub at the Dock – one between 11.30am and 1.30pm and another later in the day running from 6.30pm until 8.30pm. Participants are asked to register online at engage.vic.gov.au/ DocklandsPrimary.

Two focus groups are also being held – on Tuesday, May 9 and Monday, May 15.

The government will provide new funding for the school as part of its \$2.4 billion infrastructure funding for schools and early education facilities across Victoria.

The School Building Authority said funding would be subject to future state budgets but has confirmed money for the site would not come from existing Docklands projects.

At the Docklands Community Forum on April 26, authority major projects manager Enrique Gutierrez said: "It's new money. We're not taking money from any other project. It's totally separate."



An artists' impression of how the new school might look.

Because funding is subject to annual budget processes, no one can predict when the school will be open for learning.

Four weeks of public consultation started on April 24. Master-planning is to take three months (types of buildings and key locations within the site) before moving to a detailed design phase (architectural drawings).

Authority representative Alex Schiekowki told the community forum that once funding was secured, it would take at least 18 months to build

Ms Schiekowki said the authority was keen to hear from locals about how the school could be used for other community uses.

"Its primary function is a school, but we see it as a piece of community infrastructure and we'd like to look at ways about how that can be utilised before and after school and on weekends ... creating different spaces for others to use," she said.

Minister for Family and Children, Jenny Mikakos, said: "Docklands primary school will be an incredible local school that will be accessible for families, provide firstrate education facilities for local kids and ultimately help grow an already thriving inner-city community."

All Docklands primary-aged children, as well as some in the CBD and West Melbourne, will be entitled to attend the school, although the enrolment boundaries are yet to be determined.

Long-standing community group, City Schools 4 City Kids (CS4CK), which campaigned for a Docklands school, said it was delighted about the new school site.

"After so many false hopes for a school in Docklands over the past decade, we do hope the design and construction of this school is made in a timely manner for existing local families, and will also be sufficient to accommodate the children of families who live in the thousands of newly-approved residential apartments in Victoria Harbour and the CBD," co-founders Michelle Styles and Denise Fung-Henderson said.

Ms Styles and Ms Fung-Henderson also said the selected site was located in an area of the highest ratio of short-stay apartments and lowest ratio of families.

"Demographically, more families live in the Yarra's Edge and Victoria Harbour areas of Docklands and will therefore likely face a commute by bicycle or tram, rather than being able to walk, although this is much better than needing to travel by car to an overcrowded school in a neighbouring community," they said.

"It is great news for businesses in NewQuay and Harbour Town, who are likely to see an uptick in consumer traffic from families in other areas of Docklands, CBD and West Melbourne who access this school," Ms Styles and Ms Fung-Henderson said.

Last October, Mr Merlino announced a school would be built in Docklands. April 11 marked the six-month, self-imposed deadline to announce the site.

CS4CK also said a secondary school would be the next step to make Docklands more family-friendly.

In its *Docklands School Provision Review*, the government identified the demand for a secondary school from the Docklands community. The review found that between 2015 and 2035, the number of secondary school-aged children in Docklands will increase by more than 500 students.

"Having a local inclusive school is great news for the wider Docklands community, as families with school-aged children will be more likely to stay and have more time to contribute back to all aspects of the Docklands life – we can be a richer community," CS4CK said.

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DOCKLANDS NEWS Central Pier under the microscope

Work starts this month to assess the failing condition of Central Pier to work out how much money will be needed to preserve it.

The project will include a structural investigation of the pier, as well as infrastructure changes to the current Super Yacht Pontoon, to service cruising boats, super yachts and ferry services.

The heritage pier is owned by the State Government and is leased to Atlantic Group until 2025.

Development Victoria's general manager precincts, Simon Wilson, said stage one investigation works were important in determining the level of work needed to restore and retain Central Pier.

"We need to better understand the structural condition of Central Pier under the water, to assess what improvement works might be required," he said.

"Central Pier is one of Melbourne's most iconic pieces of water infrastructure and played a largely unheralded, yet vital, role in the early development of the city."

"As custodians of the Docklands, we want to ensure the pier continues to play a central role in the emerging Docklands story. This project is a long-term project for Development Victoria."

To carry out the first stage of the investigative works, Development Victoria will also relocate the Super Yacht Pontoon on Central Pier to Harbour Esplanade. This will include construction of new terminal infrastructure to accommodate a range of other waterbased services.

Mr Wilson said completing the terminal was an integral part of the Harbour Esplanade Master Plan and would encourage more water-based activity in Docklands. It would also encourage links between Docklands and the rest of Melbourne.

The initial investigation will see a physical break introduced at the western end of Central Pier by a "jack-up barge" with crane. The break will ensure people do not access this unsafe area of Central Pier.

The break will allow the contractors, Fitzgerald Constructions Australia, to peel back the concrete slab to investigate the condition of the structure from the top down. The next phase will be determining what work is required to extend the lifespan of Central Pier.

New name for Places

Places Victoria has merged with Major Projects Victoria to become Development Victoria (DV).

The State Government announced on April 6 its establishment of a new agency to guide major urban renewal and development of under-utilised government land.

Development Victoria will lead existing projects, including the redevelopment of the State Library, revitalisation of central Dandenong, Ballarat West Employment Zone and urban renewal opportunities at Fishermans Bend and Arden.

The chair of Development Victoria's board is the former Urban Renewal Authority Victoria's chief executive James MacKenzie. Places Victoria's general manager Simon Wilson remains DV's general manager.

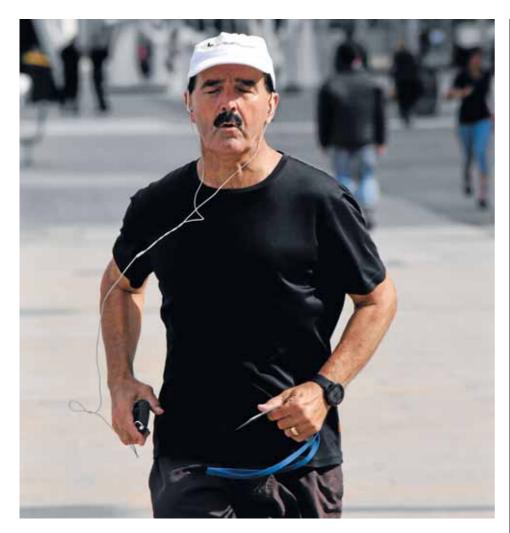
Minister for Major Projects Jacinta Allan said: "Development Victoria will ensure development of land owned by the public, benefits the public."

"The new agency will improve the development, renewal and revitalisation of government-owned land across Victoria."

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Who is mystery man?

Who is the Docklands' Steam Train?

The seemingly-pained jogger has become a lunchtime institution around our waterfront suburb over recent years.

What sets our mystery-man apart is not visual. After all, he looks like many other fitness fanatics pounding our pavements.

His significant point of difference is auditory. Our man sounds like he is close to bursting his boiler or blowing a gasket.

If you're out walking, you could be alarmed if approached by the Docklands Steam Train from behind. It's fair to say that the term "puffing and blowing" applies.

We've often wondered who this guy is. Where does he work? What does he do? And, most importantly, why does he run? So hard? So far? In what seems to be so much pain?

So we tried to stop him for a chat one day. We'd like to ask if he would agree to being featured in our Docklander column but, guess what? Steam Trains don't stop.

So, we've resorted to this publicity in the hope that someone will pass on our request for interview.

So, Docklands' Steam Train, how about it?

Plans for Docklands winter activation

By Sunny Liu

Docklands will welcome two festivals to activate its waterfront in winter.

The City of Melbourne and Docklands Chamber of Commerce held a community session at Library at the Dock on April 12, where they presented plans to turn Docklands into a popular destination this winter.

Event management company Fruitbowl has been selected to help the council deliver two major winter events in Docklands – Harvest and Ignite.

Docklands Harvest will run on May 19 and 20 at Buluk Park and will feature live music and performances by Velvet archers, lantern making, effigy burning and a variety of food offerings.

People can learn about pickling and preserving food and enjoy the sounds of folk band Velvet Archers.

The second day of Docklands Harvest will feature family activities, including sausage making, gardening for balconies, lantern making and more.

The Docklands Ignite festival (official name to be announced) will activate Docklands' NewQuay Promenade and the north part of Harbour Esplanade from June 30 to July 2.

According to the City of Melbourne, three large wooden sculptures will be constructed to float on barges and one set on fire each night in a ceremonial "burn", including a procession of light involving the community.

Each night of the Ignite festival will be supported with fireworks, curated soundtracks and light or fire-based live performances to brighten up the atmosphere.

This program is inspired by the celebrations of the Winter Solstice and aims to be communal, warm, engaging, colourful and interactive.

The Harvest and Ignite programs are to be staged as a replacement for winter fireworks that used to light up Docklands' waterfront every Friday night during the winter months.

Local businesses are far from being satisfied when the winter activation plan was announced, with business owners saying the one-off festivals would not compensate for the loss of winter fireworks.

Melbourne Showboat owner Jeff Gordon told *Docklands News* he was "disappointed" that the two-day and three-day events would replace the weekly waterfront fireworks.

"The previous winter fireworks benefited mine and other surrounding businesses greatly because it brought a lot of people down to Docklands. We could get 350 people on the boat to watch the fireworks," he said.

"But the proposed Harvest and Ignite events could be affected by weather. Putting all the activation into a three-day event really worries me."

Mr Gordon also said the City of Melbourne and Fruitbowl had not been actively engaging the businesses with their plans.

"So far no one from Fruitbowl has consulted me about the events. I don't think they realise Docklands' marketing difference is the waterfront. It's not just another suburb in Melbourne."

"It seems they are running the events without engaging local businesses and they are operating exclusively in a bubble," Mr Gordon said. "I don't think it's going far at all."

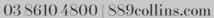
More details of the Ignite festival will be released around May 22.



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West Gate Tunnel updated

By Sunny Liu

The proposed West Gate Tunnel project, formerly known as the Western Distributor, has emerged with new designs and appointed constructors.

However, Docklands residents and the City of Melbourne will be disappointed to know that Wurundjeri Way will become a new non-tolled city bypass.

The City of Melbourne has long been critical of the West Gate Tunnel project, brought by Transurban and the State Government, for fears that it will bring more traffic into Docklands and the CBD once Wurundjeri Way becomes a non-tolled city bypass.

The previous designs of the project only included an extension of Dynon Rd into Docklands, but for the first time, Wurundjeri Way has been officially recognised as a new city bypass under the updated West Gate Tunnel design.

According to the West Gate Tunnel project team, a new lane will be added on each side of Wurundjeri Way to improve the road capacity and traffic will be redistributed from the existing West Gate Freeway to the new city bypass.

West Gate Tunnel spokesperson Jim Carden



Artist's impression of the proposed veloway which connects with the western side of Footscray Rd at Docklands.

said: "Wurundjeri Way will be extended and widened to create a city bypass, which will take traffic off Spencer and King streets."

Mr Carden told *Docklands News* last September that no extra traffic would be entering the city as a result of the project.

"The total number of car trips to and from the city remains almost constant, whether or not the Western Distributor is built," he said. "Many people already make trips to reach health, education and employment opportunities north of Melbourne's CBD, and will continue to do so."

More than 14km of cycling and walking paths, including a 2.5km veloway above

Footscray Rd, is another highlight of the updated project.

