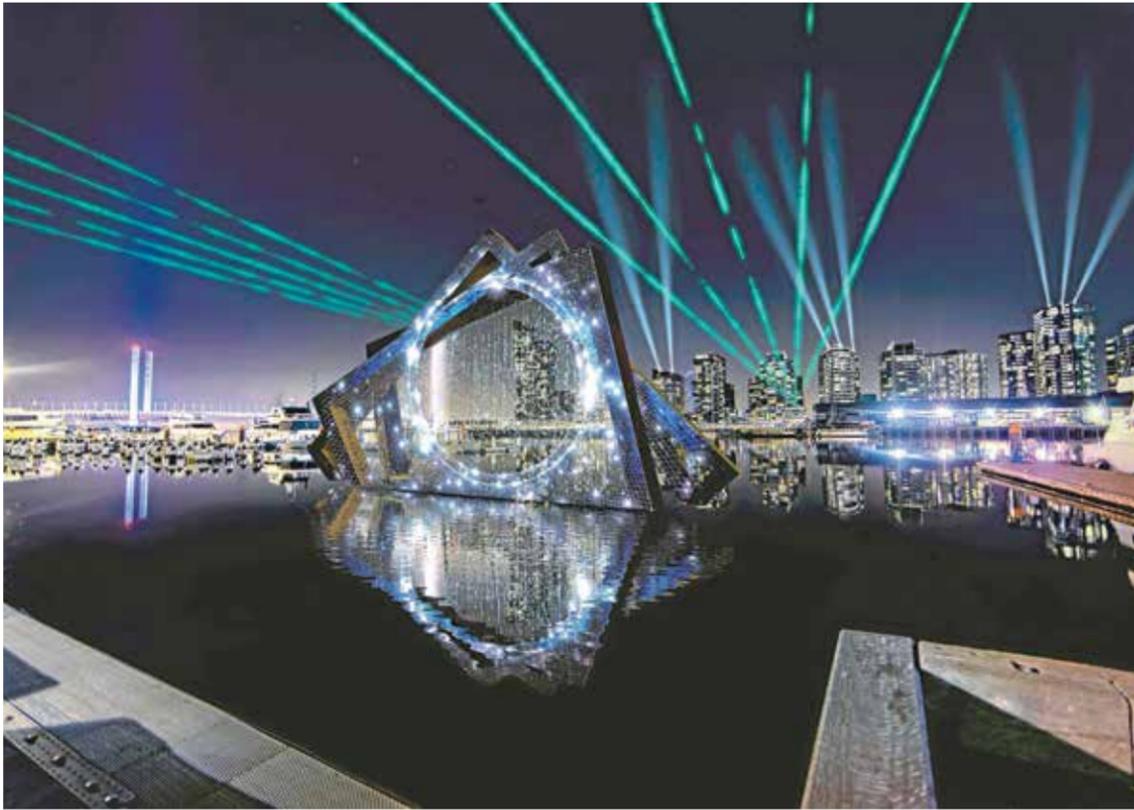


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▲ A render of a diagonal evening sculpture near the corner of Harbour Esplanade and Victoria Promenade.

Kuksal to be referred for perjury

A Supreme Court judge says he is referring local short-stay operator Shivesh Kuksal to the Office of Public Prosecutions for perjury.

CRIME

At the end of a 167-page written judgement on January 24, Justice Michael Sifris said: "As I have discussed above at length, I suspect that Kuksal may have perjured himself in the witness box."

"I intend to refer Kuksal to the Office of Public Prosecutions. I will say nothing further," Justice Sifris said.

The judge also found three companies in which he said Mr Kuksal was the "beneficial owner" – Kornucopia Pty Ltd, Efektiv Pty Ltd and Avante Garde Ventures Pty Ltd – insolvent and ordered they be wound up.

Two separate actions were brought against the companies – one by 889 Collins St landlord Jeffrey Chen for rent owing since November 2018 and one by Mr Kuksal's former legal representatives Madgwicks for \$272,836.45 in unpaid fees.

Justice Sifris said the wind-up applications should have been straightforward but took more than four months and necessitated some 300 pages of written judgements.

"On what should have been relatively straightforward winding up applications, there are now four Judgments of the Court, delivered in the course of four months, which exceed 800 paragraphs and almost 300 pages. The abuse of process is all one way," he said.

"They have been bedevilled by exhaustive and extensive procedural and interlocutory roadblocks. These include, but are not limited to, interlocutory skirmishes, numerous indulgences, breaches of court orders and adjournments, as well as generally obstructive and discourteous behaviour on the part of the Companies. The conduct of the Companies in this litigation has been appalling."

Among the matters Justice Sifris

refers to are four separate applications to have him stand aside from hearing the matters because of alleged bias.

Justice Sifris is also referring Mr Kuksal's inhouse lawyer Naveen Raghavan to the Legal Services Commissioner.

"It is a gross understatement to say that I am dissatisfied with the manner in which the Companies and their solicitor have conducted this litigation," Justice Sifris said.

"They have been rude and discourteous. They have continuously breached court orders. They have breached many of the overarching obligations contained within the *Civil Procedure Act 2010 (Vic)*. They have been untruthful. They have consistently and most unfairly alleged procedural unfairness, bias, and a long-standing medical condition that has not been given proper consideration."

"This has caused enormous frustration to the Court and the plaintiffs. The fact is that on the critical substantive matter (evidence of solvency) and the critical procedural matter (medical condition) there is not an iota of credible evidence."

Justice Sifris indicated that Mr Kuksal was likely to appeal his decisions and he went to great detail to explain his reasoning in his judgements.

Among his findings are: "I reject the evidence of Kuksal. He was a most untruthful witness and I will not accept any of his evidence unless it is supported by other cogent documentary evidence;" "Kuksal was persistently evasive, argumentative and hostile ...;" and "Kuksal challenged matters which were plainly indisputable."

On Mr Raghavan's alleged illness which prevented his appearing at

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Vision to put Docklands on the map

EXCLUSIVE BY Sean Car
LOCAL NEWS

A new permanent laser and light show, as seen overseas in the likes of Dubai and Hong Kong, could be making its way to Docklands under a proposal from the Docklands Chamber of Commerce (DCC).

Revealing its plans exclusively to *Docklands News* last month, the DCC has teamed up with internationally renowned entertainment company Laservision in an effort to bring a year-round attraction to Victoria Harbour.

The installation uses a combination of laser, lighting, water screening, fountain, digital and audio technologies to produce a unique 360-degree visual display, which the DCC estimates would generate more than \$300 million in economic benefits to Victoria.

As it finalises its business case to present to the state government and the City of Melbourne, DCC president Johanna Maxwell said it would soon be hosting a series of community engagement sessions to allow Docklanders

the chance to have their say.

Mrs Maxwell said that in light of the tragic closure of Central Pier, as well as the cancellation of Australia Day fireworks, the time was right to be pushing for an attraction that the DCC executive and members believed would "put Docklands on the map."

"It's about making Docklands a must-go-to area of the City of Melbourne. It's really the jewel in Melbourne's crown," she said. "However, we could utilise it better."

"We have seven kilometres of waterways and beautiful spaces out there that we can utilise and attract more visitors to Docklands."

"We have space where we can tell a story, take a journey around the waterways, share our maritime heritage and celebrate the artistic content that Docklands can have."

Made famous at locations such as the Burj Khalifa in Dubai, Marina Bays Sands in Singapore and Symphony of Lights in Hong Kong, Laservision's work has also featured in a range of major Australian cultural and sporting events.

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As we enter a new decade, we thought it was high time that we refreshed your Docklands News.

My team and I at Hyperlocal News are proud and humbled to be able to use this valuable community asset to keep our readers abreast with what's going on each month in postcode 3008.

While our original mastheads have served *Docklands News* and sister publications *CBD News* and *Southbank Local News* well for many years, we've gone with a fresh look that we feel more accurately matches the quality and keeps in tune with the changing needs of our city.

Same *Docklands News*; different look and feel. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the team at Studio Hi Ho for guiding us through our redesign. It's been a great journey and we look forward to seeing where it continues.

And to our readers, contributors and advertisers; thank you for your continued support of *Docklands News*. We hope you enjoy your new-look newspaper.

Sean Car
 Publisher
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A message from the Lord Mayor of Melbourne Sally Capp ...

Melbourne is Australia's fastest-growing city and will be the biggest by the end of the decade. More people than ever before are choosing to live close to where they work and near the best places to unwind. And this is driving development throughout our CBD, Docklands and Southbank. Melbourne's economy has just reached a turnover of \$100 billion annually. Our workforce is brimming with skilled workers and entrepreneurs, teachers and nurses, artists and performers. We welcome a community with diverse skills, experiences and interests to support a bright future.

As our city changes and continues to grow it is important that we have effective ways to communicate and connect. Our local media has a significant role to play in meeting the changing needs of local communities.



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and committed local publications that cover the CBD, Docklands and Southbank in depth. The cares, concerns and pulse of our communities are recorded each month and this allows local issues to be debated and ideas to be presented.

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Vision to put Docklands on the map

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The DCC says that a permanent attraction in Docklands would help it become a number one tourist destination in Melbourne and provide a significant boost to local hospitality and accommodation providers by creating a new evening attraction.

Mrs Maxwell said the 360-degree nature of Victoria Harbour gave Docklands a unique advantage to showcase the attraction, creating a new visual platform for artists, celebrating major events and showcasing local indigenous and maritime culture.

“If we look at Hong Kong Harbour, that’s a daily event at 7pm every night and the foreshore around the harbour and the water is chockas. There are people everywhere and it’s a must-see event,” she said.

“The Dubai Entertainment Centre has a similar installation to what we’re looking at here for Docklands where there are multiple water installations that tell a story. People can come to NewQuay and see one vision of the story but then come to Victoria Promenade or Harbour Esplanade and see a different vision.”

“We’re also planning artistic water features that would run during the day ... what a great place to relax and enjoy the ambience of the waterways.”

Unlike fireworks, Mrs Maxwell said that the permanent activation was not susceptible to weather conditions and was therefore, more sustainable and environmentally friendly. She said an environmental effect statement (EES) would be included as part of the final business case.

With a completed business case to be taken to potential private and government sponsors, the DCC said an entry-level attraction would be possible for less than \$15 million.

Much like Docklands Primary School, which will open in 2021, Mrs Maxwell said permanent activation of the waterways was one of the original visions of the Docklands Community Forum and that it was important that locals threw their support behind the idea.

“To make it a reality we need our residents buy in, our businesses buy in and then we need to finalise a business case to take up to state government and to the City of Melbourne and then arrange how we



deliver this and what benefits it can bring,” she said
“We’ve seen some studies of what it can bring to Docklands and the financial benefits for both our businesses and residents is significant. People can get involved and we want to keep our community informed.”

“This is a community and business community initiative that all of Docklands has to be proud of and be part of. If you feel passionate about Docklands succeeding and seeing it continuing to grow into the world class area that it can be, please come along to our forums and see what we envisage and have your input.”

What do you think about a new permanent light and laser show for Docklands? Send your thoughts to news@docklandsnews.com.au ●

Community forums will be held on February 19 (7.30am - 10am) and February 20 (5:30pm - 8pm) at the Community Hub behind Library at the Dock. To register: visitdocklands.com.au

Webb Bridge resurfacing slip up

WORDS BY *Meg Hill*
COUNCIL AFFAIRS

The Webb Bridge was closed for three weeks last year for waterproofing works worth \$140,000, but the council said the resurfacing work had become a hazard.

Resident Sue Mason said she couldn’t believe her eyes when she saw a “slippery-when-wet” sign on the bridge in January.

“Didn’t we just close the bridge for resurfacing/painting? Why didn’t we use non-slip products when we undertook this work?” she said. “What a terrible waste of public time and funds.”

But a spokesperson from the City of Melbourne said the work was meant to make the surface slip resistant.



What a terrible waste of public time and funds.



“The Webb Bridge was resurfaced with a protective seal to help protect the bridge from the elements. Professional advice was taken from experts in the selection of the surface treatment, this included the need for the surface to be slip resistant,” the spokesperson said.

“The bridge was re-opened on November 1, 2019, but unfortunately we’ve received complaints from cyclists that the new surface is slippery when wet.”

The spokesperson said council was working on a solution that “addresses concerns”.

“We apologise for the inconvenience caused by this work,” the spokesperson said ●



▲ A caution sign on Webb Bridge last month.

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ENVIRONMENT

The City of Melbourne continues to demonstrate the urgency in reducing carbon emissions in our city, both through its own actions and influencing others to act in the community and other levels of government.

Thanks to major initiatives such as the Australian-first Melbourne Renewable Energy Project (MREP), 100 per cent of the council's electricity comes from renewable energy. The project, a partnership with 13 other organisations, enabled a new wind farm to be built in Ararat to power our city's infrastructure. The council's operations are also certified as carbon neutral along with a number of events it delivers including Fashion Week, Melbourne Knowledge Week and Melbourne Music Week.

