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Jumping for Joy!
Photo by Sean Car.

Yarra's Edge resident and qualified dog trainer Diona Chu has some of the happiest clients in town, as three-year-old Beau demonstrated at Point Park last month. *Read more on page 12.*

Event fees dropped to boost Docklands

COUNCIL AFFAIRS

The City of Melbourne has approved a plan to waive permit fees for public events in Docklands until the end of 2020 in an effort to counter the impact of Central Pier's closure.

The decision to support more events in Docklands means the City of Melbourne will forego more than \$71,000 in revenue from event fees.

The proposal went before councillors at a council meeting on February 25. Lord Mayor Sally Capp said the fee waiver would apply to new and some existing events. "It's important we do everything we can to attract more people to Docklands," the Lord Mayor said.

"There's no doubt many local businesses are doing it tough at the moment and I would encourage everyone to rediscover Docklands and everything it has to offer."

"We've listened to what local businesses have been telling us and we're responding in a way designed to help them get back on their feet."

Docklands Chamber of Commerce estimated the closure of Central Pier would result in a loss of between one to one-and-a-half million visitors to Docklands annually.

The council already waives some event permit fees for community and not-for-profit event organisers. The proposal would see this extended to all public events for Docklands for the remainder of 2020.

The proposal would not cover private event permits such as weddings and Christmas parties.

Chair of the Prosperous City portfolio Cr Kevin Louey said the removal of fees would help address the current downturn in the number of visitors to Docklands.

"This would help to drive new event business to the area by making things easier for event organisers," Cr Louey said.

"We want to attract new events to Docklands to help activate the local area, particularly Victoria Harbour."

"Docklands is a fantastic precinct offering the best in community events as well as shopping, business and entertainment."

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Questions remain over sunlight

New legislation aimed at protecting inner-city parks from overshadowing has been amended to remove Docklands from its remit at the direction of the Minister for Planning Richard Wynne.

WORDS BY Meg Hill

PLANNING

The proposed amendment to the Melbourne Planning Scheme outlines new controls to protect public parks from overshadowing in winter.

It specified that, as the CBD and Southbank are already under tighter controls, the amendment was aimed at parks in inner-city suburbs such as Docklands, Kensington and Carlton.

In those areas, the amendment would implement mandatory winter sun protection and increase the hours of protection from 11am to 2pm in spring and autumn, to 10am to 3pm in winter.

The policy was pushed for years by City of Melbourne Greens councillors Rohan Leppert and Cathy Oke. The pair first moved a motion proposing a review of the sunlight policy in 2015.

But when the amendment was released for public exhibition by the Planning Minister in August last year, Docklands had been carved out of the legislation.

Cr Leppert said he was disappointed by the exclusion.

"As our central city increases in density our green spaces will only become more critical to community health. That's why Cr Oke and I commissioned these new planning controls, which included Docklands when they were drafted," Cr Leppert said.

"Docklands' planning controls are infamously opaque, with most development determined by confidential agreements between Development Victoria and developers, rather than by clear and publicly available controls in the planning scheme."

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"Removing the sunlight rules from Docklands just perpetuates the secret planning processes favoured by Development Victoria, keeping the public in the dark."

The future of Ron Barassi Snr Park – which opened in 2015 and which residents describe as Docklands' only real park – has been the focus of residents' concern since learning of the exclusion.

The park is located next to one of few remaining undeveloped lots in the area, owned by developer MAB.

Local resident Adriana Brudan said it was "one step forward, two steps back".

"Docklands doesn't need more shadow, we hardly have any green space," she said.

"There's going to be a school nearby and it's surrounded by buildings and roads. There's nothing where those kids can go and play."

"We were happy when we got the park because we basically didn't have a park. But there are already issues with it. I take my children there and the children's area is right under the highway, so it's already in shade for half the day."

"The other green areas I wouldn't call parks. They're tiny and often shaded."

The amendment cited research into the impacts of sun deprivation on physical and mental health.

Local resident and chair of the Victoria Point owners' corporation (OC) Dr Janette Corcoran said parkland was a necessity.

"Docklands residents and workers need a park for their health and wellbeing. So too will the school children attending Docklands' new primary school next year," Dr Corcoran said.

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▲ Docklands resident Adriana Brudan at Docklands Park is not happy with the proposed changes.

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"We have a park; it just needs to be protected. Docklands is always excluded from sustainability and planning goals. The government could treat Docklands this way when no one lived or worked here – but they will find it a different story now."

In response to questions about the justification for the exclusion of Docklands, a spokesperson for Minister for Planning Richard Wynne said the amendment would go to an independent planning panel for consideration.

"This amendment needs to go through an exhaustive public process by an independent panel so that all views can be heard," the spokesperson said.

"Any development in this area needs to be in accordance with the Development Plan requirements."

The panel is expected to begin in April and will review submissions received during public exhibition.

Submissions were made in support of the exclusion of Docklands by developer Lendlease, while the Property Council of Australia opposed the amendment citing its impact on future development •

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The plan would also see an increase in promotion support from Council for all public events in Docklands for the rest of the year.

Council will also investigate what additional programming and marketing event organisers can put in place to attract more people.

Events to be held in Docklands this year include the annual Firelight Festival, Lankan Fest 2020, Run 4 the Kids 2020, Under the Stars (Indonesian Film Festival) and the Vertical Village Living Waste Market.

In 2019, 15 public events were held in Docklands •

To view the council report:
melbourne.vic.gov.au/about-council/committees-meetings

New council leader

COUNCIL AFFAIRS

The City of Melbourne has announced the appointment of a new general manager of strategy, planning and climate change.