The 2.5km veloway, stretching from Shepherd Bridge to Costco, is designed specifically for cyclists and will potentially bring more cyclists into Docklands.

The veloway will end at a new bridge across Footscray Rd near Costco, making crossing safer at one of the busiest intersections for cyclists. Under the proposed plan, cyclists and pedestrians will be completely separated from vehicles for the entire journey from Werribee to Docklands.

"With over 14 km of new and upgraded bikes path, including the new veloway along

Footscray Rd, there will be safer, express journeys for people going to work or visiting Docklands on the weekend," Mr Carden said.

CPB Contractors and John Holland have been selected to deliver the \$5.5 billion project over the next five years.

Once completed, the West Gate Tunnel will serve as an alternative to the often-congested West Gate Bridge and will link the western suburbs to the city over the Maribyrnong River.

The plan also proposes an upgrade to the existing path on Dynon Rd to give pedestrians and cyclists a new bridge over Moonee Ponds Creek.

As part of the updated plan, trucks will be banned from Francis St, Somerville Rd, Buckley St and Moore St in the west to reduce noises and improve safety.

"The West Gate Tunnel Project will take thousands of trucks off local streets and make cycling easier and safer for people to get around," Minister for Roads Luke Donnellan said.

"The local community told us that they wanted to fix the gaps in the cycling network and that's what we're doing."

The West Gate Tunnel project will be assessed through an Environmental Effects Statement and the results will be published mid-year. Construction is expected to start in early 2018.











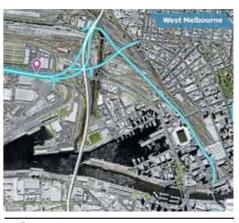






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With every new Western
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West Gate Tunnel) map, it is
becoming clearer and clearer
that Docklands is to become a
dumping ground for traffic.

We will have more cars attempting to bypass the city via Wurundjeri Way and more bicycles will also be brought into the suburb to jostle with our pedestrians.

And, being at the end of the road, the Western Distributor Authority and its partner Transurban have no responsibility to Docklands.

Should the already impossible snarl between Flinders St, Batmans Hill Drive, Lorimer St, the M1 and Montague St become totally dysfunctional, it won't be their problem.

Similarly, should their elevated bicycle veloway dump thousands more commuter cyclists into our community, well that will be just too bad.

The authority flags with pride that traffic which would have previously travelled via

King and Spencer streets is to be funneled into Docklands. Adding an extra lane to Wurundjeri Way will mean that more traffic waiting to negotiate the various sets of traffic lights at the southern end.

Last September authority communications director Jim Carden told *Docklands News* it was not known how many extra cars and trucks Docklands would suffer by diverting the Dynon Rd traffic into Wurundjeri Way.

But, at the April 26 Docklands Community Forum, he said traffic modeling had actually now been done, but we'll have to wait a few weeks to see it as part of the project's Environmental Effects Statement (EES).

He said that would be the appropriate time to respond.

"I'd urge you to look at that. See if that



Western Distributor Authority communications director Jim Carden at the Docklands Community Forum.



The April 26 Docklands Comminity Forum

answers your needs or answers your questions and, if it doesn't, you make a submission to that," Mr Carden said.

"And, in the meantime, come to one of our sessions where we have traffic specialists who have done all the modeling and can actually run the model for you."

But it's too late now. The design has been done. Tenders have been run and won and John Holland and CPB Contractors have been selected as the successful contractors and are waiting to start work.

The authority will claim two year's of public consultation. But the only real question that Docklands has ever asked about this project will not be answered until after the event.

Surely the traffic modeling should have been shared with us before the design started?

The authority is likely to do us no favours when it comes to E-Gate as well. The word on the street is that the 20ha site will be used

for a construction depot for the duration of the project. That scenario puts the earliest E-Gate start at least five years away. When it finally does get going, dreams of connecting E-Gate with communities across the railway will be challenged by legacy elevated roadway.

Being an authority with a single purpose, the West Gate Tunnel Project has no care or interest in what happens outside its boundaries. Once the job is done, it will be up to someone else (presumably VicRoads) to fix the mess it will create downstream.

Add to this mix the effect of the Metro Tunnel construction, as even more city traffic is diverted off St Kilda Rd towards alternative western options.

There's a tragic irony in what will happen here in the utopian planners' car-less suburb as gridlock becomes the norm.

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Regular river commuter ferry service is still being ignored

By Nadia Dimattina

The Yarra River commuter ferry service centred on the CBD and Docklands is still at the proposal stage with no progress made in four years.

The proposal to make the river an alternative transport method by ferrying commuters daily to and from Docklands and the CBD and beyond is supported by many.

Victorian Transport Association chief executive, Peter Anderson, thinks it's a brilliant idea and that this type of creative thinking is necessary for Melbourne's transport network.

"Using the Yarra as a means of moving people is a tremendous way to better access the city and the growing footprint the city now occupies," he said.

Mr Anderson said the ferry proposal was a great idea because "it takes people away from the streets, getting them to where they want to be in a fairly economical way".

"It seems simple, putting a ferry that runs on a regular basis down the Yarra and around the Docklands just seems to make sense," he said

Additionally, Lord Mayor Robert Doyle is a long-term supporter of the water ferry service but understands there are difficulties with the service.

"Speed limits and the proliferation of regulators responsible for the Yarra River as well as the commencement of the free tram zone have had a negative impact on the viability of such a service. It won't work if it doesn't stack up economically," he said

Chamberlin Marine naval architect Kim Chamberlin successfully designed a vessel for the proposed Yarra ferry service, proposing a design capable of navigating under the many low bridges on the Yarra.

In May 2012, *Dockland News* reported that his design was commissioned by the City of



Docklands-based marine architect Kim Chamberlin at Victoria Harbour's Southern Basin.

Melbourne's waterways office, which was the leading charge towards a viable ferry service.

However the innovative Yarra shuttle design was brought to public attention five years ago, with no progress being made since.

In order for the ferry service to succeed, Mr Chamberlin believes it must be provided the same level of subsidy of every other form of public transport.

"It won't get funded privately while it is up against the trams that are completely free in the CBD. The government needs to get on board and give the same subsidiaries that they are currently giving to the trains and trams within the CBD," he said.

Mr Chamberlin believes the Yarra ferry service would be an incredibly economical method for improving public transport in Melbourne.

"It is cost effective. We can put four boats on the water with the land infrastructure already in place for the same prices of one tram," he said.

Docklands Chamber of Commerce president Joh Maxwell said the suburb long-supported the concept of regular local waterways commuter ferry.

"An option of utilising a ferry service from the CBD and cruising down the Yarra and into Victoria Harbour in Docklands would be sensational. The utilisation of the waterways is something that all in Docklands would support," Mrs Maxwell said.

"The Docklands Chamber of Commerce would certainly support a commercially viable proposal for a ferry service to Docklands."

Recently, property developer Caydon Property Group proposed a ferry between its residential development at Cremorne and the city.

Spokesperson Georgia Willis said: "We haven't really celebrated or taken advantage of that area of the Yarra, so we can turn that around and actually use it as a carriage way for transport."

Ms Willis confirmed a Yarra shuttle was still in the proposal stage with work still to be done

"Its just a proposal at the moment. We have still got a bit of work to do to bring that into a program deliverable. We see over the next six months that we will be in a position to understand the viability of the proposal and the stakeholders that will come on board and benefit from such a service," Ms Willis said.

However, the main obstacle restricting the project to get some movement is governance.

Mr Chamberlin said: "The whole situation is frustrating, it just makes sense in every way. We have got an innovative, locally designed vessel that could be locally built and it's just bureaucracy that is holding it up."

"Until waterways gets the same treatment as trams and trains, it is going to be an uphill battle," he said.

In the meantime, he said, the planned Docklands ferry terminal at the south



Mr Chamberlin's unique Yarra River craft design.

basin of Victoria Harbour on the Harbour Esplanade, must be safeguarded.

"With so little unencumbered waterfront left in the Docklands, it is imperative that the space for the ferry terminal remains in public hands out of reach of developers or private entities. Without this, Docklands will forever lose the opportunity to become a waterways transport hub," Mr Chamberlin said.

Docklands Chamber of Commerce president Joh Maxwell said: "An option of utilising a ferry service from the CBD and cruising down the Yarra and into Victoria Harbour in Docklands would be sensational. The utilisation of the waterways is something that all in Docklands would support."

"We have an amazing water feature that leads to the jewel in Docklands' crown – Victoria Harbour – surrounded by restaurants and cafes, walking paths and ultimately into Harbour Town, Melbourne Star, Wonderland Junior and O'Brien Group Arena."

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Visitors to Melbourne would certainly enjoy the travel and views of the city skylines."

"The Docklands Chamber of Commerce would certainly support a commerciallyviable proposal for a ferry service to Docklands."

Port Phillip Ferries CEO Murray Rance said: "We are still very much in preliminary discussions with anyone and don't have anything to add at the moment."

"You need to have a look at a whole heap of circumstances. That particular part of the river is reasonably busy with rowers and tourist vessels so there is a whole lot of scenarios that you need to work through."

"From the Port Phillip ferries perspective it is not appropriate for us to comment because we don't know the circumstances. From my perspective as the CEO of the business, it makes sense to use the waterways but, then again, there are a whole bunch of trials and tests that have to be done."

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Traditional culture on modern stage

Docklands resident Jacob Boehme has an exciting job.

He is the creative director of the inaugural YIRRAMBOI Festival that will run across Melbourne from May 5 to 14.

YIRRAMBOI Festival, also known as First Nations Arts Festival, celebrates indigenous art and culture on the contemporary stage.

In addition to Aboriginal Australians, the first people from New Zealand, Canada, United States, Scotland, Pacific Islands, Wales and Taiwan will also converge in Melbourne to showcase their traditional and evolving cultures.

Mr Boehme was born to an Aboriginal Australian father and a British-Irish mother. He started acting at the age of 13 and attended a dance college in Sydney. He then moved to theatre and play writing and obtained two masters degrees in arts and performance.

He said YIRRAMBOI Festival was not about the old way of showing traditional Aboriginal dances and music, but to "translate the 60,000-year-old culture into modern art".

"This festival focuses on indigenous contemporary art. The festival highlights individual and diverse artistic expression



Jacob Boehme at home in Docklands.

in the 21st century. You won't see a lot of cultural practice in the traditional sense," he said.

"We do have quite a big practice of contemporary and experimental art. But people don't often get to see it on the main stage because they only get to see one narrative," he said.

According to Mr Boehme, a lot of emphasis is placed on the interaction between the audience and artists or their artworks, especially through modern technology such as videos, installations and games.



Bricklayer Paul Dyson and construction manager Shaun Skiba at the heritage wall.

Heritage wall restored

The first stage of the restorations works on the heritage-listed wall in Melbourne Quarter will be completed by May 10.

The Flinders St wall was originally constructed in 1890 by Victorian Railways as a retaining wall against what remained of Batman's Hill when Flinders St was extended into the docks.

Before the Second World War, the wall was a place where dock workers gathered in the hope of receiving a day's work.

The 174-metre brick wall is being restored

by Lendlease as part of construction works on the 2.5-hectare site.

Lendlease obtained Heritage Victoria's approval last year to conduct the restoration works to preserve the fragile wall.