Through its Act Now campaign, environment portfolio chair Cr Cathy Oke said the City of Melbourne was part of a local and international movement of cities acting to reduce emissions and address climate change impacts.

"The City of Melbourne is already investing in renewable energy, green buildings and in better pedestrian and cycling infrastructure," Cr Oke said.

"The everyday choices we make in our cities and communities can affect the health of our environment, and we can all take meaningful action towards a more sustainable, resilient future."

"This could be purchasing 100 per cent GreenPower for your home or business, switching your superannuation or banking to a provider that has divested from fossil fuel, committing to reducing meat in your diet and sourcing your food locally, or choosing sustainable transport options."

"Melbourne is globally recognised for its credentials in environmental sustainability and through our Climate Change Mitigation Strategy we will continue to lead and inspire



▲ The City of Melbourne's co-director of climate change action Krista Milne on the rooftop of Positive Energy Places, 490 Spencer St.

ambitious and rapid climate change action among our residents, community organisations, businesses and beyond."

With its own Climate Change Mitigation Strategy setting a zero emissions target by 2050, council's co-director of Climate Change Action Krista Milne told *Docklands News* last month that it couldn't achieve this goal without action by the community and government.

With 60 per cent of the emissions coming from the commercial buildings sector, and 18 per cent of emissions coming from transport, Ms Milne said action across these sectors is a particular focus.

"We're already experiencing the impacts of climate change in our city, so we need to accelerate action now. We need leadership and everyone acting together to contribute to the global efforts to reduce emissions," she said.

"Programs such as CitySwitch which work with office-based businesses are a key way to drive change to business-as-usual. We help

participants measure and report emissions, and develop and implement environmental action plans to reduce energy consumption, emissions and waste production and improve staff wellbeing. CitySwitch participants saved more than \$5 million from reduced energy consumption alone and avoided more than 23,000 tonnes of carbon emissions in the last reporting year."

As well as working with businesses to support the transition to renewables through programs such as MREP and now MREP2, the council has for many years required sustainable design outcomes and energy efficiency in new buildings through the planning scheme ●

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Kuksal to be referred for perjury

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times, the judge said: "It is not necessary, and I do not intend to make a finding as to the legitimacy or otherwise of Raghavan's medical condition other than to say that it has not been established by cogent and proper medical evidence in the usual way."

The judge noted that during one occasion that Mr Raghavan was allegedly too ill to attend, he was actually involved in another matter in another court room.

"The only conclusion to be reached is that the

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There will be a winding up order in each case.

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Companies have intentionally and unashamedly used the suggested medical condition, legitimate or otherwise, of their solicitor as and when it suits them for tactical purposes. Raghavan has permitted or facilitated this. It is not lost on me that he is a solicitor and officer of the Court," Justice Sifris said.

Justice Sifris said he had given Mr Kuksal's companies every opportunity to present evidence of their solvency.

"What did they expect to happen when not the slightest inkling of solvency evidence – the most critical issue in the case – was given, despite numerous indulgences, prior to the plaintiffs having completed their cases?" he asked.

"There will be a winding up order in each case. I propose to appoint Brent Leigh

Morgan of Rodgers Reidy as liquidator of each of the Companies," Justice Sifris concluded ●

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Central Pier's uncertain future

Development Victoria's (DV) decision to permanently close Central Pier last month has left the community wondering what will become of Docklands' fading maritime heritage.

DV announced on January 3 that, following an "extensive 15-week assessment" by engineering firm KBR, it had decided against reopening the 103-year-old pier due to safety concerns.

The sudden evacuation of the pier on August 28 continues to leave many scratching their heads; a decision DV strongly denies was panicked. Despite \$7 million invested over three years to stabilise the pier, it maintains that "rapid deterioration" of the pier's piles had accelerated beyond repair from its previous bi-monthly inspection.

"Even if we were to invest significant funds and time in repairs, our engineers advise the issues will continue to resurface without ongoing specialist maintenance work. This investment would still not guarantee that the pier can be made safe for public access in the medium to long term due to its ongoing deterioration," DV CEO Angela Skandarajah said last month.

While DV said it was "committed to ensuring a future for Central Pier" so that it could be returned to the community "to safely enjoy for another 100 years," it had been left with no option but to demolish the pier.

However, as part of the heritage-listed Victoria Dock, no such action can be taken without the approval of Heritage Victoria and DV said that it was also committed to consulting the community and other stakeholders to "identify opportunities to rebuild the pier."

The decision was met "with a sense of disbelief" by the eight businesses on Central Pier, who, led by head tenant the Atlantic Group (which had a lease on the pier until 2026), continue to pursue compensation in the Federal



Central Pier
The 15-week investigation identified:

50%
of piles underneath Shed 9 need repair

15-20%
of piles underneath Shed 14 need repair

23-29%
further piles could significantly deteriorate over the next two years underneath both sheds

Court.

"The safety of our 1300 staff members and customers has always been our number one priority and it is clear now that tens of thousands of people have been put at serious risk over a long period of time due to Development Victoria and its failure to maintain Central Pier," a statement from tenants read.

Along with a handful of photos (like the one featured) showing failing piles and cracking beams, DV revealed last month through a "summary fact sheet" that an estimated 50 per cent of piles underneath Shed 9, and 15 - 20 per cent underneath Shed 14, required repair.

In addition to the "poor condition" of structural elements throughout the pier, DV said it was anticipated that efforts to rectify the pier's issues would take more than 14 months and cost "tens of millions of dollars."

While more details relating to the pier's structural issues are now known, the full engineering report that led to the pier's closure by KBR, which *Docklands News* continues to pursue under Freedom of Information (FOI), has never been publicly released.

A spokesperson for the Office of the Victorian Information Commissioner (OVIC) confirmed last month that DV had attempted to place a secrecy provision under section 38 of the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* on the document. An extension to retrieve the document has been granted to OVIC by *Docklands News* until February.

While no one doubts the pier's aging condition, the continual refusal to release complete information or seek further professional advice (as requested by tenants) makes it difficult for the public to conclude that the pier is, in fact, beyond repair.

It came after news emerged last month of structural issues at nearby Station Pier in Port Melbourne, which Ports Minister Melissa

Horne said of at the time, "like all structures, it requires regular maintenance to preserve it and ensure there are no safety issues."

As part of the National Highway Network, Station Pier is far more crucial to the government than Central Pier and naturally, it is investing to resolve its issues. But the contrasting response does call to question the quality of work being undertaken to stabilise Central Pier on behalf of DV's tenants until 2026 leading up to its closure.

With Victoria's net debt projected to keep ballooning as the government keeps up its record infrastructure spending on major projects such as the Metro and West Gate tunnels, the pier's closure will certainly help ease pressure on its books.

Nevertheless, while all issues will continue to be ironed out in court between both parties, what comes next for the pier remains a significant issue for the Docklands community. Will it be left to rot? Will it be demolished, and its piles incorporated into the existing sea of white caps? Or will it be restored and returned as a new attraction?

Rest assured, the community will not, and should not, rest lightly in ensuring that the maritime value of this historic asset is returned and respected as part of any future reincarnation. But what that future looks like could remain a mystery for some time ●



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Deserved honour for a maritime legend

WORDS BY *David Schout*
LOCAL NEWS

When Nigel Porteous went down to Docklands' iconic Mission to Seafarers in 2000, he could see the place was on its last legs.

Despite its long history as the second-oldest sailors welfare institution in the world, the place was struggling financially and in need of urgent assistance.

Mr Porteous had received a call from a friend, an Anglican Bishop (the church associated with the mission), and he knew things had to change, and fast.

"He asked me to go down and have a look what's going on," Nigel said.

"I went down and had a look, and it was clear they'd run out of money. They were about to close and move off to somewhere else. I said 'hang on, let's see what we can do'. It's an iconic building, the second-oldest mission in the world, we couldn't just walk away from it."

On the verge of being closed, the mission survived – but only just.

"I said 'look, give me a couple of months, and I'll see what I can do'. I rang around some shipping mates and asked if we could keep this show on the road."

And he did exactly that, raising much-needed funds to begin the financial recovery process.

Within six months they could employ a part-time fundraising coordinator, and eventually would open the heritage building to outside groups for events.

It was at this time he became the mission's vice chairman, a role he has held ever since.

"It was a close call," he said.

"It would've been tragic if we'd moved."

The story underlines why Mr Porteous was awarded with an Order of Australia medal (OAM) on Australia Day, for services to the community and to the shipping transport industry.

His dedication to the mission, which provides invaluable assistance to this day for seafarers



▲ *Mission to Seafarers vice chairman Nigel Porteous.*

from all around the world, is cherished by those within the industry.

Mission to Seafarers chief manager Sue Dight told Docklands News that without Mr Porteous stepping in, "the mission would no longer be".

His overhaul of the board 20 years ago was a pivotal turning point in the group's history.

He said the mission's cause was still somewhat misunderstood within the community, and that seafarers these days had a "fairly terrible life" working in an industry that demanded long periods away from family and little rest in between jobs.

As such, the mission becomes a "home away from home", where workers can receive practical care and moral support.

"I'm very conscious of the fact we're the second-oldest mission in the world. There's a responsibility that comes with that."

At 81, he still plans to spend the next few years with the mission, which is currently undergoing extensive refurbishment works ●

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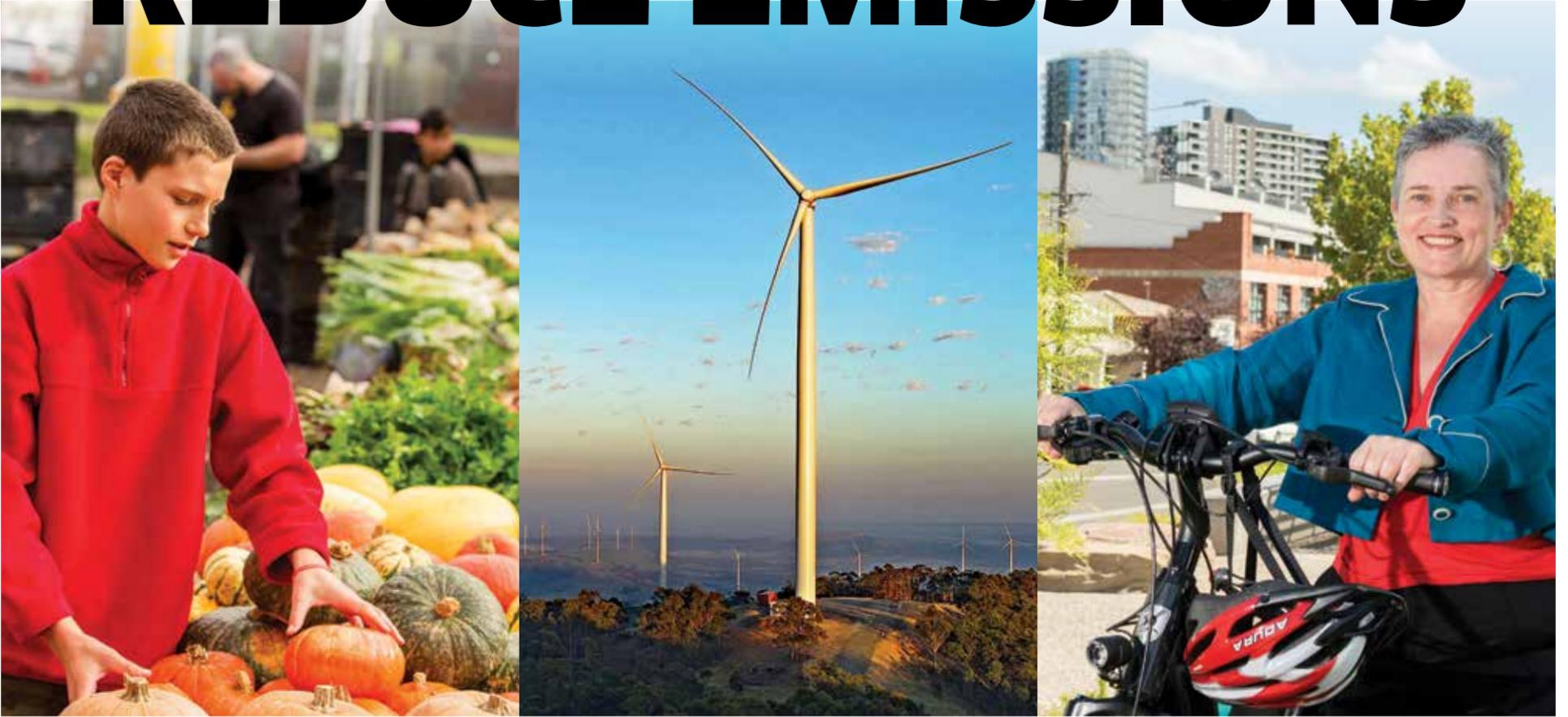
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Primary school tops out

EDUCATION

Local families are a step closer to getting a state-of-the-art vertical school with Docklands Primary School's main structures topping out last month.