The wall was stripped of old advertising signage and cleaned of graffiti, nails, glue and a general build-up of dirt.

Damaged and corroded mortar between the bricks has also been replaced in identified sections to ensure the colour, material and consistency of the new mortar matches the original colour of the bricks.

The bluestone capping beams on top of the walls have also been cleaned and sealed with a protective film that will protect them from graffiti and deterioration.

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A full financial history of the QVM investment



As we await Planning Minister Wynne's decision on Queen Victoria Market (QVM) planning controls, it is worth revisiting the full financial history of the City of Melbourne's biggest ever investment.

It is important to note that, over the past 20 years, the council has milked the market of more than \$100 million in cash.

Few people realise that QVM has been the most profitable market in the world for its owner. And, until a couple of years ago, the annual return of about \$5 million was not specifically disclosed.

This was because QVM itself was not releasing audited financial statements and the vast majority of council's return was derived from so-called "licence payments" by traders, which were billed as a cost in the QVM accounts and still aren't itemised in the City of Melbourne budget or accounts.

Calling it "rent from traders" and allowing the QVM corporate entity to book the income and then pay a \$5 million dividend to council would be more transparent.

Anyway, having milked more than \$100 million out of a declining market since 1996, it was clearly time for the City of Melbourne

to invest, but where did this figure of "up to \$250 million" come from?

As chair of the Finance and Governance Committee for four years until October last year, the first time I heard it was in the press reports accompanying the joint announcement of a major overhaul by Lord Mayor Robert Doyle and then Premier Dennis Napthine in October 2013.

This was a good deal for council because the State Government effectively gifted the land on the southern boundary, which council should be able to sell for more than \$50 million once it has satisfied the key condition of constructing Franklin St.

The Lord Mayor successfully persuaded then assistant treasurer Gordon Rich-Phillips to go with the land deal, even though Treasury hated it. However, it also meant there was no turning back, especially given a \$10 million penalty payment if the deal isn't completed.

The language in the Doyle-Napthine announcement also included a 10-year investment time frame but the Lord Mayor's idea at the time was to "under-promise and over-deliver". In other words, invest significantly less than \$250 million and get the job done in less than 10 years.

I was worried that we were all talking about doing a once-in-a-century investment but weren't actually doing much to ensure it would be responsibly financed, so a motion was put to the council in April 2014, establishing the "QVM Renewal Fund".

There wasn't support for putting all licence fees directly into the fund because this would substantially reduced the claimed "budget surplus" that council announces each year.

Despite the resolution, nothing much happened with the QVM Renewal Fund for more than a year. It was nowhere to be seen when we councillors agreed in September 2014 to pay \$76 million for the Munro site.

Buying Munro should have left the QVM Renewal Fund with a negative balance of about \$70 million. It also meant there was no turning back and the gross expenditure would probably exceed \$250 million.

However, when buying Munro, the plan was to partially recoup the investment by quickly flicking part of the site to a high rise developer. At the time, there was talk of three towers and 1800 apartments. With a 20 metre height limit, council took a lot of risk on Munro and the permissive former Minister Matthew Guy was replaced by Labor's Dick Wynne just a few weeks after the purchase.

Eight months after the change of government, council remained optimistic as can be seen in its 10-year financial plan adopted as part of the 2015-16 budget. Page 38 assumes a cash receipt of \$56 million to arrive in the 2016-17 financial year.

Alas, reality dawned on council over the next 12 months and, rather than receiving \$56 million from the partial sale of Munro, after an exhaustive competitive tender process councillors voted to do a joint venture

with developer PDG which would see a further \$50 million council investment on Munro, potentially rising to \$80 million if Dick Wynne didn't sign off on a proposed 600-apartment, single residential tower.

The multi-storey car park will allow a magnificent, flexible event space on the existing car park, plus more than \$30 million of community facilities featuring everything from an art space to a large child care facility.

But it will also stretch the "up to \$250 million", which will now rely on netting \$60 million-plus from at least three associated land sales, including a couple of child care sites and the southern development parcel.

We are yet to see a comprehensive, multiyear budget for the QVM renewal, partly because the enormous complexities and sensitivities make it hard to be precise.

One question not resolved is the sort of return council is looking for.

When all is said and done, an annual return of \$7-8 million would be appropriate and can hopefully be achieved without jacking up daily licence fees but instead by adopting the "market of markets" approach with greater utilisation of the space across seven days.

It remains to be seen just how much the council is proposing to spend. In gross terms, it will certainly be more than \$300 million.

And it would be nice to get some more details in the upcoming budget.

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New home for IOU

One of Docklands' most notable artworks, the IOU sculpture, is moving to Water Plaza on Victoria Harbour Promenade.

The stainless steel and toughened glass IOU sculpture was created by artist Mikala Dwyer and has been a popular piece of public art in Docklands for more than 10 years.

The sculpture has been located in the community open space on the corner of Harbour Esplanade and Collins St since 2005, however, due to the upgrade of the open space, Development Victoria has sought a new home for the public art.

Development Victoria's general manager precincts, Simon Wilson, said that while the move was through necessity, the new location would allow for better visibility of the well-regarded artwork.

"The IOU sculpture will provide a new focal point for residents, businesses and visitors to Victoria Harbour Promenade," he said.

The new location has been selected in partnership with the artist and City of Melbourne.

The artists' agent, Anna Schwartz Gallery



said that, in its new location: "Mikala Dwyer's simple abbreviation will continue to create open-ended conversations with visitors while the reflective finish will mirror glimpses of the surrounding environment."

The IOU sculpture is expected to be moved to Victoria Harbour Promenade in the coming months.

For questions or further information, please contact Development Victoria on **communications@places.vic.gov.au**



Children of ANZ workers learn about robotics at the bank's local academy.

Workshopping the future

The ANZ Bank held a robotics workshop for the children of its employees at its Docklands Academy last month.

As part of an ongoing program to spark more interest in science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) among children, the robotics workshop on April 10 saw children learn the basic programming to control a robot.

ANZ's senior manager of strategic engagement, Carina Parisella, whose six-year-old son also joined the workshop, said the workshops could prepare the children to the careers of the future.

"In the future, 40 per cent of the jobs will be related to STEM and it's really important for children today to have the skills required in the future," she said.

"Through encouraging children to learn to use and control technology and smart

devices, they can be more interested in both the creative and technical sides of things," Ms Parisella said.

Ms Parisella also said by engaging both boys and girls in the workshops, gender stereotypes could be broken down in the early stages of life.

"By placing boys and girls in the same learning environment, the children will understand that they have equal opportunities to become engineers, IT specialists and scientists," she said.

Through a series of trials and errors with programing and robotics, children's confidence would also be boosted.

"All children will walk away with a sense of accomplishment and it's like instant gratification. Fun activities like this can improve children's teamwork, creativity and critical thinking skills," Ms Parisella said.

The tutors at the workshop were volunteers from student-run organisation Robogals that aims to encourage the younger generation to become more interested in engineering-related fields.

Networking Lunch is back

The Docklands Networking Lunch returns on Friday, June 16 at Etihad Stadium.

This will be first lunch for the year and it will be one not to be missed, with the AFL promising to share it's plans for the stadium it bought last year.

Docklanders will be aware that the AFL has been speaking at the highest levels with the State Government about its local ambitions. But this year, nothing more has been said.

How does its vision intersect with the Harbour Esplanade Master Plan? What is

the latest thinking? What does it mean for Docklands?

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But there are plenty of other reasons to come out and meet like-minded people.
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The Docklands Networking Lunch is run by *Docklands News* and is sponsored by the Docklands Chamber of Commerce.

The lunch costs \$60 per head and must be paid in full by June 9. Email lunch@ docklandsnews.com.au or ring Shane Scanlan on 0419 542 625 to book your seat.

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Ride to commemorate

By Sunny Liu

CBD resident Marisa Crowe and her husband Cameron spent 10 days riding from Docklands to Sydney to commemorate the 10th anniversary of Ms Crowe's younger brother's death.

Ms Crowe's younger brother Anthony committed suicide when he was just 19 and he would have turned 30 this year.

The Crowes departed from the Woolshed in Docklands on Good Friday and travelled more than 1000km on two wheels over 10 days. They rode through the Gippsland region and arrived at Sydney's Bondi Beach, where they scattered Anthony's ashes, on

Ms Crowe said the purpose of the long ride was to raise awareness for the help available to people at risk of suicide.

"We want to show the devastation that a suicide can bring to the families and friends," she said.

"I want to keep the conversation going about mental health and it is something we must talk about. We can't keep it in the shadows and we need to show people that someone



Marisa and Cameron Crowe rode for 1000km from Docklands to Sydney.

will be there to support them."

The husband and wife duo, who live on Little Lonsdale St, raised about \$5000 and 100 per cent of the donations went towards Lifeline, an organisation that provides 24-hour crisis support and suicide prevention services.

The donations would fund approximately

194 calls to Lifeline, according to Ms Crowe.

"In their darkest moments, people have two choices. They can choose to take their own lives or talk to someone. And Lifeline can really help get people out of their dark moments and that makes a difference between life and death," Ms Crowe said.

Sunday Streets

The City of Melbourne is organising a community activity next to Cow Up A Tree from 9am to 12pm on May 21.

This pop-up Sunday Streets event encourages residents to connect with their local community and meet their neighbours in a fun and friendly environment.

There will be family activities such as story time and mini traffic school. Children are encouraged to bring their wheels and a book to share.

Social Club

The Docklands Social Club returns to Platform 28 in Bourke St, on Tuesday, May 9.

All locals are invited to come along and meet some other Docklanders in a friendly and informal atmosphere.

Attendees pay their own way with the venue and no bookings are necessary. The evening will start at 7pm with socialising before sitting down to a meal.

About 15 people attended the April event, which was held at The Nixon on April 11.

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Training gets Docklanders moving

Docklands residents and workers can join a free community fitness training program called Live Life Get Active every weekday morning at 6.30am at Yarra's Edge.

The community initiative has been running in Docklands for almost two years and has successfully made the local community fitter by cutting down 50cm around the collective waists of 150 members over two years.

Jane Flemming, co-founder and director of Live Life Get Active, said the free training sessions were all about engaging the community with a healthy lifestyle.

"Our philosophy is to make it as easy and convenient as possible to get the local residents moving and be more active," she said. "People living and working in Docklands all have a very busy lifestyle and we want to make exercise part of their daily routine and it's great if they can get it done before they go to work."

The program now has more than 200 members in Docklands and the number is still growing.

People from all age groups and fitness levels are welcome to join through registering on **livelifegetactive.com.**



Jane Flemming with Live Life Get Active participants at Yarra's Edge.

Letters share human connection

Library at the Dock last month held a unique exhibition of letters written by Melbourne's homeless people.

Heartfelt letters written by homeless people from Melbourne and some other countries were exhibited at the library as part of *Dear Howard – An Exhibition of Infinite Connection*, which ran from April 6 to 28

Inspired by the film *Collateral Beauty*, the program was presented by Youth Projects, a Melbourne-based, notfor-profit organisation that provides health, employment and education services to young people experiencing unemployment, homelessness and substance issues.

The themes of the anonymous letters revolved around love, time and death and conveyed mixed feelings through expressions of emotions, clarity and closure.

Youth Projects' chair Melanie Raymond said the exhibition could express deep human emotions shared by all people.

"Every person feels the effect of love, death and time, regardless of whether they hold keys to a house," she said.



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"In exhibiting these anonymous letters, we aim to show the likenesses in peoples' personal thoughts and connect our community through the feelings we all experience."

"Rather than focusing on the poverty of homeless people, we are focusing on what we all share and the human connection."

The exhibition is the first of its kind and Ms Raymond said she hoped the stereotypes surrounding people sleeping rough on the streets could be broken down.

"Homelessness can often be used as a weapon against those who are experiencing it. But the exhibition shows what everyone has in common and it's very therapeutic for people to be able to share their experiences and express their feelings," she said.

Some of the letters were publicly read by community members at the exhibition launch night and visible emotions were seen across the room.

CyberGym comes to Docklands

Israel's cyber-security leader, CyberGym, last month relocated its global headquarters to the Goods Shed in Docklands.

The Goods Shed became an international cyber-security hub in November, when Minister for Small Business and Innovation, Philip Dalidakis, announced it was home to the Oceania Cyber Security Centre and CSIRO's Data61 Cyber Security and Innovation Hub.

CyberGym is a cyber defence organisation that provides comprehensive IT security services and real-world cyber defence training to assist organisations in improving their cyber security.

CyberGym's arrival in Docklands contributes to Melbourne's status as the first cyberready city in Australia. The Goods Shed has become the centre of Australia's biggest cyber security cluster.

Cyber security training includes simulating cyber attacks and teaching staff how to mitigate attacks and create resilience.

Mr Dalidakis said CyberGym would elevate Australia's cyber security level and open up more employment opportunities.

"We will continue to pursue investment from companies like CyberGym that will grow our cyber security sector and not only help safeguard our digital economy but create more jobs into the future," he said.

"Victoria is already home to the largest cluster of cyber security organisations and businesses in the country."

Mr Dalidakis also signed agreements to partner with global research powerhouses Oxford University's Global Cyber Security Capacity Centre, Israel's Tel Aviv University and the Commonwealth of Virginia.



Production boom at Docklands Studios

Docklands Studios had one of its busiest periods ever in April, with all five soundstages occupied by local and international productions.

Minister for Creative Industries, Martin Foley, visited Docklands Studios on April 6, as productions of *The Footy Show*, films Winchester, The Wheel, Choir Girl and documentary Guilty were taking place at Victoria's biggest filming facility.

Productions at Docklands Studios have contributed more than \$17 million to the state economy.

Minister Foley said: "From a Hollywood feature, to local indies and a TV favourite, this production boom at Docklands Studios is a sign of the strength and diversity of Victoria's screen sector."

He also said the productions would bring more job opportunities to Docklands.

"Our world-class studios, combined with our investment, ensures that there are plenty more exciting projects in the pipeline," Mr Foley said.

Thriller Winchester is directed by Australian directors the Spierig Brothers and it was the second time the duo had worked at Docklands Studios, following their 2014 feature Predestination.

Filming for The Wheel, an independently financed film directed by Melbournebased Dee McLachlan, started in April.

The recording of *The Footy Show* takes place on soundstage five at Docklands Studios. ABC's *Q&A* program will also film at Docklands Studios in the future.



Blender Studios founder Adrian Doyle in front of the new mural outside Etihad Stadium.

Etihad Stadium gets a facelift

By Sunny Liu

Ever since the Australian Football League (AFL) took ownership of Etihad Stadium last October, changes have been taking place at this 17-year-old stadium.

The AFL last month commissioned Docklands-based street artist group Blender Studios to create a 30-metre long and eightmetre high mural on the stadium's external wall near the corner of LaTrobe St and Wurundjeri Way.

The mural features Socceroos player Archie Thompson, St Kilda player Nick Riewoldt

and rock band AC/DC's guitarist Angus Young. Four artists completed the large-scale mural in six days.

Blender Studios founder Adrian Doyle said the artwork could give the stadium a facelift, which had been troubled by illegal graffiti.

"This mural is very relevant to sports and the stadium. They are very happy with the work and I'm in talks with Etihad Stadium to do more stuff," he said.

Mr Doyle also said more artwork could not only improve the external look of Etihad Stadium, but also add to Docklands' culture.

"Docklands is this interesting place that has a lot of culture that slowly reveals itself," he said. "Docklands has really got on board. People realise that we are here and they are starting to give us walls. Let's keep it in the Docklands and let's make this place great."

Pedestrian bridge to go

Asset 1, owner of the World Trade Centre (WTC) building, wants to demolish the pedestrian bridge that connects WTC with the Melbourne Quarter site.

The pedestrian walkway over Flinders St, which has been blocked since constructions started on the Melbourne Quarter site, will be removed in the coming months if the City of Melbourne agrees.

According to its planning application,

the \$870,000 project will remove the pedestrian bridge, make good of the WTC facade and install a new window to the opening of the facade after the bridge has been demolished.

Many North Wharf residents opposed the plan. Todd Henderson, Flinders Wharf resident, said the current pedestrian access across Flinders St from the riverside was poor and a pedestrian bridge was necessary to ensure safe crossing.

"I strongly object to the demolition of this bridge as it is likely to be a long term strategic benefit to pedestrian safety if repurposed effectively," he said.

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Changing lives via youth sail training

By Bill Reid

Today's world is a complex and confronting place especially for young people. Youth programs on Docklands' Alma Doepel are needed today more than ever.

The program is recognised as a valuable resource for marginalised youth and has shown to raise a person's self esteem that helps combat youth drug use, depression and suicide.

When restored, the Alma Doepel will again provide valuable youth sail training programs. More than 4000 youths have participated in the Alma Doepel program – gaining resilience, leadership and communication skills through working as a team.

Alma Doepel management is reaching out to ex-voyagers to tell their story as part of this challenging period for Alma. This is Joanne's story

Joanne spent nine days on Alma Doepel in Port Phillip Bay from April 12, 1991. Joanne remembers this date.

Joanne has lived a difficult life. She and her sister were taken from her alcoholic parents by Human Services when she was three.



A reminder from Joanne's 2012 voyage

She spent four years in various institutions before being fostered out to a family when she was seven.

Joanne has struggled through life and has held onto her Alma experience throughout, using the experience as a guiding light. Recently she wanted to go on the TV program *Millionaire Hotseat* and she thought to use her Alma experience as her story line.

She contacted the Alma Doepel to find out if she was still active only to learn about the restoration program. Joanne was alarmed to learn that the Alma needed help to get her back in the water to resume its youth sail training program.

She resolved that, should she ever get on the popular TV program, she would like to donate a portion of any winnings, because she knows how life changing the experience has been in her life.

By the age of 11, Joanne's foster parents gave birth to a new baby for the first time and the family dynamics changed. Joanne developed into a troubled teenager. In her own words she was "feral".

By age 15, Joanne's social worker identified her as a candidate for the Alma Doepel Youth Sail Training program. The Department of Human Services sponsored her to attend the nine-day sail around Port Philip Bay.

Not knowing what to expect from the experience and having never been aboard a sailing ship, Joanne said the experience changed her life. Joanne was in a dark place and had no trust for anyone and was experiencing people telling her she was no good and taking advantage of her. Joanne says this inevitably leads down a path of escape through drugs and alcohol which contributes to the rate of youth suicide.

Joanne came on board and she knew no one. Initially she remained quiet and reserved. She recalls how welcoming the crew were – how all the voyagers were on a level playing field. The biggest shock was the mandatory early morning dips for all.

Because everyone else was doing it, Joanne did it and she says this was the beginning of a sense of "can do" that was instilled with the voyagers. And so the adventure began. Voyagers were taught about all the parts of

the ship, their functions and how to employ them in the sailing of the ship. They learned how to navigate using instruments and stars. They had to climb the masts, work out on the yards, and unfurl the sails. They were all encouraged out of their comfort zones and they quickly learned they could do it and how important each person was as part of the team. For the first time in her life she felt in a safe environment and she realised for the first time she had control of her life and was learning to trust.

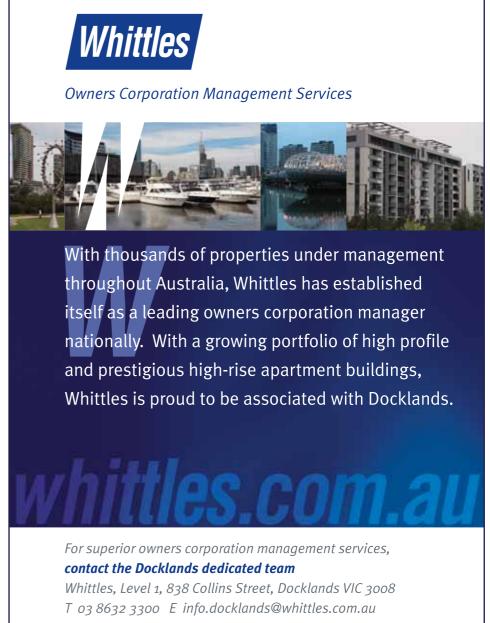
Each voyager is encouraged to keep a journal, and Joanne has kept her journal to this day – often reflecting on the inspiring words that crew member wrote in her journal – to believe in herself.

Joanne's story illustrates how important it is to get the Alma Doepel back in the water. Alma needs your help urgently. If ever there was a time to give back to Alma, now is the time

With the fast pace of development in Docklands, the area known as North Wharf is soon to be developed and time is short for the Alma Doepel. Progress on the hull is much advanced and given the funds, the Alma Doepel can be back in the water by the end of 2017.

Anyone wanting to know more about the restoration and how you can help, go to the website. Group tours are most welcome, and bookings are recommended. Details on the website www.almadoepel.com.au





Residents could rule at town hall

By Shane Scanlan

Residential interests may dominate the next Melbourne City Council if the Coalition wins the 2018 state election.

On April 1, the Victorian Liberal Party's State Council called on a future Coalition government to "adopt in full" Petro Georgiou's 2014 recommendations for local government reform.

Most significantly for the City of Melbourne, Mr Georgiou's Local Government Electoral Review report recommended:

- 22.01 -An end to a gerrymander, which awards two votes to businesses while residents get a single vote; and
- An election donation cap of \$1000 per team member.

Many candidates at last October's Melbourne municipal election reported no electoral donations while, at the other end of the scale, the victorious, nine-member Team Doyle reported receiving \$314,400 (about \$35,000 per team member).

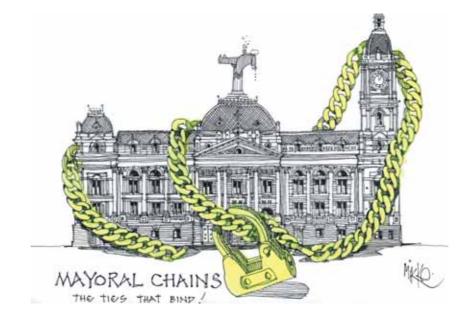
Former councillor Ken Ong's Together Melbourne team reported donations equivalent to \$15,482 per team member and Phil Cleary's team received \$12,650 per team member. The Greens reported donations of \$15,067.09 (or \$2152 for each of its sevenmember team).

The current Melbourne City Council can be roughly characterised as having seven business councillors (six Team Doyle plus Cr Philip Le Liu) versus four community councillors (two Greens, Cr Jackie Watts and Cr Nicholas Frances Gilley).

At the moment, residents have about 42 per cent of the vote within the City of Melbourne, with non-residents enjoying the lion's share with 58 per cent.