Minister for Education James Merlino and Member for Albert Park Martin Foley visited the \$19.8 million site on January 6 to mark the end of the construction of the school's buildings which are now ready to be fitted out for the start of next year.

The new three-storey vertical school will cater for 525 students, with an on-site early learning centre providing 66 kindergarten places.

The early learning centre will include two kindergarten rooms, administration areas, amenities and an outdoor learning terrace. The primary school will include modern classrooms as well as a library, music and arts rooms, a competition-grade indoor court for basketball and netball and outdoor learning terraces.

"Melbourne's population is booming and we've invested almost \$170 million in inner-city vertical schools to make sure there are enough school places for young Victorians," Mr Merlino said.

"This year we are expecting to reach 1 million students in Victoria, and such demands mean we need to innovate how we educate Victorian students which is why schools like Docklands Primary are necessary." ●



Neighbourhood volunteers

WORDS BY Meg Hill
COMMUNITY

Docklands' pop-up Neighbourhood House has started the new year with momentum, receiving so much interest from volunteers, staff can't quite keep up.

Docklands News reported on the opening of the pop-up last year and the need for volunteers to join the project.

Community development worker Carolynne Venn said the pop-up had enjoyed a great start to the year.

"We have been fortunate to already have 12 wonderful volunteers and we're starting to plan for the year," she said.

"Some of our main activities will be a Hindu event during Cultural Diversity Week, an event for International Women's Day, regular games sessions, morning teas and classes."

"If anyone has a skill they would like to share then we would love to hear from them. We are open to all ideas."

Ms Venn said the volunteers who had joined the pop-up had already started to create a sense of community.

"Volunteers from different backgrounds and demographics are connecting with each other. All of them were strangers when they walked in here, but now I see them laughing together and having a great time," she said ●

Ms Venn said the volunteers who had joined the pop-up had already started to create a sense of community.



Visit the pop-up at The District Docklands or contact Carolynne at:

commdev@centre.org.au

Lord Mayor backs fireworks cancellation

WORDS BY David Schout and Sean Car
COUNCIL AFFAIRS

The City of Melbourne supported a state government move to scrap Australia Day fireworks in Docklands as a result of the ongoing bushfire crisis.

The decision was made as many Parks Victoria staff members, who are usually involved in the January 26 event, had been redeployed to the state's east and northeast to assist in the bushfire effort.

Lord Mayor Sally Capp had no hesitation in backing the move.

"We fully support the Victorian Government's decision to cancel Australia Day fireworks at Docklands. We understand the need to prioritise state resources in response to the bushfires."

A government spokeswoman said they understood the decision may have disappointed some families, but it had to do what was best for those doing it tough throughout the state.

The fireworks were due to take place around 9pm on Harbour Esplanade on January 26.

Other aspects of the celebrations were unaffected, including music, dance, art and food trucks. However, the cancellation resulted in a significant drop in numbers from previous years, with resident Trevor Pollard describing the celebrations as "pathetic."

"The council must have known crowd numbers would be down after cancelling the fireworks. Minuscule crowds spread on both sides of Victoria Harbour."

The Docklands Chamber of Commerce also expressed its disappointment.

"Australia Day crowds were much smaller than expected. Some traders reported that it more closely resembled a normal Saturday night of trading rather than our iconic Australia Day celebrations." ●

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The “mini city” under Southern Cross

There’s a network of tunnels kilometres long under Southern Cross Station that were built back in the 1800s.

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It was back when conductors carried guns to protect large sums of cash transported on the trains.

But today, the subways under Spencer St are filled in.

Under the station, however, the tunnels are still buzzing. *Docklands News* was taken on a tour by station management.

“It really is like a mini city under here,” a management staff member said. “It’s basically our back of house. We have over 800 operational staff at the station, and most use the tunnels as part of their work.”

“It’s how we keep 75 million people a year and 300,000 a day moving.”

Buggies drive around the tunnels transporting goods and rubbish. There are office spaces for different teams of staff.

There’s even an entire commercial kitchen supplying V/Line trains.

There are two sets of tunnels – the northern and the southern. Both were originally built in the 1800s, and some sections have been repurposed through the station’s expansions.

Some still have the original tiles and wall. One section of fenced away wall still holds an old timetable with disused train lines listed.

When Southern Cross Station was built to replace Spencer Street Station the station remained in use the whole time – meaning the tunnels were central to the development.

The tunnels were sealed off from the public and used to build the new station. Now they house much of the station’s day-to-day operations and equipment.

Much of it is also too dangerous to reopen. But every day, hundreds of staff use the tunnels to keep the station running.

Youth groups have even been brought to spend the day around the tunnels on vocational programs.

“It’s about showing how many jobs there are here. It’s not just standing at a gate, there’s hundreds of jobs keeping this place running.” ●



▲ The top of one of the tunnel shafts travelling underneath Southern Cross Station from Spencer St.

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MAB’s Escala defies the odds

WORDS BY Jack Hayes
DEVELOPMENT

As the appetite for high-rise development in Melbourne declines, one Docklands stalwart continues to buck trends. NewQuay based developer MAB has forged ahead with construction of its \$135 million mixed-use development Escala despite widespread apprehension in Melbourne’s residential market.

According to a recent JLL Market Report, the number of developments submissions for approval in Melbourne has reduced from 18,000 apartments in mid-2017 to just 1700 apartments as of mid-2019.

Further data from the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) echoes this sentiment with apartment approvals falling to a seven-year low in late 2019, down by 9.7 per cent – the lowest monthly figure since July 2012.

MAB general manager of residential David Allt-Graham said Escala had managed to overcome challenging market conditions since its launch in February 2018.

“The current market conditions do not forgive any misstep. The product must be compelling. It must be competitively priced and delivered to a high standard,” Mr Allt-Graham said.

“Our product is different, giving Escala great cut-through. The loft product, with mezzanines opening into double-height living spaces is unique at the price points we are offering.”

Designed by Melbourne architecture firm Six Degrees, Escala has a durable artisan quality that stands out in the marketplace. Its nostalgic brick façade, with steel windows and stained-glass inlays, has appealed to both residential and commercial owner-occupiers.

Mr Allt-Graham said Docklands continued to draw purchasers, including owner-occupiers, as demonstrated with the recent successful settlement of its \$160 million Elm & Stone apartment building at NewQuay.

Settlements were called in April, with more than 85 per cent of apartments settled within six weeks and just two



▲ A render of Escala at Docklands Drive in NewQuay.

apartments currently remain available for sale.

In a marketplace where new apartment releases have virtually dried up, MAB continues with its plans for a new Docklands project in 2020.

“There were no projects released in Docklands in 2019, and we may be one of the few in 2020. The fundamentals in Docklands are strengthening in terms of quality, amenity and scarcity, but the prices of new projects are also rising - so it is a delicate balance right now,” Mr Allt-Graham said ●

Wellness studio opens

HEALTH & WELLBEING

Collins Square has added a wellness studio to its precinct. The wellness studio Mellobarre, managed by leading wellness operator Wellineux, caters to office workers who find it hard to relax and unwind throughout the busy workday.

It provides a range of movement programs, initiatives and Allied Health Services to the precinct’s corporate community and Docklands.

Mellobarre provides health and wellbeing consultations, naturopathy, physiotherapy, chiropractic care, massage, acupuncture and a range of integrative workshops centred around the eight keys of wellbeing to the 28,000 workers and visitors of the precinct daily.

Founder Amanda McMillan said Mellobarre brought together a holistic team of leading practitioners and experts within the health and wellbeing field.

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A big summer break but your councillors work hard

WORDS BY *Stephen Mayne*
COUNCIL AFFAIRS

Being a City of Melbourne councillor can be a time-consuming job but one thing that tends to happen over the silly season is that you get a decent break from public meetings. Summer has certainly been a frenetic time for councillors in bushfire zones and they've even received a modest pay supplement from Spring St given the huge workload to help rebuild their communities.

At City of Melbourne, the last public gathering was the December 10 council meeting and the councillors won't be back together again in public until the Future Melbourne Committee (FMC) meeting on February 4.

That's a break of seven straight Tuesdays, but don't worry, when it comes to public meetings, City of Melbourne councillors are close to the hardest working group in the country with three meetings a month for 11 months of the year.

There are still many councils across Australia which only meet once a month in public with all councillors attending, let alone have four separate 15 minute public question time sessions each month at the beginning and the end of the two FMC meetings.

So, what has been happening over summer? In an election year, it's no surprise that the biggest point of consideration has been the jockeying and juggling around who is contesting the 2020 elections. Everyone is remaining publicly tight-lipped.

However, deputy Lord Mayor Arron Wood has continued to canvas support for a Lord Mayor tilt among councillors and potential media backers and, if he commits to the biggest challenge of his political career, would be expected to line up a ticket with the old Team Doyle rump comprising some but not all of Susan Riley, Kevin Louey and Bev Pinder.

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to run because it is time to move on from the Doyle era and incumbent Lord Mayor Sally Capp is doing a good job. There's no substantial case for her removal. However, he's giving it serious consideration.

The Lord Mayor is also believed to have been canvassing potential members of a Team Capp ticket and will want an injection of new talent with at least one incumbent on the team to demonstrate that she can work well with existing councillors. Nicholas Reece and Philip Le Liu are the two most likely incumbent councillors to get on board, but neither is assured or committed.

So, with council in recess, what else is there to write about?

As a former councillor, I thought we'd finish this month's column with a couple of nuggets from days gone and some predictions:

CEO Justin Hanney

The new boss is performing well. In light of this, one of my biggest regrets is not poaching him from the state government for the job earlier in 2015 when he was available. Indeed, don't be surprised if this class act CEO ends up emulating the great Elizabeth Proust who rose from CEO of City of Melbourne to secretary of the Department of Premier and Cabinet during the latter half of the Kennett era.

A new broom: The City of Melbourne executive ranks have long featured lots of long-serving officers. They are well paid too with 143 of them earning more than \$148,000 from ratepayers in 2018-19, according to the 2018-19 annual report. They are the best paid council staff in the country, a trend which first emerged during Andy Friend's period as CEO in the 1990s. Given this history, why would you leave? After a period of relative stability in the early months of the Hanney reign, he spilled a significant number of positions towards the end of last year. Never easy, but probably the right call to inject some new blood.

Citywide profits and leadership

Few people realise that Citywide is a business 100 per cent owned by City of Melbourne which provides a variety of services to councils, universities, state governments and the likes of VicRoads up and down the eastern seaboard. John Brumby was first appointed to the Citywide board in 2012, partly because then Lord Mayor Robert Doyle wanted to send then Premier Ted Baillieu a message after he overlooked the former Labor Premier for a position in the health sector. Brumby later succeeded Mark Birrell as Citywide chair in 2015 and has done an excellent job stabilising the place after the departure of long-serving CEO Kerry Osborne four years ago. The 2018-19 annual report reveals a pre-tax profit of \$6.8 million on revenues of \$235 million which was a solid result in a competitive operating environment.



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Reducing pay disclosure

One disappointing development at Citywide was the decision to no longer precisely reveal the pay details of its board and management, something it did in the annual report from 2015 until 2018. CEO Chris Campbell is a former BHP executive who was paid 332k in 2015-16, 434k in 2016-17, 665k in 2017-18 and an undisclosed sum in 2018-19, although he was presumably the person disclosed as earning somewhere between \$600,000 and \$700,000 in council's annual report. Citywide should have kept following the lead of council, which for the past six years, has published the contract terms and pay details of its five most senior executives, something no other council outside Victoria does.

Dramatic drop in councillor motions

There was close to 150 motions from councillors over the previous council term from 2012-16 and I'll confess to being responsible for around 50 of them. However, a little tweak of rules early in the current term saw this number plunge, partly because you now need two councillors rather than just one to get a motion on the agenda. That said, in an election year you should expect a few more councillor motions in the months ahead, provided the proponent can find a fellow councillor to back the proposal so it is listed for debate ●



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Are you ready for the peak season in the Docklands rental market?

Some property investors may be unaware that the New Year period is often the busiest time of the year for the Docklands rental market.

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▲ Local netballing couple Bek Grouios and Alex White.

Lasting links via mixed netball

WORDS BY *David Schout*
SPORT

With a thriving competition on the Harbour Esplanade courts, Docklands social netball is forming lasting connections for those involved, especially Bek Grouios.

When the Docklands competition started a year ago, Bek was tasked with coordinating the evening games in her part-time role with Melbourne Social Netball.

A family lawyer by day, she has worked with the group for seven years in coordinating, umpiring and admin work, feeding her netball passion – a sport she has been involved in since the age of four.

In organising the new teams, many of the new groups that emerged in Docklands were work sides given its location near many corporate offices and businesses.

Bek was particularly drawn to one team, where she met a man named Alex White.

“We had a lot of work teams to start, and one of the things that drew me to Alex’s team was how fun his work team was,” she said.

“They’d get there early and always had a laugh and heckle each other. We had quite a few work teams that were really friendly and would love to come down and unwind on the court, which is exactly what we want.”