Of the non-resident number, about 43 per cent are landlords and 15 per cent are businesses. Both of these groups can be granted two votes each under the current system - automatically in the case of businesses and also in cases of dual ownership of non-resident property.

It is highly likely that the resident/nonresidential voting mix could swing in favour of residents if the Georgiou reforms were adopted, however his recommendations support giving voting rights to multiple



owners of individual properties.

But the more significant reform would be to limit election donations - as this would severely dent the advantage held by wellfunded campaigns. Currently, the only way to communicate with the significant (and growing) non-resident landlord group of voters is via post.

At last year's election, non-resident landlords were allocated 57,323 votes. So, at Australia Post prices, a single mail-out could, for the first time, be beyond even the budgets of the best-funded teams in 2020.

Liberal Party local government spokesperson David Davis downplayed the State Council resolution, saying the party would firstly wait and see what came out of the government's current local government review.

But Cr Jackie Watts did not hold back, saying: "The current electoral system is unrepresentative, unreliable and undemocratic. All that is needed is the political will to reform it by making municipal elections consistent across the

She called for an end to postal-voting-only at Melbourne elections, to better align with state and federal elections.

Cr Watts also criticised the performance of

the Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC) in conducting the election.

"The 2016 election clearly indicated that the VEC conduct of the election demonstrates a lack of expertise and rigour," she said.

"There needs to be a comprehensive, comparative and objective evaluation of the VEC, for example, software systems and verification processes."

Mr Georgiou's report said: (1.43) "The entitlements of corporations would be brought in line with how the franchise is applied to other 'persons'. Just as individuals are given only one vote in each municipality, corporations would have the ability to nominate one representative in a municipality to exercise their entitlement. This would apply to the City of Melbourne, where currently companies are able to appoint two voting representatives, despite the vote being derived from one legal entity."

On election campaign donations, the report said: (2.103) "It is anomalous that candidates are permitted to receive campaign donations without limit when the act of accepting the campaign donation will prevent them from discharging their responsibilities as councillors with respect to council issues involving donors of more than \$500."

"The issue, however, goes beyond the consequences for individual councillors. The combination of unlimited campaign donations and the conflict of interest provisions is central to the functioning of councils as a whole in considering important strategic decisions. This is most notable when sufficient numbers of councillors have received campaign donations that prevent the council from forming a quorum."

Greens councillor Rohan Leppert welcomed the Liberal State Council motion.

"The Georgiou recommendations would certainly have a significant impact on the City of Melbourne electoral system, but that is welcome," he said.

"What Georgiou has recommended is common sense - why should one franchise entitlement (residency) have one vote associated with it, while others (property ownership and business occupancy) have two? The Melbourne model has never been adequately defended by the State Government."

"Georgiou's recommended donation cap is also worth pursuing. The risk we run in Melbourne City Council - which is unsubdivided and requires large-scale organisation to run effective campaigns is that as our electorate keeps growing in population, the system will favour business or property-backed wealthy campaigns over community-based candidates. Or to put it another way, money will count more than ideas. Capping donations will keep elections focused where they should be: on which candidates have the best ideas and vision for

"Certainly the Georgiou recommendations if implemented would result in a more progressively weighted electorate and therefore Council. But Melbourne would still have the largest non-residential vote of any electoral system in the country, and it would remain the wealthiest with the highest proportion of males of any electoral roll in the country as well. Still, it's a step in the right direction, and it's good to see the Liberal Party's State Council taking the Georgiou recommendations seriously."



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A cute addition to Docklands

Three-month-old Shiba Inu Kira has only been living in Docklands for a few weeks and is already loving the city life.

Kira's fur-parent and NewQuay resident, John Do, said Kira was the perfect apartment dog.

"She's very independent. She looks after herself. At the apartment she mostly just sleeps and eats," Mr Do said.

Typical of a Shiba Inu, the ancient canine breed from Japan, Kira is both stubborn and playful.

"She loves playing with her toys and other dogs. She can be very bitey though. She puts everything in her mouth. She has plenty of toys she can play with and she goes to town on them," Mr Do said.

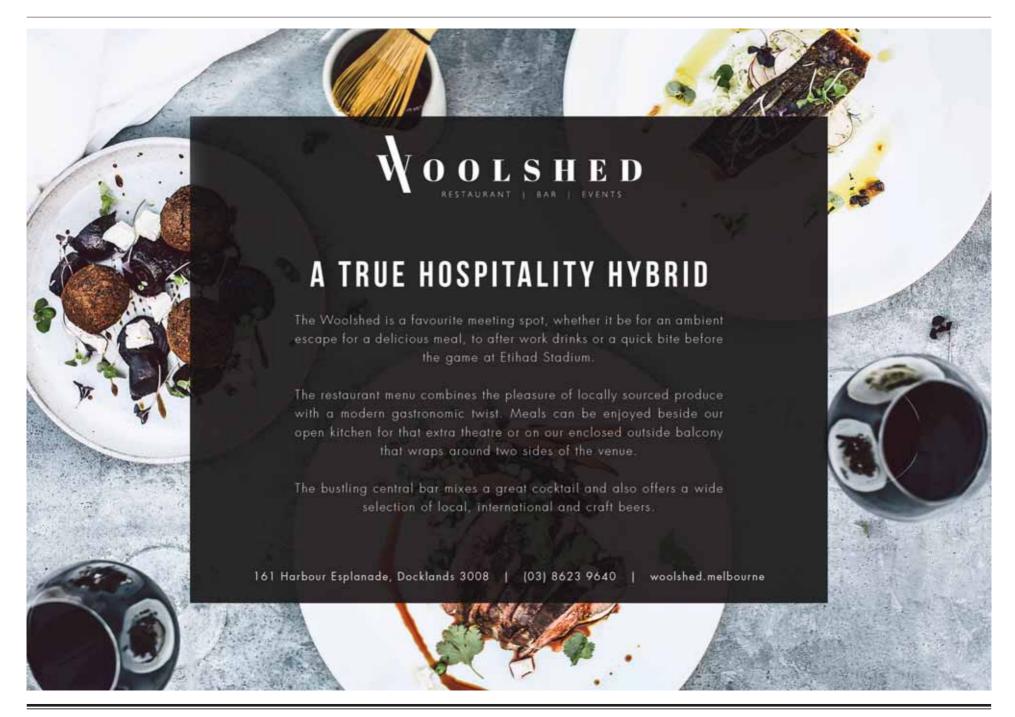
Despite her miniature body, little Kira loves playing with dogs 10 times her size.

"Kira has made a lot of friends in the past few weeks. She's played with a greyhound and a chow-chow," Mr Do said.

Kira's "parents" have created an Instagram account for her. And with her puppy eyes and sweet temperament, Kira has the potential to become an internet sensation. Mr Do said he thought Docklands had a great community for dogs and their owners. "There are so many dogs in Docklands that Kira can socialise with. I often take Kira to NewQuay and we stroll down the Harbour Esplanade. Kira loves it."



Little Kira enjoys her life in NewQuay.



Docklander

Part-time Docklander lives full life

John Appleton is a "parttime" Docklands resident but considers himself living life to the fullest in this harbour town.

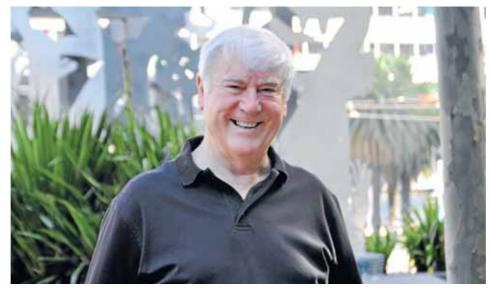
Born and raised in the United Kingdom, Mr Appleton had always wanted to explore the world. He joined the British Merchant Navy straight out of school and spent three years sailing to various parts of the world. But it was not until when he was 60 that he finally settled down in another country. Mr Appleton and his wife travelled to Australia 10 years ago and visited Docklands,

which he described as "grassland" at the

time. In 2006, they had just sold their large family home in east London and had been open to investing in a property in a foreign country. They looked at houses in Europe and realised the weather was often too cold, so they decided to cross the equator and came

The Watergate apartment tower was one of the first residential buildings in Docklands and Mr Appleton said he thought it was the best apartment in Docklands because of its "peaceful and convenient location".

For the past 10 years, Mr Appleton, being a British citizen, can only stay in Australia



for no more than six months at a time. But he said it suited him just fine because he could enjoy "the best of the two worlds" by travelling between the UK and Australia back and forth.

He and his wife live in their Docklands apartment during the warmer months and go back to the UK for the summer there. "We have two completely different lifestyles. Docklands is the city life and the UK is the country life," Mr Appleton said.

Mr Appleton said every time they came back to Docklands after six months in the northern hemisphere, there were always

changes in Docklands.

"We have seen it all grow, from the grassland when we moved here to this precinct with great parks and facilities. We see the difference every six months," he said. "I think Docklands has one of the most welldesigned facilities in the world." Mr Appleton's daughter was inspired by her parents' lifestyle and has also moved to Melbourne.

"The difference between Australia and the UK is a numbers game. There are about 70 million people in the UK, a small island. And there are six million people in Victoria," Mr

so populated can be much more liveable and the culture here has got more future." Mr Appleton is a Watergate owner's corporation committee member and is busy with organising meetings and helping manage the building.

Though he was only living in Docklands half of the year, he said he had formed a close bond with the community.

"There is always something to do in Docklands. Docklands is so well planned that we can walk or take the free tram to everything," Mr Appleton said. Though overwhelmed by what Docklands has to offer, Mr Appleton said he thought there were still some areas of improvement, namely graffiti, homelessness and security issues surrounding short-stay accommodation.

"I think both the residents and the tourists need to be protected in their accommodation. But when the short-term guests are left on their own in a residential building, there can be some security concerns because an apartment building does not cater for tourists like hotels do," he

"Docklands is a very liveable suburb with extremely good facilities and it can be even more liveable when these issues are addressed."

An Evening with The Knight

To celebrate the opening of our new Docklands Office, The

Knight will be hosting a free informative event with presentations on issues currently being faced by Owners Corporations in Docklands and the Greater Melbourne area.

Presentations by:

Mark Lipshutz **Building Defects**

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Victoria Police Security within Owners Corporations

"We Live Here" Short Stay Accommodation

Drinks and canapes will be provided to celebrate the evening with us.

This 'not to be missed' event is open to all interested stakeholders however places are strictly limited.

Reserve your spot now! Email RSVP@theknight.com.au by the 16th May 2017 and we will respond with a formal invitation.

Don't miss out, RSVP today.

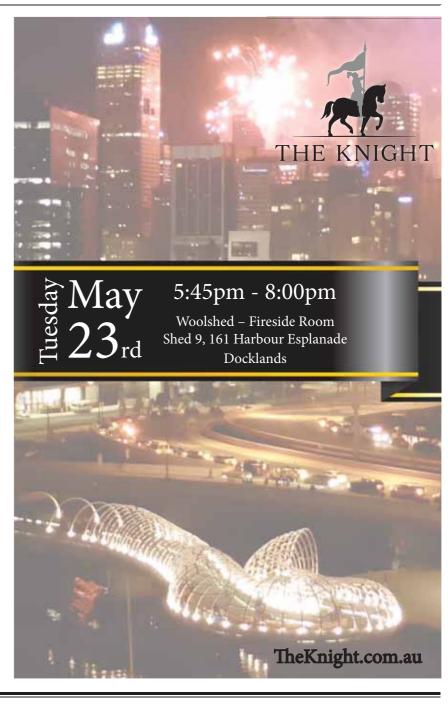
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Question: Which part of the world do you want to travel to? Why?