Noticing Alex most weeks, some swift work from his colleague would put them in touch properly.

“He’d down with his puppy, who’s adorable, and we’d talk and eventually one of his friends on the team said to me ‘you should chat (beyond netball) to Alex,’” Bek explained to *Docklands News*.

“I thought ‘oh, yeah, I’m not sure’. Anyway, she actually left a post-it note on Alex’s work computer with

my number on it. So, he texted me and we started talking and the rest is history. Oh, and now we’re having a baby!”

It’s yet another example of mixed netball proving the catalyst for friendships and, in this case, something more.

Soon after becoming closer, Bek and Alex would begin playing together at the Flagstaff Gardens courts up the road, another venue in the Melbourne Social Netball stable.

She said most mixed players began playing the sport with few expectations, and were often surprised with the outcome.

“I’m a single mum with a four-year-old daughter. I certainly didn’t think I’d meet someone at netball (laughs).”

While she has taken a step back with the impending birth of her and Alex’s child, Bek said the Docklands competition was “thriving.”

She said that while many teams were corporate sides, there were groups of friends and even individuals who played at the Harbour Esplanade courts (which had recently been resurfaced).

In fact, one team of individuals who were put together for season one has remained as a team, and still play together ●

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University of Adelaide to open Docklands campus

WORDS BY *Meg Hill*
EDUCATION

The University of Adelaide will open its Melbourne campus in Docklands in July in a partnership with the Kaplan Business School.

The campus will offer both undergraduate and postgraduate programs in fields such as IT, commerce, accounting and finance out of the Kaplan building on Docklands Drive.

The campus is expected to attract several hundred new students over the coming years and will initially be open to international students.

It’s the first time the 146-year-old university has opened a campus outside its home state.

Vice-Chancellor professor Peter Rathjen said the new Melbourne campus would open up the University of Adelaide’s world-class education to more students.

“Our new presence in Melbourne supports the University of Adelaide’s strategic direction to provide an innovative, 21st century education to a growing community of learners,” professor Rathjen said.



“While modest in size compared to our existing campuses, the new Melbourne campus will broaden the reach of a University of Adelaide education in areas in which we excel.”

“It will further position our university as a leader in modern learning and provide us with an entry point into the eastern states.”

The campus will also have the capacity to expand its offerings in the future. The academic programs will be designed by the university and taught by Kaplan academic staff.

Managing director of Kaplan Australia Rob Regan said Kaplan was excited to work with the university.

“Kaplan has operated a pathway college to the University of Adelaide since 2007 and became the preferred pathway provider in 2016,” he said.

“The new campus consolidates and extends the long-term partnership between our two educational institutions.”

Enrolment is now open for 11 degree programs at the Melbourne campus ●

Drawing on Deakin’s wall

WORDS BY *Meg Hill*
ARTS & CULTURE

Deakin University’s Docklands site – Deakin Downtown – will showcase its first exhibition for the year with newly commissioned and rarely seen wall-based, site responsive artworks in *Drawing on the Wall*.

Curated by James Lynch, the exhibition features artists Julia Gorman, David Harley, Kerrie Poliness and Kenny Pittock.

The exhibition will create new works that maximise the architectural potential of Deakin’s gallery spaces – located on the 13th floor of Collins Square – and also provide hands on learning for students.

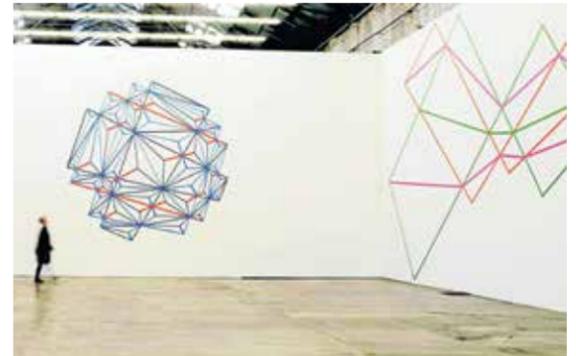
“Each of these newly commissioned works have been conceived by the artists with student participation and collaboration in mind,” Lynch said.

Consequently, the exhibition itself is a process of teaching and learning and creates relationship and knowledge.

Student Bianca Fletcher-Gunev said the work had been artistically educational.

“Installing large scale works alongside professional artists has provided me with a wonderful learning experience that is truly valuable to any aspiring artist,” she said.

Eight Deakin students have been working closely with the curator and artists to help realise and assist in bringing



▲ Kerrie Poliness: Wall drawings BBKO (left) and OMG (right) installation view.

the new artistic projects to fruition.

For example, Kerrie Poliness created instructions for students to follow to complete a major geometric crystal pattern artwork with sign-writing tape.

Students will work closely with Julia Gorman and Kenny Pittock as artist’s assistants.

Gorman will create an artwork based on floral design and textiles from the 1930s and ‘40s.

Pittock will work with students to create an artwork based on his love of the Australian vernacular, painting directly on the wall.

David Harley will also present a newly edited video projection which takes viewers through an animated space of mark making, colour and drawing.

The exhibition will show from February 18 to March 27 ●

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Tides of change documented in new exhibition

WORDS BY *David Schout*
ARTS & CULTURE

A new photographic exhibition at Library at The Dock depicts the Port of Melbourne's changing face from 1936 to 1959, and the true scope of activity on the city's docks during this time.

Time and Tide is a collection of more than 1600 negatives commissioned and gathered by J.B.O Hosking, Melbourne Harbour Trust's chief engineer during this period.

A group of dedicated volunteers at the Public Record Office Victoria (PROV) spent over two years digitising, indexing and captioning the black and white images, which capture the progress, excitement and danger of Melbourne's ports.

PROV assistant director of access services David Taylor first noticed the incredible images when chatting with one of their 160 dedicated volunteers.

"I just asked what she was working on and thought 'oh my god, this is amazing, people need to see these,'" he said.

"It's an amazing record of Melbourne's history and an area that few knew about to this extent. I thought 'this is something we must show'."

The negatives had been in PROV's possession since the early '90s, passed on from the Melbourne Harbour Trust, but had not been properly examined and presented until recently.

The exhibition itself includes almost 200 images from the collection, and Mr Taylor said it was easy to be struck by the scope of activity on the docks in that period, including images that even show circus animals being unloaded.

"(But) what's most fascinating for me is actually the clothing people wore," he said.

"When you look at these photos, the clothes aren't associated with working – men look smarter. There are some beautiful photos of events and the women look amazing."

Beyond the aesthetic, Mr Taylor said the inherent risks of working on the port were very apparent.



▲ Central Workshops, Pigott St. Test load on 45 foot timber gangway, 1946.

"It was certainly dangerous, there's no way modern occupational health and safety standards would have ticked off what went on," he laughed.

He described Mr Hosking as "a public servant of great vision", and was pleased that by June this year, all the exhibition's photographs will be available online for the public to download.

"PROV is grateful to J.B.O Hosking that he had the foresight to document this piece of history. It's amazing that the photos in his bound book have made their way onto the World Wide Web for everyone to see."

Mr Taylor said the exhibition's location at Library at the Dock "couldn't be better", as several places depicted in the photographs can be seen through the windows of the gallery.

This sentiment was reflected by Cr Jackie Watts in her speech at the exhibition's official opening on January 16.

"It's important in a multicultural city such as ours that our community understands the social geographical and economic heritage we now share," Cr Watts said.

"Much of it centres on the port – the livelihoods of those employed, the new infrastructure, the social life, the prosperity. These images tell the many tales thanks to the insight of this remarkable harbour master. How apt to be enjoying these images by the very waterways where many of them were taken." ●

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Time and Tide is showing daily at Library at the Dock until February 20.



Seabins keep waterways clean

WORDS BY *Meg Hill*
ENVIRONMENT

The City of Melbourne is using floating rubbish bins to stop litter washing into the Yarra River at Docklands.

Lord Mayor Sally Capp said five "Seabins" have been installed at Yarra's Edge Marina following a successful trial earlier this year.

"Unfortunately, an estimated 1.4 billion pieces of rubbish flow into Port Phillip Bay from the Yarra and Maribyrnong rivers each year," the Lord Mayor said.

"Using Seabins, we can collect up to 200 kilograms of rubbish a day. The Seabin units catch cigarette butts and plastic packaging as well as oil, detergent and micro plastics that can't be seen by the human eye."

"A Seabin is the size of a domestic rubbish bin and works like a pool skimmer. It floats on the water's surface and collects litter using an underwater pump."

The Seabins are emptied twice daily and data is sent to Seabin Foundation's Pollution Index and Tangaroa Blue Foundation.

The data helps monitor the impact of debris along Australia's coastline and informs the City of Melbourne about litter reduction.

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Docklands digs deep for bushfire appeal

WORDS BY *David Schout*
PHOTOGRAPHY BY *Sean Car*
LOCAL NEWS

Two of Docklands' favourite restaurants teamed up with local businesses to help raise more than \$13,000 for the Victoria Bushfire Appeal on January 15.

Despite inclement weather forcing the fundraiser to be relocated indoors to the upstairs function space at Berth from Cargo's beer garden next door at New Quay Promenade, the event proved a major success.

A live auction, led by Lucas real estate agent Mark Sutherland, attracted some wonderful prizes donated by local businesses, while a large raffle saw few leaving empty handed as the team at Berth put on a delicious spread of food and beverages for guests.

Docklands Sports Club (DSC) was also one of several local community groups that came together in the wake of the bushfire crisis.

At short notice, the club organised a range of activities on January 19 where attendees were asked to contribute \$10 to bushfire relief.

The club also ran a raffle that included a number of donated prizes including a double-pass to the Australian Open and other sports equipment.



▲ Mark Sutherland from Lucas Real Estate auctions off prizes at Berth on January 15.

Altogether, DSC raised over \$500 on the day, which was matched by a local business on the day to help bring the total to over \$1000.

President Carina Parisella said it was the club's small way of contributing to the crisis that had wreaked havoc in south-eastern Australia.

On the day, the club held cricket, soccer and American football clinics at Ron Barassi Snr Park, while other locals enjoyed indoor yoga classes ●



▲ Participants gather for a photo at the DSC's fundraiser on January 19.



▲ Rus Littleton demonstrates how to design a digital marketing campaign.

Media guys offer support

WORDS AND PHOTOGRAPHY BY *Rhonda Dredge*
LOCAL NEWS

Ever since the bushfires hit, people in unaffected areas have been figuring out ways of helping those in suffering communities.

Rus Littleton runs a media company in Docklands, specialising in managing photographic libraries.

Last week he read that tourism to rural areas in Victoria had dropped by 10-20 per cent.

"The United States put out advice: don't go to Australia. Sydney's on fire. It's not true. They had to reverse that damage," Mr Littleton said.

The problem is that tourists, both international and local, have been put off visiting areas that are nowhere near the bushfires.

"If you're realistic about this. Tourism across Victoria is suffering because of Gippsland."

After talking to his mate Craig Harris from an online marketing company, they came up with a plan.

XL.Today is a professional marketing tool that helps a business design a digital campaign in a minute and access five different channels in social media in five minutes.

Users fill in a few tabs, upload photographs and play around with the parameters in their customer base. They don't have to log in separately to each of the media.

Usually a subscription costs US\$520 a month but the media guys are offering a year's free use of the product to any small tourism business in Victoria and New South Wales to help them overcome the bushfire effect.

"We've done it before in Japan," Mr Littleton said. He travelled to Sendai a year after the tsunami and offered the product to businesses in unaffected parts of the town to help them rebuild.

"It did have an effect. It was a good thing to do," he said. "In Japan corporate civic responsibility is a huge part of business."

XL.Today is an attractive product that promises to add a creative touch to the recovery efforts of tourism providers such as caravan parks, tourism authorities and restaurants.

Users can send a special message using a formula to access email, SMS, Twitter, Instagram and Facebook, with the choice of uploading up to 50 photographs.

"A restaurant can send out a message they have a seafood special on this Sunday," Mr Littleton said.

"You can divide up customers and leverage information from the mailing list. You can send it to everyone or make it age-based, for a roast dinner for example. You can use it to collect more information on customers. How much did they spend on the meal?"

Such tools were used a lot by retailers and those in the experience sector, he said.

Mr Littleton's company Media Equation manages an image bank for Tourism Victoria. The permissions are recorded within a program, enabling users to keep track of photographs.

Those keen to apply for support can access the program at XL.Today. The offer includes all phone support ●

Fundraiser at Magnet

ARTS & CULTURE

After the devastating bushfires in south-eastern Australia this summer, Magnet Gallery in Docklands is donating funds from its upcoming exhibition to the relief effort.

The gallery, located at The District, is soon to launch its *Memento* exhibition. Money raised will go towards the Country Women's Association (CWA) Emergency Fund.

The fund, which has been in operation since 1934, supports families with domestic expenses who have lost their homes in fires, floods or other emergencies.

Magnet's director Susanne Silver said it was fitting the upcoming exhibition, the annual celebration of female photographers, was helping the CWA.