I'd like to go to Italy, because I'm learning Italian. I believe in the culture of food, wine and cheese. I love pizza and pasta. If I went there, I would eat my way around Italy.



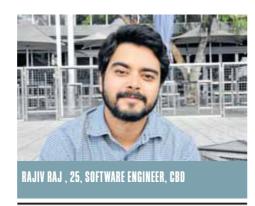
JELENA RADIC, 29, STATISTICIAN, POINT COOK

France, I think it's a place that you need to go for breakfast, particularly the bread, croissants and desserts. Also the fashion, culture, museum and arts. I would like to go there with a partner in the future, but I would also love to go there by myself.



TIM LIN , 25, BNB OWNER, TAIWAN

Maybe Perth. I want to have a look at the nature. I want to road trip around there by myself.



I'm a football fan, so I would like to go to England to watch some football match. Birmingham is my favorite team's home. I would watch a match and go to the football ground.



MARYANA SYDOREK , 35, ACCOUNTANT, BRIGHTON

I'd like to go to Brazil. I'd love to spend time on the beach, dancing Salsa, learning Portuguese and eating good food. It's a perfect mix for the holiday – just dance, beach and cocktails. I hope to go with a group of friends.



UZMA MEMON , 51, SALES, TEMPLESTOWE

I want to go to America, especially to New York, because I have never seen it but I have heard a lot about it. I also want to explore San Francisco, Central Park in New York and Manhattan, just walk, eat and explore around.



A NEW SCHOOL IN DOCKLANDS

We want to hear from you

We've selected a site and begun planning the new primary school in Docklands for Prep to Year 6.

It is now your chance to have a say – what type of school do you want?

Visit www.engage.vic.gov.au/DocklandsPrimary to have your say, and to register for the community workshop on 10 May.



www.schoolbuildings.vic.gov.au



SKYPAD Living

Not just droning on!

Last month a resident's letter was published on drones in Docklands, raising concerns over privacy and safety.

As many depictions of our high-rise future involve drones delivering and picking up packages from our vertical villages, it seemed timely to look at the local state of play (or

Regarding safety, research conducted by Dr Wild and Dr Baxter (both from RMIT's School of Engineering) and John Murray (Edith Cowan University) looked at over 150 reported civil incidents involving drones (or Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems - RPAS). Their finding was that technical problems, rather than operator errors, underpinned the majority of drone accidents.

Broken communications links between the pilot and the RPAS were the most common cause of incidents, leading these researchers to call for the introduction of commercial aircraft-type regulations to govern the communications systems.

Even more challenging would seem to be the use of unmanned air vehicles (UAVS) which can be used in activities such as search and rescue, agriculture, mapping and surveying, security and surveillance and unmanned cargo systems.

Working in this area are researchers Dr He, Dr Donough and Dr Pingkarawat, (Australia Advanced Aerospace Technologies and RMIT) who are developing two types of aircraft - one with a 25kg pay load intended for uses such as agricultural crop spraying, power-line stringing and external pipeline inspection, and the second one having an eight-hour endurance, meaning it can be deployed for surveillance, reconnaissance or data gathering and communication. In another and, unfortunately, increasingly needed area, drones are also being trialled to reduce the risk of shark attacks on our beaches. Research being conducted by the NSW Department of Primary Industries (NSW DPI) and Southern Cross University (SCU) has demonstrated that drones can fly autonomously over beaches and reliably detect sharks through image recognition software.



Local resident Ryan Saville with his drone

However, these researchers list five major challenges that need to be overcome (interestingly, including the two raised by our letter writer): public safety and the need to minimise the risk of injury from drone failure; public privacy and the need to incorporate community values; reliable hardware and need for routine maintenance and upgrades; purpose-designed software and the need to communicate both with other drones and relevant authorities; and, finally, civil aviation regulations which determine where, when and how drones can

And keeping on top of these regulations is something that local resident and experienced drone operator, Ryan Saville, takes seriously.

As a digital marketer, Ryan is keenly aware of the power of the visual in communications and sees his drone as an invaluable tool for capturing footage, as it adds an extra dimension to his videos.

In being able to so capture his experiences, Ryan believes that people can become more involved in what he sees - and having just spent three months in the Himalayas helping local communities, the footage captured by his drone has helped engage people both there and in Australasia.

As regards concerns over drones in our high rise precincts. Ryan points out that one feature of the drone world is digital barriers which, in effect, stop a drone and mean

that it cannot fly in blocked areas such as airports. Ryan believes we will not see a future where roads can go anywhere. Rather, we will have "digital roads in the sky" which will be pathways that drones must follow, adhering to associated protocols including whose drone has priority.

And it may well be that this digital road infrastructure will be the sticking point for the rise of the drones, as already an Australian start-up, Flirtey, has used drones to deliver textbooks in Australia, auto parts in New Zealand and has successfully conducted the first FAA-approved drone deliveries in America, beating the likes of

But for those vertical dwellers who just want Flirtey to rollout its much publicised pizza delivery by drone, we may have finally found a use for our micro balconies - as drone delivery and docking stations! If you would like links to the research or organisations mentioned, please visit and like SkyPad Living on Facebook.



Janette Corcoran Apartment living expert https://www.facebook. com/SkyPadLiving/

SKYPAD LIVING 10 Years On

New faces guarantee local voice

Issue 25 - April/May 2007

With the transfer of municipal authority almost complete, the new Docklands **Coordination Committee** promises to tackle issues relevant to the Docklands community.

The City of Melbourne and VicUrban have established the Docklands joint working group as a forerunner to the Docklands Coordination Committee. which will manage Docklands' municipal functions for certain areas post 1 July 2007. The Docklands Coordination Committee will report to council's Docklands Committee and the VicUrban Board.

The new committee is made of six senior representatives from the two organisations and is chaired by City of Melbourne Councillor Peter Clarke and VicUrban board member Gabrielle Trainor and also includes City of Melbourne chief executive David Pitchford, City of Melbourne director commerce and marketing Scott Chapman, VicUrban Chief Executive Officer Pru Sanderson and VicUrban general manager Docklands and major projects Michael Hynes. The committee meets bi-monthly and is

a public meeting - open to all who are interested in attending.

The committee is establishing a framework for the ongoing cooperation between council and VicUrban to work to a shared vision for Docklands.

The Docklands Coordination Committee will oversee the Docklands precinct and approve place management, finance and infrastructure plans.

On 1 July 2007, Docklands will again become part of the City of Melbourne.



New colour, but same family

Yarra's Edge residents will have noticed the formerly bright-red Lucas Real Estate office has recently changed colour and name.

But father and son team, Glen and Baden Lucas, want locals to know that they are more than still involved.

Glen told *Docklands News* that his business had joined up with developer Mirvac to create a statewide new business called RES (standing for real estate services) by Mirvac. The new entity is a full service property management business. And it's not just confined to Yarra's Edge. Mr Lucas said RES by Mirvac was operating at all Mirvac development locations throughout Victoria, including East Melbourne, Doncaster and Wantirna.

"RES by Mirvac takes care of everything after settlement," Mr Lucas said.

"It is an exclusive Mirvac client agent handling all their past, present and future developments."

He said Lucas Real Estate had worked so closely with Mirvac over the past 12 years that the partnership was a natural progression.

"There's a lot of mutual respect between

our organisations and our values have been aligned," Mr Lucas said.

He said he and Baden had over many years fed local conditions and data into Mirvac's ongoing Yarra's Edge development decisions. "This local knowledge has been a big help when planning their next buildings," Mr Lucas said.

The family's knowledge of Mirvac's operation made the partnership easier.

Baden's first full-time job in real estate was with Mirvac. Prior to that, he had helped his dad selling real estate in Docklands as a 15-year-old.

Glen said Lucas Real Estate was still trading under its original brand in NewQuay and was facing a very positive future with large numbers of apartments to manage in the Aqui and Promenade developments, as well as 466 apartments coming on stream in the new Marina Tower.

"We've got seven new team members, an awesome culture and we're growing every day," he said. "The future is very bright."



Personal training that comes to you

The team at Just In Time Personal Training is bringing its tailored mobile personal training services to residents and workers of Docklands.

Operating since 2012, the business has quickly established its credentials as the leading provider of mobile training services in other parts of the inner city, particularly in neighbouring Southbank.

The business is now extending its outreach to the Docklands community and managing director Justin Moran said the service was perfect for the area's time-poor residents and workers.

"There is such a market for people using these apartment building gyms. They often get poor guidance or no guidance at all there so there is an opportunity for people in the Docklands to take up our mobile service," he said.

"Maximising time is big in peoples' lives now. So, instead of having to take 15 minutes to wander down to a gym somewhere else we come to you. We're also minimising the chances of litigation and injury because we're overseeing the way people behave and act in the gym."



As well as offering a high quality and convenient service for the city's highrise residents, Just In Time also offers a customised workplace health program perfect for Docklands' thriving business community.

Like its service for residents, Just In Time comes to your workplace. Better yet, its program is designed to maximise results for both trainers and clients alike through its individually tailored approach.

Bather than running large classes that take

Rather than running large classes that take valuable time away from a working day,

Justin said the program offered individual consultations designed to provide maximum benefit to workers.

"Workplace health is something that is too often labeled as a fitness class provided before, during or after hours and often at the expense of the trainer – but also that one hour is taken away from the day of the worker," he said.

"What we offer is something a lot more dynamic and unique, and basically, a lot more effective," he said. "Our programs are targeted at going in during work hours and actually talking to people individually about their issues."

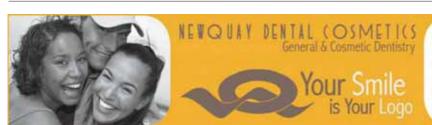
"If it's about diet or weight loss or the designing of a program to get active we can individually work with them and find them at their level and get increased engagement." Having successfully run the program at a number of other large and small city-based companies, the Just In Time approach has been very well received for achieving positive health outcomes and ultimately boosting productivity.

It's a testament to its philosophy of hiring only the best university qualified trainers who, according to Justin, can provide a level of service well beyond a certificate standard. Led by Justin and assistant manager Daniel Piovesan (pictured), the growing team of five trainers is equipped to ensure the best plan for your health needs.

"90 per cent of the PT population have done a certificate three or four course, which is the bare minimum standard required to become a personal trainer in Melbourne. But we only employ 100 per cent university-qualified trainers," he said.

"Daniel is the best personal trainer I've had in 20 years. The rest of my team is on the same path but there are five in my team that can come out in the morning through until 10 at night."

For more information visit **www.justintimept.com**



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Asian fusion thriving in Docklands

Having owned six different restaurants in the past 30 years, Charles Ng said his best experience was owning Merchant Society in Docklands.

When he first came to Australia from Singapore in 1988, Mr Ng opened his first Malaysian restaurant in Melbourne's eastern suburb Surrey Hills.

From there he moved on to open a Japanese sushi train mixed with Chinese yum cha in

But he said Docklands was his favourite location.