"This exhibition is held in March every year to connect with International Women's Day on March 8. This year it's so appropriate that a group of women photographers will be donating to a women's group to help women and their families in fire-ravaged areas," Mrs Silver said.

Memento will feature works from over 30 photographers and explore the theme of memories and mementoes, acknowledging that along with their homes, those displaced from the fires lose treasured family memories, some of which have been passed down through generations. Prior to the outbreak of the fires, plans for the exhibition centred around celebrating the nine preceding years of the women's show.

Memento opens on February 13 with a launch event from 6:30pm - 8:30pm. The exhibition will then run until March 8 ●



▲ Magnet Gallery director Susanne Silver with two prints in the upcoming Memento exhibition.



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Nipping it in the bud

Sierra Laidman and Adam Weiss are passionate about cleaning up Docklands and keeping rubbish out of our waterways.

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In the two years they have lived in Australia, the pair has joined a range of environmental programs and volunteer organisations, set up a Docklands branch of Love Our Street, worked with corporations to reduce littering through advocacy and education, and all while expanding their business internationally.

Along with a group of Docklands residents, they started Love Our Street 3008 less than a year ago. Their first clean-up event was in September 2019 alongside Spring Clean Our City. They ran a stand-alone event in October.

"We were interested in starting this branch of Love Our Street to do litter clean-up and advocate for a cleaner Docklands," Adam said.

"We are the last place that everything passes before it ends up in Port Phillip Bay."

Sierra and Adam were successful applicants in the 2019 Nature Stewards program, run by Outdoors Victoria together with the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) and the City of Melbourne.

Sierra spoke highly of the program, "It was fabulous to find out about the ecology of the area, ways to get involved with organisations as volunteers and possible careers. That's how we connected to Yarra River Keepers who do Yarra Blitz clean-ups every couple of months and we started going to those."

This led them to find out about the well-established environmental organisations, Ocean Crusaders and Beach Patrol. Love Our Street is an arm of Beach Patrol.

Sierra said, "It's been a great way to get connected with other people who have the same values and ideas and want to make Docklands

more of that community feel."

Sierra and Adam moved to Docklands from California, USA in 2017 to set up the Australian branch of their business.

"The Victorian government was really enthusiastic about our business being here," Adam said.

Their business AppDemoVideos.com makes media for technological products, applications, software and hardware. "Predominately marketing, with some customer support and training," Sierra said.

They return to the US a couple of times a year. Adam added, "Melbourne is our primary residence and we hope to apply for permanent residency once we are qualified."

They have an office on Collins St but often work from home, out of the shared space in their Docklands building, The Quays, or in the NAB co-working space.

"Docklands is really central without feeling like you are in the CBD, there is more space and more public areas," Adam said.

Their view of the water has clearly made them reflect on our impact on the bay.

"Depending how you look at it, the structure of the bay means most of it [the litter] doesn't flow out because it's a big body of water with a small exit so most plastic ends up staying in the bay and washing onto the beaches," Adam said.

They said Beach Patrol's approach was two-pronged in stopping the rubbish reaching the waterways through street clean-ups, as well as through beach clean-ups.

Their efforts extend to working with businesses to advocate and educate their employees through staff inductions.

"One of the huge areas we have been focusing

▼ *Sierra Laidman and Adam Weiss.*



on is cigarette butt litter ... and it's employees in Docklands who are dropping cigarette butts when they come out on their lunch break," Adam said.

The pair has made good connections with NAB, which has sent employees to volunteer at the clean-ups. They are also in discussions with MAB Corporation. The group can collect around 9000 cigarette butts in an hour with 30 to 40 people. "You can pick them up but you know next week they will be back," Sierra said.

She said studies had shown that if one cigarette butt ends up in the water it will kill half of what lives in a whole litre, and that the number one source of marine litter in the world, by number, is cigarette butts.

They are keen to discourage littering with multiple approaches and want to warn people of the financial risks of not binning your butt.

"The fine is \$330 if the cigarette is not lit, and

\$660 if it is lit," Adam said.

"City of Melbourne has told us that there is a team out on a regular basis with targeted enforcement in Docklands."

"The real goal is to get people to not drop things to begin with."

Love Our Street 3008 run monthly meet-ups in Docklands. The next event will be held on February 16 at 10.45am, meeting at Cow up a Tree. BYO gloves! ●

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UPDATE ON THE WEST GATE TUNNEL PROJECT

The West Gate Tunnel Project is using the summer months on Melbourne's roads to carry out important works to build extra lanes on the West Gate Freeway.

Work is underway rebuilding two key ramps over the West Gate Freeway, to make room for widening the freeway from 8 to 12 through lanes.

This work includes rebuilding ramps that go over the West Gate Freeway at the M80 Ring Road interchange and replacing the piers with a frame structure to allow space for the extra lanes underneath. In addition, entry and exit ramps will be upgraded at Millers Road, as well as placing more barriers so that we can continue the freeway widening works during 2020.

During this work, ramps are closed for drivers including:

- The on-ramp connecting Geelong Road to the Princes Freeway (Geelong bound)
- The M80 Ring Road on-ramp to the West Gate Freeway (city bound)
- The Millers Road on-ramp to the West Gate Freeway (Geelong bound)
- The West Gate Freeway off-ramp at Millers Road (Geelong bound)

Detours are in place. During these works, which run to the end of February, you may experience delays on the M80 Ring Road, West Gate Freeway, and Princes Freeway.

Meanwhile in Footscray, preparations are well underway for the construction of a bridge over the Maribyrnong River. This bridge will connect the West Gate Tunnel to an elevated road above Footscray Road, linking the West Gate Tunnel to the city and CityLink once the tunnel opens.

When the tunnel is completed, drivers will have a choice - the tunnel or the bridge. Local residents will also benefit from 9000 trucks a day removed from streets in the inner west, with 24-hour truck bans on six local roads.



The West Gate Tunnel Project will provide four additional lanes on the West Gate Freeway

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Short-stay abuse despite resident's VCAT win

Residents in a prestige Melbourne apartment tower report that they are living in fear of abuse and violent threats from out-of-control short-stay guests – despite a VCAT ruling in favour of a resident who complained.

In a legal first, VCAT issued consent orders against Melbourne Serviced Apartments Pty Ltd for a string of disturbing short-stay incidents. The resident who complained was awarded compensation by the tribunal.

Undeterred, another short-stay operator continues to create havoc in the same building.

Imagine living in a building where short-stay guests repeatedly vomit from balconies, where residents are abused by party-goers at 2 or 3am and where your children find used condoms in common areas the next morning.

This is a nightmare lived by thousands of Victorians who live in residential apartments.

And the so-called "Airbnb Act" has not tamed the terrifying incubus of short-stays.

The Owners Corporations Amendment (Short-stay Accommodation) Act 2018 promises a puny compensation of up to \$2000 to residents. Residents have Buckley's chance of getting anything like this amount.

The complainant in this case went to VCAT and won \$1000 as compensation for "loss of amenity."

\$1000 is small potatoes for a litany of grievances – recreational drugs, vomiting, blood stains, cigarette butts, condoms, abuse, threats, noise, sleepless nights, mail theft ...

Hypothetically, the Airbnb Act should award the victim up to \$2000 per incident – which in this case, with more than 10 separate incidents, could add up notionally to \$20,000 or more.

With this precedent-setting case and consent orders issued, we know now what the VCAT benchmark is: let's call it \$100 compensation for each time a drunk short-stay guest vomits on your balcony or abuses you at your apartment door or in the lift.

How's that for a reward for taking time off work to negotiate the VCAT legal maze over a period of more than six months?

As a resident you would want to be looking at the strategic advantage of a VCAT consent order and how that would help you stand up to the bully-tactics of unscrupulous short-stay corporations. The monetary compensation is risibly pathetic.

The worst part is the relentless continuation of the incidents that are classified as loss of amenity.

Barely one month after this brave resident won VCAT consent orders, all hell broke loose.

The same apartment building was the scene of a violently abusive, riotous short-stay party.

An affected resident gave us this harrowing report:

"On a Saturday night in January, two apartments were rented out by Bella Manager Pty Ltd trading as Experience Hotel Apartments to a group of youths. About 50 people flooded the foyer and various floors with loud, drunken and abusive behaviour. I was threatened and abused by this group repeatedly. Police were called multiple times by scared residents. Security and police eventually evicted them. At around 5:30am the original group amazingly managed to re-enter the building."

"The safety of my family was compromised on Saturday. I am furious to learn that this group has caused problems in this building before and yet continue to be able to rent apartments with apparently little vetting and no proactive security checks in place."

"I chose to buy an apartment in a secure building, and I expected it to be secure. Short-stay providers operate a business model that blatantly compromises that security and the peaceful amenity of my home, while the managers of these businesses sleep soundly in their quiet beds."

We Live Here fought long and hard against the Mickey Mouse bill that is now enshrined in the OC Act 2018. A government media release on the day it became law stated: "Residents living in apartments next to short-stay accommodation shouldn't have to put up with rowdy parties and out-of-control guests – and that's what these tough new laws will deliver."

This case demonstrates how weak the legislation really is and with no review until 2021 what other recourse do residents have against the might of unscrupulous operators and an out-of-control and unregulated short-stay industry?

We will continue to lobby for regulation until the government catches up with the rest of the world. A good first start would be to actually listen to the voice of residents!

Airbnb memo: how not to pay GST

According to Neighbours Not Strangers (neighboursnotstrangers.com), Airbnb has emailed its landlords to offer advice on how to get out of paying GST on their host fees. GST applies to Airbnb's 3 per cent commission but, given Airbnb's massive turnover, this

still represents what some refer to as a major "swindle" on taxpayers and residents.

Short-stay response to bushfires angers users
Users of short-stay platforms such as Airbnb have been posting their outrage over the "no-cancellation" policy of the providers.

Under Australian consumer law, when a "frustration of contract" occurs, guests are entitled to a full refund of all prior payments.

This includes situations where "the authorities have advised that the area is not safe to enter."

Providers have been reported as refusing to allow refunds.

Meanwhile, Airbnb is struggling to appear magnanimous in the face of the national bushfire emergency.

In what seems a cynical gesture, Airbnb is leaning on its hosts to offer free accommodation in areas outside the perimeter of the fire-affected areas. Airbnb's media release makes it clear that other people will cop the bill for its so-called beneficence.

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The holiday season came and went and now's the time to schedule a much-needed catch-up with your friends. While you've spent 2019 trying every restaurant in Melbourne your colleagues have recommended, I bet there is one you're yet to try in Docklands. Tweet your friends and make it a foodie adventure date at The District - you won't regret it!

Did you know that dumplings symbolise wealth? The soft, doughy parcels of goodness are a must try at North East China Family at Eight Street, The District's very own Asian hawkers market-style food hall. And the goodness doesn't stop there. Add Ma La Tang to your list, a Szechuan dish filled with juicy meat and fresh vegetables served in a spicy soup, as spicy as you dare to go. Partner it up with a Japanese sake or Korean saju and you're all set!

Newly opened, and the first in Australia, Dohtonbori Okonomiyaki has quickly become a crowd favourite. At this teppanyaki-style dining experience the food is cooked right in front of you, and you can even choose to cook it yourself with the staff's help. We recommend the all-you-can-eat menu, after all it's the best way to experience this authentic Japanese restaurant.

If you're a sucker for a good pizza, the smell of dough cooking inside a wood-fired oven will pull you off the street and into SPQR Docklands. Our favourite is the Amatrice with San Marzano tomato, Italian guanciale, chilli,

garlic and aged pecorino cheese - yum! All pizzas can be made gluten free and they've got vegan cheese too.

Dessert? Thai-inspired Rolly's Roll will prepare each individual ice cream order with the freshest ingredients right in front of your eyes, served straight off the cold plate. Chocoblast and Srawfer are the most popular flavours, but if you're up for something different try the Fruitoholic, a mix of fruit and nuts with a vanilla base milk.

Every good meal comes in a partnership with a good drink. With only windows separating the 25-hectolitre brewhouse and pub, Urban Alley Brewery beers couldn't be any better. The Brewpub is more than just a craft beer hall, their menu features modern interpretations of traditional pub classics, perfect on any day of the week.

And if your friends all want to try something different, why not take the recommendation of local resident and ex-My Kitchen Rules grand finalist Lee Chan. "It's almost impossible to pick just one place to eat at with all the diverse cuisines popping up in The District, so my tip is for everyone to order a dish of two take-away from different restaurants and have a mini picnic under the Melbourne Star and try a little bit of everything," Lee said.

Now is the time to explore a world of flavour in one place, with Yassas Greek food, Carl's Jr. American burgers, flavoursome Indian cuisine

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The perils of plastics and electronics

The world produced only two million tonnes of plastic per year in the 1950s. Since then, the annual production has increased nearly 200-fold, reaching 381 million tonnes in 2015. This is roughly the equivalent of two-thirds of the world's population.

Sustainable Fast Facts:

10m

Australia uses over 10 million plastic bags a day – a major cause and problem for our oceans.

85%

85 per cent of soft plastics from bags and packaging end up in landfill.

6.9b

Australia alone uses 6.9 billion plastic bags a year (3.6 billion of those are plastic shopping bags).

By 2015, the world produced 7.8 billion tonnes of plastic – more than one tonne of plastic for every person alive today.

Take a minute to think about how many bottles of water you've bought this year, or how many plastic bags you're using when buying the groceries. We can all go one step further when it comes to reducing our plastic waste; from tote bags to eco-refills for your coffee or washing products. Source local milk delivery services that will often use glass refill bottles to save on recycling plastics or check out zero-waste stores and join the ultimate plastic-free movement.

Remember, it's all about balance. Going vegan isn't necessarily the answer, and boycotting imported foods could have devastating effects on developing countries. Instead, making small gradual dietary changes can lead to a lifetime of healthy habits that drastically reduce your impact on the environment.

Electronic waste

In a new e-waste report released in 2015 by the United Nations University, global electronic waste has reached record-high levels! 41.8 million tonnes of e-waste were generated in 2014, fuelling concerns about the growing risks to public health, resource conservation and the environment.

While e-waste is not one of the main waste streams generated in Australia, it is one of the fastest-growing. It is estimated that around 109,000 tonnes of e-waste were generated in Victoria in 2015, with this projected to increase to around 256,000 tonnes by 2035.

Across Australia, businesses are the largest producers of hardware waste and recyclables,

with a study finding that billions of dollars' worth of recoverable hardware materials are binned every year. As consumers, we have no hesitation in throwing away perfectly usable devices just so we can get our hands on and be seen with the latest technology. Experts foresee the amount of annual waste increasing globally to 51 million tonnes a year as the digital world continues to expand.

To help protect our environment and recover more precious resources, the Victorian Government banned all e-waste from going to landfill as of July 1, 2019. That means, e-waste can't go in any bin. In doing so, businesses need to ensure they are compliant and avoid fines by regularly checking local and state regulations, now that the new law has come into effect and is enforceable. Beyond complying, businesses can apply suitable technology, AI and blockchain solutions, taking the lead in areas that can really make an impact.

Showing leadership in sustainability will not only benefit business operations but also earn crucial support from consumers and the public that could translate into benefits for years to come •



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E-Waste Fast Facts:

Globally, we'll produce more than 50 million tonnes of e-waste in 2020 alone; 700,000 tonnes of which is generated in Australia.

73kg

The average Australian household is generating 73kg of e-waste per year. For a family of five, that's 140kg or 1.4 tonnes over 10 years!

3x

E-waste is growing up to three times faster than general municipal waste in Australia.

60%

It's estimated that television & computer e-waste alone will grow by over 60 per cent or 85,000 tonnes over the decade to 2024.

4m

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Bone health: Understanding osteoporosis

When you hear the term “osteoporosis” meaning “thinning of the bones” what first comes to mind?

I've asked many of my patients this question over the years and a common response is: “oh, that's just an old woman's disease, right?” ... wrong! The truth is osteoporosis can occur in a younger or older person, woman or man. While it's true that the highest prevalence of the condition is in women over the age of 50 and in menopause, one cannot exclude younger women or men.

Let's begin by explaining the structure of a bone and how osteoporosis occurs. The outside of your bone is hard and solid and protects the inside which has a honeycomb appearance. Bones become stronger by breaking down old parts of itself and replacing it with new bone. Your bones use several minerals to help this process and to maintain its strength – calcium and vitamin D being two important players. Calcium is a mineral that is found in many foods, predominantly in dairy products but also found in leafy greens and beans for those who are lactose-intolerant or vegan. It's essential to bone health, and its absorption into the bone requires vitamin D. When one has osteoporosis, there is a disruption to the absorption of these minerals and the rate of removing old bone is faster than the bone's ability to replace it which leads to fragility.

What are the common risk factors?

Menopause. Typically occurring in women around 50 years of age or older, there is also a sub-group of younger women who experience early-onset menopause. Menopause results in a rapid decline in the hormone oestrogen, which affects the body's ability to absorb minerals into the bones, hence why osteoporosis is common in this group.

Men over the age of 70. As men get older, their testosterone levels also naturally decline, though at a slower rate than women, leading to the belief osteoporosis is a “woman's disease”. However, it's worth noting it was found that men over the age of 50 represent 30 per cent of diagnosed fractures in Australia. So, men, I hope you're all reading this too!

Know your family history. If a close relative such as a sibling or parent is diagnosed with osteoporosis, the chances of you also having it is very high.

Low calcium and vitamin D. Intake usually due to a poor diet and underexposure to the sun. Sun safety is key (especially in Australia) so only a few minutes outside is enough to get a sufficient amount!

Lifestyle. If you are sedentary, your bones and muscles don't have the opportunity to strengthen and support your system. Also, be aware that smoking and excessive alcohol intake also inhibits mineral absorption into the bone.

I'm diagnosed with osteoporosis – what can I do for myself now?



Osteoporosis is a “silent disease” – one typically experiences a fracture(s) from a minor incident to bring awareness. It's then confirmed via a DEXA scan which requires a referral from your GP. Discuss any possible risk factors you believe you may have with your GP and together you can decide if it's appropriate for investigation.

I'm diagnosed with osteoporosis – what can I do for myself now?

Bring your DEXA scan results to your GP and discuss their interpretation. Some cases require more than just dietary changes and exercise, so prescription medication designed to assist in either slowing down the bone loss or help rebuild bone may be warranted.

Calcium and vitamin D supplements are overall good things to start taking under the guidance of your GP.

EXERCISE!! As a physiotherapist, I cannot stress this one enough. Go out and move your body. You need weight-bearing exercises to help build bone. So, lift those weights, go for those walks or runs, climb that mountain you've been wanting to climb or simply use the stairs at work. Anything that puts pressure through your bones is the best version of exercise to help keep them strong. If you're not sure what exercises to do, go to your local physiotherapist and ask for a program that is safe and effective

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Stay strong this new year

It can be hard to harness the joy of the new year when we are surrounded by such catastrophic climate change.

The weight of the news is heavy, and the loss of vulnerable wildlife and bushland is heartbreaking. It can be hard to tune out of this devastation, especially when so many of us have been frantically checking on friends' and family's safety for months of fires along the complete coastline of Australia. And those that are not directly impacted, are impacted by air thick with smoke or, lately, raging storms bringing more threat and damage albeit with a small amount of fire relief. So, happy new year.

When I speak to my son and his friends, their number one stress is climate change. They fear the plight of the future for themselves and their children, and they are traumatised by the pain inflicted on wildlife. They find it disheartening and as more and more kids present with anxiety and depression, this seems to be yet another heavy burden of gloom upon them, and it takes enormous energy and focus to have them feeling positive about the day ahead under a blanket of smoke – let alone discussions of the future.

And I have been feeling guilty, on top of everything else – because I've been starting to “scroll through” the news. I've stopped watching the nightly tv news, and I've slowly edged away from the barrage of Facebook posts updating yet more catastrophe near and far. I feel guilty I'm not watching, as though somehow, by watching and feeling so much pain and sadness it would relieve those in extremis at that moment and they would feel this shared experience and know the world cares – because we are watching. But it gets to be too much, and after months of catastrophe, we all need a break.

So, I've simply concluded that being positive about the future, does not mean I'm not incredibly sympathetic and empathetic to the reality of what so many of us are directly experiencing, and what we are all experiencing as Australians. By getting stuck into this new year, this new decade that I have longed for, I am hoping to continue to grow business so that I can take more positive and proactive action than the small donations I have been able to make to date. By switching my attention back to “my world” – and believe me, my world has been affected by the fires, blanketed by the smoke, and pelted by the hail – I am wanting to “get back to business”. And by business, I don't just mean my literal workload but also the ways in which I can help and support – shop local, shop drought-affected, donate where you can, join causes, conserve water, plant wisely, support our emergency services, resist buying into fake news – just bloody try to make a difference!

There are so many regional towns that are also wanting us to know they are “open for business” and the world needs to know Australia is open. These are extremely scary times, and without trying to make a political

statement, there are many things that need to change. But the biggest thing I can do right now is be positive for myself, for my family, for my community, for my country. The biggest thing I can do right now is take the steps and the actions that I can take today. And I know that when other opportunities arise in the near future, such as to vote on new directions, for our voices to be heard regarding what we as Australians want, then I will be there beside you all calling out for what we need, insisting we are heard, insisting our priorities are met.

It is indeed a new year – and one I believe we will need to learn to gather our communities into a balance of protesting for change, while maintaining our own businesses, one where we will need to learn to moderate between feeling the overwhelming despair from the catastrophic impacts and garnering positivity for the future, one where we will need to question the leaders of our country while focusing on being the best leaders we can be for our families.

So, my angle is this ... try. Just try to see something positive each day. Try to do something positive each day – for you, for the climate, for your family, for your community. Take actions, but make sure those actions also include ways to look after you. Because we are going to need to be strong, and we are going to need to make change happen, and we are going to need to help each other ●

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Australia, we are incredibly strong and we can turn this around. It may take this year, it may take this decade – it will be a marathon, not a sprint. Just stay strong.

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“What we see depends mainly on what we look for” - John Lubbock.

And what we look for in vertical villages is largely related to the role we play in the vertical living sector – developer, building manager, resident, investor, contractor, committee member or concierge – meaning that different things gain attention when viewing the world of vertical villages.

With this in mind, my column this year will seek to share some of these different perspectives of our vertical villages, with the aim of highlighting points of view other than “our” own. Who knows what might be brought to light!

To start this endeavour, I thought it fitting to talk with someone that vertical villagers typically first encounter when entering the high-rise, high-density sector – namely, the real estate agent.

And to see what captures the attention of those that know well the vertical village market (i.e. factors influencing buyers), I spoke with Cary Thornton. Cary is currently of LUCAS Docklands which unashamedly claims the title of vertical living specialists.

My first question to Cary was - what’s so special about vertical living? He said the most striking feature of this sector was its diversity. In his experience, traditional suburbs tend to have a noticeable “sameness”, largely because birds of a feather flock together. This goes to the point that suburbs tend attract people from the same socio-economic band and who are often on similar life paths. This results in not-a-lot-of-diversity within particular suburbs – there



aren’t many backpackers in Toorak! This is not the case in our high-rise neighbourhoods, where most buildings contain apartments varying greatly in price – often starting in the mid-400,000s and reaching several million. Add to this different apartment sizes (one, two or three bedrooms), and it means most vertical villages have a mix of families, solos, retirees and visitors.

This point led nicely on to my second question about the key challenges confronting the sector. Cary then raised a point about the pragmatics of diversity, specifically in terms of challenges encountered by building management. This goes to the point that diversity means that different people value (or

consider normal practice) different things. We know well the differences of opinion regarding, for instance, late night activity where dancing on the ceiling (borrowing from Lionel Richie) becomes all too real for the person living below. Or framed in terms of vertical living - one person’s floor is another person’s ceiling and differences in lifestyle, combined with too little insulation, means that these differences can escalate to division.

A second area of challenge noted by Cary was the focus of owners’ corporations (OCs) and the need for these key decision makers to have a vision for their building beyond just upkeep. According to Cary, “OCs need to be able to articulate what they want out of the building. And they need to have a long-term vision for where they see their building going.”

Agreed.

In terms of challenges confronting the wider vertical living sector, Cary’s opinion was that too often regulators were caught “on the back foot”, meaning that approaches to issues, such as short stays, have been largely reactive. “There is a wealth of experience around - and many issues could have been foreseen and helped by what has happened overseas. But there is a lag time in responding...”

Finally, Cary nominated the great need for tailored energy innovations. While he noted some signs of advances, such as the work undertaken by Lend Lease, Cary believes that greater attention needs to be given to this aspect of vertical living – and it needs to happen now!

With regards to what current innovations have impressed him, Cary noted the advances in communal space design. In the past, many buildings have sought to offer it all, which resulted in a small pool, a half sized court, a tiny gym, a small shared kitchen and a cramped lounge. Trying to offer all these facilities typically meant that nothing was done particularly well and so were underutilised. Cary’s advice is to focus on one or two facilities and do these really well. And something done really well, which has captured his attention, is the use of animation (and maybe soon virtual reality?) in in-house sports simulation.

So, from the perspective of someone deeply involved in vertical living buying and selling, our sector has both the appeal and challenge of innate diversity and we are learning more about designing and managing communal space.

But what strongly came through to me from my chat with Cary was the growing need to be more future looking – both the OCs and regulators – with both groups needing to be more “on the front foot.” Maybe there could be an in-house simulation for this? ●



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OWNER’S CORPORATION LAW

Red tape and further delays to amendments

In December 2013, Consumer Affairs Victoria completed its review into a more robust licensing and certification system for the training and conduct of owners’ corporation (OC) managers.

It proposed to amend the *Owners’ Corporation Act (2006)* to ensure that OC managers could not be appointed for longer than three years, and had a duty to disclose to the OC any beneficial relationship with the developer that appointed them. It also proposed to strengthen the registration scheme to ensure that persons convicted of certain criminal offences such as fraud offences could not become registered as OC managers.