His Asian-fusion restaurant on Merchant St opened two years ago and quickly gained support and trust from the local residents

"People here in Docklands have shown us a lot of support and we have many regulars at Merchant Society. There is always good vide here," Mr Ng said.

Mr Ng knows a lot of the regulars by name and has become good friends with some of them. He says maintaining a connection with the Docklands community is an important component of his thriving business and his social life.



Charles Ng says Merchant Society has become a local favourite.

"Docklands has unique demographics. Many of the high-rise apartments are vacant and the long-term residents travel a lot," he said. "But the residents, who have come across so many different cuisines on their travels, still come here and have lunch or dinner because they really like the food here."

Mr Ng said opening an Asian restaurant in Docklands could be "hit-or-miss" due to the "unique demographics" of our suburb, but luckily Merchant Society has became a local

"There are a lot of corporate workers who come here and have lunch during the week. Lunchtime is the busiest for us," he said. In fact, Merchant Society gets so busy that there are seven chefs working at lunchtime. But Mr Ng stressed that, no matter how busy it got, all the food must be prepared freshly and made to order.

"We do not want to turn the restaurant into a food court, where people can get their food

very quickly but everything is the same. We are proud of the freshness of our dishes. That's why we have such a good following,"

Merchant Society has a strong Malaysian focus, with the Rendang and Laksa being the chef's specials. But Mr Ng said every single dish on the menu, from Nasi Goreng to green curry, had equal popularity.

The menu has remained relatively unchanged for the past two years and Mr Ng said the food had suited Docklanders' taste buds very well.

"Docklands has become a really trendy place and people here are really open to different types of cuisines," Mr Ng said. "The locals love Asian food and they also like a mixture of everything."

Merchant Society is also a licensed to serve wine and beer, making it even more popular among corporate workers and residents who like to grab some drinks with friends after

Mr Ng can often be seen chatting and mingling with the customers and he always makes sure people are satisfied with the food and service at Merchant Society.

"I really appreciate the bond I've formed with the local community. Merchant Society has become my ideal friendly restaurant that is liked by the people here," he said. Mr Ng is opening a new Asian-fusion

restaurant, Roti Bar, on Little Collins St soon.

ADVERTISING FEATURE

Are you ready for the Super Reforms?

THE WIDE-RANGING Super Reforms originally announced in the 2016-17 Federal Budget have passed Parliament.

The majority of these reforms will take effect on 1 July 2017, so it's important to start thinking about how these changes might impact you.

The reforms could alter how you approach your super contributions, your retirement strategy, as well as your broader tax and financial strategies. There are a number of actions you can take before 1 July 2017 to leverage the outgoing regulations and gear up for the new ones.

What should your next steps be? If you've been considering setting up a



Rebecca Collins, partner Enspira Financial

Self-Managed Super Fund for greater control and fexibility, what are the considerations under the new regulations?

To help you answer these questions and prepare for the upcoming changes, Enspira Wealth is holding a free workshop on Tuesday 30 May, 12-2pm.

Seats are limited, so please call 9081 0470 to reserve your place.

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Buyer beware when it comes to conveyancers' advice

Last month in the Supreme Court, an owners' corporation (OC) in South Yarra unsuccessfully attempted to join two firms of solicitors that acted for lot owners in the purchase of their units, in an effort to see them held responsible for incorrect and/or misleading advice.

The dispute arose because the OC had only 24 car parking spaces shared between 32 owners. The OC subsequently undertook a process to grant use rights and leases to certain owners by special resolutions. Two of the lot owners who were not granted use rights over the car parking spaces challenged the decision at the Victorian Civil

and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT). In response, the OC defended its decision and sought to join the conveyancing solicitors to the dispute, presumably to allege that the possible future divestment of the common property car parking spaces should have been disclosed as part of the conveyancing process.

The Honourable Justice Bell dismissed the application, finding that it was "simply untenable to suggest that solicitors acting on behalf of clients purchasing units in apartment buildings have a general duty of care to give advice ..." in relation to the facts of the case.

Of course, the situation may be different in the case of solicitors who were engaged because of their specialised expertise, or where some particular fact or circumstance tenably gives rise to the existence of such a duty.

If the claim were successful, the effect would have been that every conveyancing solicitor in Victoria who is retained by a client who has purchased or who intends to purchase a lot on plan of subdivision affected by an OC must advise the client:

(a) That the OC has a power to lease or licence common property;

(b) Of all provisions of the Owners Corporations Act 2006 (including section 14, which confers the power to lease or licence), which might conceivably affect the client's right to enter upon or occupy or use common property; and

(c) That the client ought to inspect the records of the OC on the off-chance that they contain a document which might point to a future risk.

In my view, the door is not closed on bringing a future claim against a conveyancing solicitor for inadequate or incorrect advice, but the facts and circumstances would have to be compelling. The lesson for owners and prospective purchasers here is that proper care must

be taken to ask the right questions of your conveyancer and to brief them adequately. This may mean that the professional fees to be charged for the service will need to increase, but that comes with the territory. Unless the conveyancing solicitor is properly directed to the client's concerns and issues, there is every risk that the issue might be missed.

As always, caveat emptor (let the buyer beware) ...



Tom Bacon

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Chamber Update

Do you know any commendable local business owners?

Who do you know that deserves a commendation from Melbourne's Lord Mayor?

Who do you know that has been in any small business that has been operating within the City of Melbourne for 10 years or more? We have several members who have received this in previous years and we are sure a few more are deserving for this year. President Joh Maxwell has previously been on the committee for these commendations and is happy to assist any business in Docklands to apply.

Waterways update – Not to be missed!

We have a very important presentation by the Lower Yarra River Management Advisory Committee to members of the Docklands Chamber of Commerce and the Yarra River Business Association – an update relating to the governance of the waterways and building on from last years' presentation on the waterways by Parks Victoria and Melbourne City Marina.

This is a must attend for all charter boat

This is a must attend for all charter boat operators and other water-based or waterfront-based business operators. Date: Tuesday, May 16

Where: Melbourne Showboat - The Lady

Cutler - Central Pier Docklands Time: 3.45pm registration - 4.00pm start RSVP: May 9 - admin@docklandscc.com.au Refreshments will be provided.

Welcome back - Woolshed

A great business is judged by how it recovers from adversity. The Woolshed has proven it is part of that elite group. Rebuilt, new energy, new menu and renewed passion. You need to go and see the changes following the reopening on April 21. Great food, relaxed environment and the perfect location for your next event. Congratulations to Duncan, Lee and all the staff. We look forward to seeing you soon.

Docklands Harvest

This is a new event this May at Buluk Park.
Friday, May 19: 5pm - 9pm
Saturday, May 20: 11am - 4pm
Buluk Park (Library at The Dock)
Soak up the festive atmosphere on Friday
night and experience the toe tapping sounds
of folk band Velvet Archers and local DJs.
Grab a drink and enjoy a bite to eat from a

On Saturday, Docklands Harvest will feature fun for the whole family. Get hands on with some great workshops, including:

 Sausage making, traditional pizza workshops and coffee appreciation with Saluministi;

- The age-old art of preserving and pickling with My Green Garden;
- Make your own pasta with Twirled Pasta Bar:
- Tea and chocolate pairing with WaWa Chocolatier;
- Learn how to make the most out of small spaces with vertical gardening; and
- Much more

Enjoy food and drinks from pop-up stalls, whilst enjoying music from local artists and our feature act Cooking on 3 Burners. Head to Docklands Harvest after work on Friday, May 19 or bring the whole family on Saturday May 20.

Executive Committee - Update

Due to the continued growth of the Docklands Chamber, and especially our media assets, we have established a media director position that will be retained by Shane Wylie who has done such an excellent job in growing the media side of the Docklands Chamber of Commerce -Facebook (Visit Docklands Melbourne) and our website www.docklandscc.com.au. If you have any new photos, achievements or advertisements please email Shane directly on media@docklandscc.com.au. Remember it's all part of your membership to advertise your business. We also welcome Kristie Gatti who has stepped into the role as our executive officer. Kristie started on April 18 and will look after the day-to-day administration for the chamber – email

admin@docklandscc.com.au

Finally, Kebrasca King has stepped down as vice president to focus on a new business venture. Thanks Kebrasca for your contribution to the chamber and we wish you well with your future business direction. Sign up to our newsletter if you haven't already for your personal invite – front page

of www.docklandscc.com.au

Who are you associating with? – Join the chamber!

Become a chamber member today, get access to our social media and improve your business exposure.

If you know someone who should be recognised, or you have idea you want to share or simply want to join the chamber, then email: admin@docklandscc.com.au or visit our website.



Paul Salter

Executive Committee member www.docklandscc.com.au



Study in NewQuay for your degree in Lego

"Docklands News" acknowledges and regrets falling educational standards in this country.

But we had no idea the situation was this bad!

MAB Corporation's latest NewQuay glossy marketing book proudly maps the precinct's various educational facilities and colour codes them to distinguish between infant, primary, secondary and tertiary levels. According to the map, the Lego Education Learning Centre in the old Waterfront City Piazza is a tertiary institution. Whoops! The primary schoolers visiting there will get swollen heasds!

We hope MAB's construction managers have tertiary qualifications from other universities!





We Live Here

Short-term letting must be regulated

The NSW government has swept aside the recommendations of a parliamentary report and announced a new consultative process to decide how shortstays will be regulated.

The discarded report had recommended a massive increase in short-term holiday rentals in apartment buildings. But the NSW Minister for Planning and Regulation and the Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation, in a joint statement announced on Thursday, April 20, said that "broader engagement with the industry and the community was needed," and that they were "focused on finding a common ground that effectively addresses the concerns with everyone involved."

The ministers said: "The rights of residents who live near these properties must be considered too."

We hope that the Victorian Government will now follow suit.

Since We Live Here was founded 16 months ago we have been advocating for a level playing field for all the stakeholders involved in the short-stay debate.

But the Victorian Government's "Mickey Mouse" Bill introduced last year protected the rights of short-stay operators at the expense of residents who have chosen to make apartment living their lifestyle. After intense lobbying by We Live Here and recognition by opposition parties that residents were being ignored in the debate the Owners Corporation Amendment (Short-Stay Accommodation) Bill 2016 was defeated in the Upper House.

It is now the subject of a parliamentary enquiry, currently being conducted by the Environment and Planning Committee. Two public hearings (March 24 and April 13) were held and about 100 written submissions were received. The parties invited to attend the public hearings as witnesses were: Airbnb, Brent Thomas; Australian Hotels Association, Paddy O'Sullivan; Boutique Stays, Bev Constable; City of Melbourne; St Bedes Owners Corporation, Henk van Leeuen; Holiday Rental Industry Association, Trevor Atherton; Matrix Apartments, Bronwyn McAsey and Neil Ackerman; OC Pride, Antoinette Hall; Southbank Residents Association, Tracey Allen and Dan O'Keeffe; Stayz, Michelle Chaing; Strata Community Australia (VIC), Sharon Lameris, Michael Nugent and Gregor Evans; Tourism Accommodation Australia (Victorian Branch), Dougal Hollis; Victorian Accommodation Industry Association, Paul Salter; and We Live Here, Barbara Francis, Marshall Delves and Tom Bacon. All stakeholders were represented and had equal time to present their cases. The committee is required to report back to Parliament by May 11. The government will then have six months to respond.