It also provided that the contract for appointment of OC managers could not include certain unfair terms which made it difficult for the OC to revoke the appointment of OC managers.

In addition, it was recommended that clauses be introduced to expressly provide for the

OC manager to be required to act in the best interests of lot owners (a fiduciary duty) in relation to the procurement of service contracts and other goods and services, and not to accept kickbacks from contractors or otherwise take a commission.

None of this sounds controversial, pretty simple stuff really.

Except for the fact that it was mothballed quietly, and the Bill never made it to parliament. Then, 18 months later in August 2015, Consumer Affairs announced that it was going to review the entire *Owners’ Corporation Act*. It was expected that the 2013 review and the 2015 review would be bundled into the same legislation.

Now that made sense at the time, too. Parliamentary may as well pass it all at once.

And by the end of November 2016, the Consumer Affairs Victoria review into the entire Owners’ Corporation Act had been completed. A Bill was drafted and sent off to the ministers’ office to be tabled in parliament.

Instead, there it sat for a further two and a half years, until finally introduced into the Lower House Assembly in September 2019. Now, the Bill is adjourned for further debate, to be discussed at some stage again later this year.

The sad thing about this is that the amendments to the *Owners’ Corporation Act* in relation to OC managers were all ready to go over six years ago. If they had been introduced as promised, I can only imagine that the industry would have been cleaned up by now. All of the “cowboy” OC managers would have been run out of town, barred from practice due to past crimes, or unable to get insurance due to poor business practices.

The OC manager contracts of five years’ and 10 years’ duration would have been a thing of the past, and OCs would have been in a position to terminate early, access an open market to

source proper professionals to act as their OC managers, and obtain better service and value for money.

And of course, all of those allegations of pork-barrelling by OC managers appointing companies for service contracts in return for commissions might have been stamped out.

Of course, Consumer Affairs Victoria can move quickly when it wants to. The reforms to legitimise and enshrine AirBnB and other short-term accommodation agencies by amending the *Owners’ Corporation Act* was pushed through the parliament in just two years, and it would have been one year if not for lobbying by We Live Here to trigger an Upper House inquiry.

The cost of inaction is galling. Frankly, the owners of apartments in Melbourne deserve better from Consumer Affairs ●



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Residents who live in NewQuay love living here

“Being on the waterfront gives us a feeling of being on holiday,” one local resident told me. He added: “For city living, there is no better location. It is so close to everything, the freeways, walking distance to the station and shops. We can enjoy the fireworks on New Year’s Eve and the Fire Light Festival.”

Another resident said: “What we love most about living in the Docklands is its proximity and easy access to the city and the riverside while still maintaining a pet- and family-friendly atmosphere.”

The expansion of The District has made a difference to the quality of our lives. A local resident said: “I like The District ... no, I love The District. It’s amazing!”

Another resident told me: “In the five years my wife and I have lived in NewQuay we have seen significant development towards it becoming a family-orientated suburb. Within walking distance, we now have everything we need for our daily shopping or entertainment needs and will shortly have a school as well, which will further attract more families to the area.”

The area is growing in its recreation offerings too. A local resident said: “As a mum, I really enjoy the bicycle paths around Docklands. My children can manage the cycle, because it is flat and it is in good condition. It takes us to numerous playgrounds around the Dock. I also like that the cinema and shopping complex are so close. Access to the Library at the Dock and Marvel Stadium for events are great. Soon there will be a primary school. We will never want to leave.”

Another local resident said: “I enjoy walking the dog to Ron Barassi Snr Park, and the Railway Canal Reserve under the bridge, and seeing the rabbits and birdlife. It must be so amazing for tourists, especially with the Free Tram Zone and the ferries. And you only need to take one

tram from Docklands to the MCG and Telstra Dome.”

Monique, one of Docklands’ longer residents said: “I fell in love with Docklands when I first saw it almost two decades ago now. It wasn’t much then, a few towers, a new football stadium and an enormous barren site on which we now have Victoria Harbour. But I could see the potential, and didn’t hesitate in becoming a resident. Some would say that potential that I saw back then, hasn’t been realised to the full, but that’s what I actually love in Docklands.”

“It’s the people, the families and the pets that have made this place their home. Not a day goes by when someone doesn’t greet me with a smile, or say hello to my two fur babies – Gidget and Gizmo – who everyone seems to know and

that’s what I truly love about Docklands. It’s the people that have turned this once barren port site into a home for me.”

Undoubtedly, the quality of offerings in our village have improved greatly. The new school will add to this, as does the library. We’re also looking forward to the marina promenade being extended to Ron Barassi Snr Park, which will make our sundowner walks so much more pleasurable ●



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BUSINESS

Better lives through stronger bones

A new South Melbourne business is promising better health through a simple way to grow bone density.

OsteoStrong, at 378 Clarendon St, is the first Australian franchise of a business which started in the US and has spread to Europe.

The system safely puts bones and joints under a proper amount of pressure and more than can be achieved by other means, such as running, jumping or jogging.

According to Franchisee and director Wutti Oparckharoen, research shows that we need to apply load equivalent to 4.2 times our body weight to trigger bone growth in the hip and femur.

This means that a 60kg person would need to apply force equivalent to about 250kg through the lower body and this cannot be safely achieved in typical modalities such as weight bearing exercise or jogging.

Mr Oparckharoen told *Docklands News* that members could increase their bone density through a single 10-minute supervised session each week.

“There’s nothing else like this out there,” he said. “There’s no sweat, there’s no pain, you can come in your normal clothes and minimum effort gives maximum results.”

Four proprietary, robotic musculoskeletal development machines are at the heart of OsteoStrong. One is for upper skeleton, one for lower (femur and hip), one for core (upper pelvis and lower rib cage) and one machine for postural and spine.

The machines are designed to allow



▲ OsteoStrong owner Wutti Oparckharoen with staff members Shannon and Andrew at the Clarendon St business.

members to safely exert pressure on different parts of the skeleton and were invented by biomechanical expert, Dr John Jaquish, who became interested in bone density after his mother developed osteoporosis.

He observed that gymnasts had the strongest bones of any athletes, although too much stress on their joints often meant an early retirement from competitive sport.

“So he invented these machines to emulate such impacts, but without the risks that come with it,” Mr Oparckharoen said. “That’s why we call it a high-impact emulation and it triggers osteogenesis or bone building.”

He said OsteoStrong internationally worked with members ranging from 10 to 95 years old.

But, he said, some 90 per cent OsteoStrong members renewed their memberships year after year because it works and because it is easily accommodated into their busy lifestyles.

“Most people don’t know that after the age of 30, you start to lose one to two per cent of bone density per year and up to five per cent per year for women during menopause. We now know that your central nervous system will not allow you to have a muscle strength that your skeleton cannot handle,” Wutti said.

“As we get older, and our skeletal system becomes weaker, our muscles also become weaker.”

“Because your central nervous system is a smart engineering team, it is trying to protect you. You cannot have too much muscle strength that your bones can’t handle. A good analogy would be that you can’t put a Ferrari motor engine in a Corolla because it would shatter the chassis.”

“We’ve always accepted that we are going to get weaker as we get older but now, with this new OsteoStrong technology, it is the first

time in human history that you can choose not to accept that growing older means growing weaker. You can choose to continue doing what you love and maintain the independence.”

Mr Oparckharoen also said OsteoStrong helped with balance, joint and back pain as well as long term blood glucose (HbA1c).

“What we do at OsteoStrong is increase muscle density, rather than the size. When you have more muscle density, it allows your body to process blood glucose better.”

“Research shows that when joints are subject to compressive loads, tendon and ligament become stronger. Members from overseas living with joint pain such as osteoarthritis have reported that they had substantially reduced or eliminated pain.”

He said OsteoStrong helped professional athletes by increasing strength, power, agility, balance as well as injury risk reduction through stronger bones and joints.

OsteoStrong South Melbourne opened last year and Wutti and his staff are offering *Docklands News* readers a complimentary first session, which includes a bone density scan ●

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FRANZISKA, TRANSPORT PLANNER

Cafes, bars and businesses that bring life to the area. It would be good to have more green space.



ANGE, BUSINESS MANAGER

I don't go there often but at least a minimum of what is already there should be returned.



ZOE, GRAPHIC DESIGNER

It should definitely be reused and revitalised and not go to waste. As there a lot of offices around, maybe some more space to sit and enjoy the sun.



CHRISTINE, PROFESSOR AND GEORGE, RETIRED

If it was to be rebuilt, it would be good if it was low and open, as not to obstruct the views and to add to the flow of the promenade. Not more commercialised space; something open and family-friendly.

Faces of Docklands

Question:

How would you like to see Central Pier returned?

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▲ Artist's impression of the footbridge which will connect 717 Bourke St and Southern Cross Station.

New footbridge to station

Docklanders will soon have more access to Southern Cross Station via a new footbridge connected to the soon-to-be completed 717 Bourke St building.

Project manager, Reece Barker, said the pedestrian bridge would be open to the public in early July.

"The footbridge will provide public access to the south side of Bourke St from the current bridge. This will allow pedestrians to access the 717 building and associated public landscaped areas and to continue their journey further west on the south side of Bourke St by using the stairs from the podium level.

There will also be lifts available for public use to reach ground level," Mr Barker said.

Though the bridge may be completed before July, the 717 Bourke St building itself will still be in construction until at least the end of June.

When completed, the 717 Bourke St building will be home to energy firm BP Australia, insurance firms AIG and Marsh Australia and the Financial Ombudsman Service.

Docklands Fashion



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Cyclists off pedestrian paths

All cyclists disregard road rules and ride for their own convenience.

They may not intend to side swipe pedestrians or force them out of their way, however their presence on foot paths results in incidents which makes walking hazardous and creates "anti-cyclist rage." Cyclists swerve in and out of traffic, up and off footpaths, travel against the lights and often wonder why both drivers and pedestrians react in an aggressive manner toward them. There is also an increase in their use of ear devices which means they are less aware of potential dangers.

While pulling on their lycra they also pull-on an attitude akin to an Olympic cyclist engaged in a professional race. They ignore speed signs, don't keep a safe distance from pedestrians and when in packs assume full entitlement on single carriage ways regardless of the bike lane.

Those in civilian clothing are more apologetic of their poor behaviour yet no less disgraceful as they apologise riding past after having dinged their bells to intimidate pedestrians out of their way as they too weave in and out of traffic and on and off the pavement.

I sympathise that cyclists want to avoid being struck by vehicles with four wheels, however I can't sympathise when they pass their danger onto me as a pedestrian. Just as cyclists are protected by a rule which requires vehicles to keep a one-metre distance between them and the bike, I too want cyclists bound by the same when it comes to pedestrians on shared paths.

I also want to see legislation which protects pedestrians who suffer from hit-and-run cyclists.

There are no road or footpath rules which govern cyclists' behaviour. They know they are untouchable. They know that councils and the state government want to reduce vehicles on roads, particularly in the CBD. When is legislation going to require cyclists to be registered so that they become accountable for their inappropriate and dangerous behaviour? More concerning is the increased use of motorised bikes and the proposed introduction of commercial e-bikes to Melbourne. Their riders will join cyclists on footpaths assuming priority over pedestrians and not adjust their behaviour as conditions become more and more congested.

Bikes, scooters and the like belong on the road within the confines of their lane and riders should be clearly registered so that they contribute toward the cost of bike lanes and share pathways and can be made accountable for mishaps they are involved in.
*Diana McGowan
Docklands resident, CBD worker and pedestrian.*

Hidden gems for photographers

There are excellent photo opportunities all around the Docklands, including some hidden gems like the one below.

One just needs to walk around and look at this great suburb from different angles. A great place to load photos is on Google Maps.

The attached image has had 37,000 views.



Fashion on the Streets of Docklands

**LISA,
BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT
MANAGER**

DESCRIBE WHAT YOU ARE WEARING:
Seed top and pants, Nine West shoes, Louis Vuitton bag, Apple watch.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE PIECE OF CLOTHING?

White t-shirt, jeans and Converse.

WHAT BRINGS YOU TO DOCKLANDS?

Lunch with the girls.

HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE YOUR STYLE?

Lots of black and grey, pop of colour.

WHAT MAKES A GOOD OUTFIT?

A good lipstick.

**LAURA,
FASHION PRODUCT
DEVELOPER**

DESCRIBE WHAT YOU ARE WEARING:
Myer jumpsuit (Miss Shop), black mules, black belt.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE PIECE OF CLOTHING?

Dresses; flowy maxis and flowery patterns.

WHAT BRINGS YOU TO DOCKLANDS?

Work.

HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE YOUR STYLE?

Girly and chill.

WHAT MAKES A GOOD OUTFIT?

Accessories.

**MANDY,
ACCOUNTANT**

DESCRIBE WHAT YOU ARE WEARING:
Blue floral maxi dress with t-shirt sleeves, raffia belt and sneakers.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE PIECE OF CLOTHING?