Transcripts are available at www. parliament.vic.gov.au/epc/article/3191

Snapshots from the hearings:
Trevor Atherton and Paul Salter each
promoted the self-styled Holiday Rental
Code of Conduct, which has been in place
for five years without any measurable effect.
The Parliamentary panel did not appear
satisfied with the lack of any data supporting
the "code".

Brent Thomas from Airbnb caused a stir when he disparaged apartment-dwellers as people who "could not afford to buy a house". Mr Thomas was also asked how many multi-listing operators used his Airbnb platform but could not answer. A Matrix Apartments (Southbank) director then testified that it operated more than 20 listings on Airbnb.

Tom Bacon from We Live Here presented a volume of hard data about the positive effect of short-stay regulation on tourism. Since San Francisco, London, Paris and New York introduced regulation, tourism numbers and total spend have risen substantially. All these major international cities have introduced minimum stays of between 30 and 120 days as well as "one-host-onehome" regulations. Mr Bacon argued strongly in favour of regulation to protect and enhance the tourism sector in Victoria. Similar views were also expressed by Tourism Accommodation Australia. Tourism and Transport Forum Australia made a written submission in support of Tourism Accommodation Australia asking the government to empower owners' corporations to regulate short-stays. Our submission included graphic video evidence of the enormous, costly impact on wear and tear of short stay business operations, including:

- Moving 80 tonnes of short-stay laundry through lifts;
- 50,000 suitcases in lifts every year; and
- Double the use of doors and lifts by shortstay guests.

We are calling on Consumer Affairs Minister Marlene Kairouz and Planning Minister Richard Wynne to:

- Note the lead taken by NSW;
- Follow the evidence that is being presented at the inquiry; and
- Start listening to all stakeholders, including the 200 buildings represented by We Live Here.

So far, the Victorian Government has only thought about the issue of unruly guests and hasn't offered any workable solutions for that. However, the much bigger issues of community, amenity and unfair wear and tear costs have been ignored.

We encourage as many of you as possible to

We encourage as many of you as possible to become involved and: HAVE YOUR VOICE HEARD!



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There is a great strength in our differences

We all have a voice. Or rather, we all have a right to have a voice.

Life is important to each and every one of us and we all have a choice as to how we live that life. Sure, we can be taught right from wrong. We can be shown how to succeed and we can even be introduced to opportunities that open doors for us to believe that our voice has indeed been heard ... but what about those of us less fortunate? I'm sure we all agree that we all should have a voice, that we are entitled to be heard – but I wonder how many of us actually might have the chance to help someone less fortunate be heard?

I'm sure we all believe we are striving for equality – but what about just acceptance of our differences?

I wonder how many of us could comfortably sit with someone so different from ourselves and accept an equality of value – to not try to compare each other's values, but to literally recognise the worth and value of another soul that is incredibly different to you. To recognise the value of differences.

I think there are people who would find this to be a terrifying situation – to sit, to spend time, with someone completely outside your comfort zone.

I think that there are others who would



simply not allow the thought to enter their carefully manicured mindsets – those who simply shun others who are too different from their perceptions of acceptable recognition.

And then there are those who are different. There are those who see it all, who see their worth, who see their value and who see their differences as the very thing that makes them so special.

You see, I've had great opportunity these last few months, to be involved with some of these people. The people I had thought of as less fortunate, the people I had acknowledged would find it difficult to have their own voice, the people I felt – in all honesty – a little sorry for.

I always, hand on heart, have believed we do all deserve to have a voice and to have it heard. Yet, upon reflection of my life, I hadn't really been that involved before. I hadn't participated. I hadn't given action to my thoughts, my ethics, my beliefs in this area before. But I am now.

And I can tell you that there is a life force that can draw rainbows more magnificent than any you have seen on a stormy day inside these people. And I can tell you that those who are passionately supporting them to have their voice heard – their absolute true voice, their choice, their decision, their thoughts, their soul heard – are life-changing people.

I spend my time proudly beside people I

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never thought I'd meet, having conversations I never could have imagined having and fighting for justices so small in the scheme of mankind that it is easy to not realise that they even need to be fought for.

It is the differences in people that create the magic in life. And it is only by participating, by including people of all abilities into our world - our full world, our community, our lifestyles, our day-to-day living - that we realise that those who we think are less fortunate are, in fact, often richer in ways that you or I never knew how to even count. What a woman wants is to love and protect those "less fortunate", but what a woman needs to know is that there is a great strength in our differences and there is a wonderful opportunity to learn from all of our abilities. Please, make sure your voice and your choice is heard, but also listen to those around - sometimes being heard is all it takes to make a difference. With much love

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Health and Wellbeing

Healthy body, healthy mind

The first step when screening and programing new fitness clients is to establish their specific goals, exercise history and if they have any special conditions or injuries we need to consider. It's the trainer's responsibility to educate and recommend their best path to success.

What is often overlooked in the goal-setting process is the positive impacts of exercise to the mind, as the obsession is mostly focused around physical changes - losing weight, losing body fat, toning up or gaining muscle. The good news is that a very positive side effect of your physical activity will be an improvement in your general wellbeing. Different types of exercise and activity can have different positive wellbeing outcomes that you might not be aware of, for example:

- Yoga and stretching reduction in anxiety, increases calmness and emotional stability;
- Weight training and power lifting improves memory, resilience, improves self-esteem and helps tackle depression;
- High intensity training helps control appetite and reduce cravings;
- Running improves memory, enhances clarity in thoughts; and
- Boxing and martial arts stress release, focus and clarity.

Break it down - The push-up!

What is so great about the push-up? The push-up has long been a staple of most exercise programs. It is predominantly a chest, shoulder and triceps exercise, performed in a prone (face down) position. Secondary muscle groups involved are the core, the legs and the greater shoulder girdle. Used in military training, phys-ed classes, fitness testing or for punishment (give



me 20!), the push-up has now become a common feature in most group fitness and training classes on the market. Here are some great reasons why you should

make the push-up a part of your weekly routine:

- 1. Variation did you know there are more than 20 variations on the push-up you can do for different outcomes?
- 2. No equipment required it's a completely portable activity;
- 3. Variation in intensity there are pushups for beginners through to the elite athlete;
- 4. Measuring progress you can see

vourself improve over time; and

- They are fun!
- Push-up facts: World record in one minute: 123 push-ups; Most continuous push-ups: 10,507; Most push ups in 24 hours: 46,001.

Warming up and cooling down

A combination of our so called "busy" lives along with the popularity of high-intensity training classes has led to a down grading in the importance of warming up and cooling down. It's also doubly important with the recent drastic temperature drops in the last few weeks.

These days it's all about the 30-minute drill session where you strive for the maximum results from the least time. Training with a high intensity certainly has its upsides, but what we are seeing too much of lately is completely avoidable, minor injuries that are directly related to not warming up or cooling down properly.

Recently we had a case where a lady injured her calf muscle after missing her regular warm up, and went straight into a high intensity session. This didn't result in any major injury, extensive treatment or rehabilitation, but did present a minor setback for her. For the next two weeks, her workouts needed to be modified, and she felt it was going back to square one after progress had been made in the past month. The whole purpose of the warm up and cool down is to prepare the body to function under the stress of exercise and return the body gently to normal function after the workout. The risk of set back and injury is unfortunately more apparent for new and enthusiastic exercisers, or when you are returning from a short break - so be smart. Don't overlook the importance of the warm and cool down, especially when exercising with high intensity.



Andrew Ward

Andrew Ward from Push! Fitness. www.push-fitness.com.au

Fashion

Top five street style trends

The Autumn Winter Fashion Weeks have given us insight on which street styles are in and which ones are out.

Here are five of the top street style trends picked out by fashion heavyweights Vogue, Elle and InStyle.

1. Fishnet stockings

Personally, I feel that the fishnet trend is a little done but it seems the style isn't going anywhere with designers stepping it up a notch with fishnet socks and shirts. Try something different and go for a larger gap style stocking to really draw the eye.

2. Sports luxe

Dubbed "athleisure", the cross over between comfortable and stylish will continue to dominate throughout the cooler months. The next big staple piece is set to be stripes think the big stripes down the button down track pants of your youth. They're making a comeback



3. Wide belts

Another style that was big almost a decade ago is returning in 2017 - the wide, wrap around belt. Cinching is a trend that will



never die and the return of the wide, tie up belt is a testament to this. The corset waist is on the way out to make way for a more modest way of accentuating the figure.

4. Fur coats

Here at *Docklands News*, we are all about the faux. Firstly for the protection of animals, secondly because faux is a whole lot more affordable!

Find a coat reminiscent of old Hollywood and make your winter glamorous. I picked one up for \$30 from H&M!

5. Mules

Another trend that seems to be here to stay, but this one I'm not mad at. The mule is a simple and elegant shoe that can be paired with almost anything. Whether they're for work or just to chuck on with your jeans, stock up again this season on a staple pair.



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Running for kids

The Bolte Bridge was temporary closed when runners raced across the bridge as part of the 14.6km course of the CityLink Run for the Kids program on April 9.

The run raised \$1.6 million for the Royal Children's Hospital's Good Friday appeal and it has raised more than \$15 million since its debut in 2006.

The run started from Alexandra Ave, went over the Bolte Bridge, exited CityLink at Footscray Rd, took in NewQuay and Harbour Esplanade before heading back towards the CBD via Collins St.

Left: Participants run across the Bolte Bridge to raise money for sick children.

Victoria Harbour retail offering is stronger

Docklands' retail scene has welcomed some new faces with a few boutique businesses recently opening up in Victoria Harbour.

Victoria Harbour is now home to more than 70 retailers and it is estimated that, by 2021, its 3750 residents will spend about \$245 million per year on retail and 55,000 people will work there.

While the number of businesses continues to grow, the variety of retailers is also improving. Developer Lendlease is turning its focus from hospitality to creative boutiques to diversify the retail offering.

Jade Anderson recently opened her Wawa Chocolatier boutique near the Knowledge Market in February and she said local retail scene had its own unique environment. "Because Docklands is still a relatively new area, there's a lot of opportunities down here that you won't find in more established areas like the CBD," Ms Anderson said.

"It's such a beautiful spot down here, with the park, the library and the water. It's a refreshing change from the CBD."

Wawa Chocolatier specialises in small batches of handmade chocolate bars made with unique blends of local and ethical ingredients. Ms Anderson said Victoria Harbour was in the process of welcoming more creative and quirky shops like hers.

"From a food perspective, it's quite diverse

down here. But retail is gradually catching up too," she said.

"For people who have already been following my products, I'm quite proud when they come to Victoria Harbour. It's just a really nice spot for them to come and find me."

For the first time ever, a mixed-martial arts studio has also opened in Victoria Harbour.

Jab MMA Fitness opened in April and director Graeme Stephenson said Docklands was just the location it was looking for.

"We didn't choose the location, it chose us. I can see Docklands is quickly expanding and there is a very healthy culture here," Mr Stephenson said.

He said the existing medical centre, physiotherapy centre and massage spa in Victoria Harbour all complemented the mixed-martial arts studio perfectly well.

"Our goal is to make Docklands fitter and healthier. We want people in Docklands to get away from their desk and exercise more."

Freshii, a restaurant that offers healthy and energising meals, will also open up its franchise in Victoria Harbour. Cafe Billy Barista will arrive in May.



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