Dresses and gym gear.

WHAT BRINGS YOU TO DOCKLANDS?

Work.

HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE YOUR STYLE?

Fashion for daydreamers.

WHAT MAKES A GOOD OUTFIT?

Feeling comfortable.



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Pet's Corner

Walking Docklands' dogs

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Shontelle has been Docklands' go-to dog walker for three years.

”



▼ Shontelle tries to keep eight dogs' attention at Ron Barassi Snr Park last month.



On the day that she met *Docklands News* Shontelle had eight dogs with her at Ron Barassi Snr Park. “I worked in offshore oil and gas for years and a family member passed away a few years ago,” she said. “I decided family and being near the people I love was more important than continuing to work my job and having to be away.” Shontelle quit her job without having any idea what she would do next.

“The only thing I knew was that I wanted my job to be something I loved waking up to every single day,” she said. A friend pointed out the lack of dog walkers in Docklands, and it all went from there. “Now I have over 100 clients, doing dog sitting as well,” Shontelle said. Shontelle walks from Yarra's Edge to NewQuay picking up dogs on the way.

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CHAMBER UPDATE

Strategic goals for 2020

The Docklands Chamber of Commerce (DCC) will be hosting a community forum to discuss the plans for a long term and sustainable activation initiative designed to make the harbour the centerpiece of Melbourne.

All Docklands residents will be welcome to attend with confirmation by reservation only. The first session will be held at the Community Hub at The Dock Library from 7.30am to 10am on February 19 with a second session to accommodate morning workers held on February 20 from 5.30pm.

Our vision for Docklands is to become a tourism focal point for Melbourne with a sustainable activation that won't be affected by bushfires, political unrest or weather. Come along, see our vision and have your say about the future of our precinct.

Sri Lankan Festival

Last held in 2018, the Sri Lankan Festival – Lankanfest – will be making Docklands home annually and will be held on March 21 and 22 this year. Expected numbers in excess of 30,000 will make this one of Docklands' biggest activations of the year. A true celebration of Sri Lankan food, culture, music, arts and handmade crafts. From 10am daily through to 11pm you won't be able to miss it.

Run 4 The Kids

Run 4 The Kids returns to Docklands again for 2020, true to the promise to make our precinct its home forever. March 29 will see a change from last year's route but again both the short and the long run will head over the Bolte Bridge and maintain a start and finish in Docklands.

We'll again be hosting a charity breakfast in the lead up to the run.

Last year we raised over \$7000 in support of the Royal Children's Hospital and will welcome all Docklands businesses, stakeholders and residents alike to attend.



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滨海港区的地标景观

撰稿: Sean Car

根据道克兰滨海港区商会(DCC – Docklands Chamber of Commerce)的提议, 一个新的永久性夜间激光和灯光表演可能会在我们的滨海港区展示, 犹如在迪拜和香港等海外城市所见的一样。

上个月, DCC与国际知名娱乐公司(Laservision)合作, 专门向本报透露了该计划, 旨在为维多利亚港带来全年的吸引力。

该装置采用激光、照明灯光、水屏蔽、喷泉、数字和音频技术相结合, 产生独特的360度视觉显示, DCC估计这将给维多利亚带来超过3亿澳元的经济效益。

随着该商业方案的完成, 并提交州政府和墨尔本市政, DCC主席约翰娜·麦克斯韦(Johanna Maxwell)说, 将很快举办一系列社区参与的会议, 让滨海港区居民有机会发表意见。

麦克斯韦夫人说, 鉴于中央码头悲剧性的关闭, 以及澳大利亚国庆日烟花的取消, 我们认为现在是时候推动一个吸引人的地方了, 也就是“让我们的滨海港区在地图上更显眼。”

她说:“这是为了让滨海港区成为墨尔本市必到之处, 这也是我们墨尔本王冠上的宝石。”

“然而我们也可以更好地利用它。”

“滨海港区有7公里长的水道和美丽的空间, 我们可以利用它们吸引更多的游客。”

“我们有空间可以讲故事, 在水道周围游览, 分享我们的海滨遗产, 欣赏滨海港区所拥有的艺术内涵。”

Laservision公司的作品在迪拜的哈利法塔、新加坡的滨海湾金沙和香港的灯光交响乐展等地出名, 还在澳大利亚的一系列重大文化和体育赛事中亮相。

DCC表示, 滨海港区的永久激光景点将有助于成为墨尔本的首要旅游目的地, 并通过创建一个新的晚间景点, 来推动当地的酒店和住宿业。

麦克斯韦夫人说, 与烟花不同, 永久的激光装置不受天气条件的影响, 因此更加可持续和环保。她说, 环境影响声明(EES)也将作为最终商业方案的一部分。

一个完整的商业方案会提交给潜在的私人或政府赞助者, DCC表示, 一个入门级的投资可能不到1500万澳元。

麦克斯韦夫人说, 就像将于2021年建成开放的滨海港区小学一样,



水道的永久启用是这个社区论坛的最初愿景之一, 而当地人支持这一想法是非常重要的。

她说:“为了付诸实施, 我们需要我们的居民投入, 我们的商业界投入, 我们需要制订一个商业方案, 提交给州政府和墨尔本市政, 然后安排如何实施, 以及体现其效益。”

“我们已经看到了一些有关研究, 这个项目能给港区带来什么, 给我们的商业和居民都有哪些重大的经济利益。大家都可以参与进来, 我们希望让我们的社区对此有所了解。”

“这是一个社区和商业界的倡议, 所有当地居民都引以为豪, 并成为其中的一部分。如果您对滨海港

区的成功充满热情, 并希望其发展成为世界级的区域, 请来到我们的社区论坛, 看看我们的设想, 并且提提您的建议。”

社区论坛将于二月十九日(上午七时三十分至十时)及二月二十日(下午五时三十分至八时)在滨海港区图书馆后面的社区中心举行。

当地人可以通过visitdocklands.com.au在Eventbrite注册其中一个论坛。

你觉得滨海港区的一个新的永久性激光灯光展示怎么样? 把你的想法发送至news@docklandsnews.com.au

Kuksal因伪证罪被起诉

最高法院一位法官表示目前正在将当地的短租运营商Shivesh Kuksal因涉嫌作伪证报告至检察院。

1月24日, 长达167页的判决书的最后, 迈克尔·席福思(Michael Sifris)法官说:“正如我此前详述的内容, 我怀疑Kuksal在证人席可能作了伪证。”

“我有意将Kuksal报告给检察院。除此之外, 我没有其他要说的。”席福思法官说。

法官还说Kuksal先生是Kornucopia Pty Ltd、Efektiv Pty Ltd、Avante Garde Ventures Pty Ltd三个公司的“受益拥有人”, 且发现这三家公司已经资不抵债并勒令将这三个公司破产清算。

针对这几家公司还有其他两桩起诉案, 一桩由889 Collins Street的房东Jeffrey Chen提起, 因为公司自2018年11月起就涉嫌开始拖欠Chen先生的房租。另一桩则是因Kuksal先生涉嫌拖欠自己的前律师迈德威克斯(Madgwicks) \$272,836.45的律师费而提起。

席福思法官说此前的破产申请本应直截了当, 但却

花了四个多月的时间, 并且还不得不产生了约300页的书面判决书。

“本来很直接了当的破产申请, 结果法院开出四份判决书, 并用了四个月的时间逐一发出, 总长超过800个段落, 几乎有300页。滥用法律程序, 挥霍无度。”席福思法官说。

“整个过程中施以无数次程序性障碍和各种类型的法定暂时性阻碍。其采用手段不胜枚举, 有法定暂时性抗辩申请, 采用大量豁免宽限, 违反法庭令或休庭令等。公司还堂而皇之地做出许多妨碍司法进度及不友好的行为。该公司在本诉讼中的行为令人发指。”

除了席福思法官提到的法律诉讼以外, Kuksal还有四桩诉讼因涉嫌存在偏见而排除他的听审资格。

席福思法官同时也正将Kuksal先生的公司内部律师Naveen Raghavan报告给法律服务专员。

市长支持取消国庆烟花

撰稿: David Schout

由于持续的丛林火灾危机, 墨尔本市政支持州政府的决定, 废除滨海港区(Docklands)的澳大利亚国庆日烟花。

做出此决定的原因是, 通常参与1月26日活动的许多维多利亚州园林部门(Parks Victoria)的工作人员已被重新部署到该州的东部和东北部, 以协助丛林火灾的救援工作。

市长萨利·卡普(Sally Capp)毫不犹豫地支持此举。

“我们完全支持维多利亚州政府取消滨海港区澳大利亚日烟花的决定。我们理解需要优先考虑国家资源以应对丛林火灾。”

一位政府发言人说, 他们知道这个决定可能让一些家庭失望, 但

对全州范围内那些受灾的人们来说, 这是必须做的事情。

这位女发言人说:“维多利亚州林部门目前的重点是, 而且必须是, 与其他应急服务机构合作, 开展消防、恢复社区和野生动物的工作。”

国庆烟花原定于1月26日晚上9点左右在海滨大道(Harbour Esplanade)举行。

庆祝活动的其他方面并没有受到影响, 包括音乐、舞蹈、艺术和餐车, 美好的天气让人们在滨海港区度过美好的一天。

邻里之家志愿者

道克兰滨海港区弹出式的邻里之家以崭新的势头开始了新的一年, 志愿工作人员如此之多, 兴趣如此浓厚, 已应接不暇了。

《滨海港区新闻》报道了去年弹出式邻里之家的开业, 以及志愿工作者的需求。

社区发展工作者卡罗琳·文(Carolynne Venn)说, 这个弹出式的邻里之家是今年工作的一个良好开端。

她说:“我们很幸运, 已经有了12名出色的志愿者, 我们已经开始这一年的工作计划了。”

“我们的一些主要活动将是“文化多样性周”期间的

印度文化活动, 国际妇女节活动, 定期游戏活动, 早茶和兴趣课堂活动。”

“如果有人想分享他们的技能, 我们会很乐意接受和听取他们的意见。我们对所有想法都持开放态度。”

来自不同背景和地区的志愿者相互交流, 当他们刚走进这里时, 对他们来说都是陌生人, 但是现在我看到他们一起大笑, 玩得很开心。”

请访问我们的弹出式邻里之家, 或通过commdev@centre.org.au与卡罗琳(Carolynne)联系。



What's On: February 2020

Community Calendar

TUESDAYS-WEDS-THURSDAYS
AT THE HUB - 12-2PM (1H CLASS)

Come and Learn French
Share your lunchtime with colleagues and friends and learn something new. It's a lot of fun!

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Yarra's Edge Social Club
Come along to connect with your neighbours, and/or join one of our mini-clubs. Casual & friendly.

www.facebook/YarrasEdgeSocialClub

SUNDAYS 10AM-5PM
NEWQUAY PROMENADE

Docklands Sunday Market
A variety market featuring arts and crafts, books and more.

For more info, phone
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1ST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH
11.30AM, MEET AT MERCHANT SOCI-
ETY (UPSTAIRS)

'Starts At 60' Community Meet Ups
Meet likeminded over-60's in your local community, coffee, lunch and outings

club.startsat60.com/meetups
Contact Shane 0425 857 739

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DOCKLANDS YACHT CLUB

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\$20. docklands.yachting.org.au

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Peer-support meetings or Q&A sessions with expert about ADHD in adults. Adults affected by ADHD and their families and friends are encouraged to attend.

\$2. Facebook @AdultADHDMelbourne



WEDNESDAYS AT 5.30PM
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Library at The Dock - Weekly programs

<p>Stompers MONDAYS AT 10.30AM</p> <p>Encourage your child to have a life-long love of books by coming along to Stompers, Melbourne Library Services weekly program for toddlers aged 18 months to three years.</p>	<p>Creative Kids After School Club WEDNESDAYS 4.30PM TO 5.30PM</p> <p>Ever wanted to 3D print your own superhero figurine? At the Creative Kids After School Club you can. Come hang out and create in our maker's space. Projects will include jewellery making, game design, paper crafts, comics and more.</p>	<p>Tai Chi At The Dock EVERY THURSDAY 7.30-8.30AM</p> <p>Come along to find your inner peace and power at this weekly community Tai Chi session that is open to people from all walks of life. The ancient Chinese martial art is a tranquil and graceful way to keep fit. Beginners welcome. FREE</p>
<p>Songbirds WEDNESDAYS AT 10.30AM</p> <p>Come along for songs, rhymes and stories to engage your budding book worm's mind and introduce them to the fun and rhythm of language. Suitable for babies and toddlers aged up to 18 months old.</p>	<p>Evening Table Tennis EVERY THURSDAY 7-9PM</p> <p>Challenge yourself with friends at this regular catch up of ping-pong enthusiasts.</p>	<p>Preschool storytime FRIDAYS AT 10.30AM</p> <p>Come and share the wonder of books with us. Enjoy 40-50 minutes of fun stories, songs, rhymes and activities with your three- to five-year-olds.</p>

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