CEO Justin Hanney announced on February 14 that current Baw Baw Shire CEO Alison Leighton had been selected from a "strong field that attracted applicants from across Australia and internationally".

She will oversee areas including city strategy, planning and building, Aboriginal Melbourne, climate change action and Resilient Melbourne.

She will commence her role on March 30 •

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▲ One of the switched-off seabins.

Seabins switched off to protect ducks

WORDS BY *Meg Hill*
ENVIRONMENT

Last month *Docklands News* reported the introduction of Seabins at Yarra's Edge Marina, but the water-cleaning technology was switched off after ducklings were spotted in the area.

On February 20, the Chair of the City of Melbourne's Environment Portfolio Cr Cathy Oke said Seabins would be turned on again "in the next week or two once an assessment has been made that it is safe to do so".

"Communications were sent out to marina users to inform them that the Seabins were being turned off for this reason," Cr Oke said.

There were five Seabins installed in the marina. Four have been turned off to protect the ducklings, while a fifth is undergoing maintenance.

Local resident Malcolm Fearn was one of a number of residents who wrote to *Docklands News* expressing disappointment with rubbish collection in the precinct.

"My 'observations' of four bin locations, show one bin no longer in place and three others not working," he said.

"Furthermore, despite the Yarra's Edge marina's east and west arms each having two recycle yellow lid bins and a large green general rubbish bin, the recycle bins are emptied into the same Citywide rubbish collection truck. So much for Council's recycle ideals."

"Marina users do the right thing but why bother." ●



Think Pink unveiled at Yarra's Edge

WORDS BY *Sean Carr*

LOCAL NEWS

An exciting and warmly welcomed new asset to our local community, the Think Pink Foundation's new Living Centre supporting people living with breast cancer was formally opened at Forge on February 18.

While Federal Health Minister Greg Hunt was a late in apology to open the new facility, Federal Member for Higgins Dr Katie Allen took over duties in his place as a giant pink ribbon was held up to celebrate the achievement.

A huge crowd gathered for the opening in the afternoon of February 18, as staff, volunteers and supporters turned out to celebrate the special moment for the foundation and for Docklands.

On top of donating the ground-floor space at Forge to the foundation, Yarra's Edge developer Mirvac contributed more than \$700,000 in delivering the new purpose-built centre, which can cater for up to 50 clients at a time.

With all services provided free of charge, the centre will offer education programs on topics such as food, fitness and finances, as well as specialist support from oncology dieticians, exercise physiologists and financial advisors.

The facility includes a flexible function and lounge space, private offices, a hairdressing salon, as well as counselling and therapy rooms.

Think Pink Foundation chairman Ron Smith told *Docklands News* that the organisation was very pleased and excited about establishing in Docklands.

"It's fantastic to be in Docklands and we've been so lucky with the tremendous work and the gift that Mirvac and its contractors and suppliers have given us to have a brand-new Think Pink Living Centre, which really we had no hope of achieving without their help."

Mirvac has been a long-time supporter of Think Pink since its beginning 10 years ago and in the last few years it's been outstanding at all levels especially with their staff who have worked so hard and very closely with us."

"Nothing has ever been too much trouble to make the Living Centre as perfect as possible right down to arranging the art on the walls and to providing the most outstanding area for ladies to improve their journey during a very difficult time."

Mr Smith said he had already been busy connecting with the local community here in Docklands, with the foundation keen to spread the word about its services as well as engage with other organisations.

"Our aspiration for Docklands is to make sure that people are aware that they can come to the centre if they have an issue or they want to talk about a problem concerning breast cancer. All they need to do is phone and make an appointment," he said.

"Our early engagement has been fantastic. I've met with the president of the Docklands Chamber of Commerce and had a good chat about what we're doing and, in fact, we've become a member of the chamber because I see that as an extremely important and integral part of the community."

"We will be talking to other organisations as well as we get established. We will also be looking at having a monthly newsletter which will be available online." ●

For more information:
thinkpink.org.au

Alma another step closer

LOCAL NEWS

The *Alma Doepel* restoration project marked another important milestone last month after \$18,000 was raised to help fund the completion of the historic tall ship's hull.

With the recent bushfires estimated to have destroyed around 70 per cent of the spotted gum forest area, home to the timber planking required for the ship's hull, the restoration team had identified a suitable batch which needed to be secured quickly.

Thanks to the help of the local community, the team was able to do just that meaning that the youth training vessel is one giant step closer to returning to water before final works can commence.

The *Alma Doepel* will also host a "Leap Day Cruise" on February 29 on the *Victoria Star* to raise funds for the restoration. The cruise will set off from Victoria Harbour and run from 11am until 3pm. ●

For more information, to donate or cruise tickets:
almadoepel.com.au

Local developments recognised

PROPERTY

Collins Square and One Melbourne Quarter have recently been acknowledged by the Property Council of Australia as finalists in its 2020 innovation and excellence awards.

Docklands buildings were nominated across five categories, with Walker Corporation's Collins Square nominated for Best Office Development and Best Sustainable Development, while Lendlease's One Melbourne Quarter for Best Office Development and Best Workplace Project.

In addition, Arup's head office within One Melbourne Quarter has also been nominated for Best Workplace Project, while Development Victoria earned two nominations in the Government Leadership category for Collins Square and Best Heritage Development category for Flinders Street Station.

Judging is currently underway across all categories with winners to be announced in May. ●

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Docklands is free of 15,000 cigarette butts!

WORDS BY Dr Janette Corcoran

ENVIRONMENT

On a sunny Sunday in February, over 60 Docklanders gathered outside Off With The Ferries Café.

Grabbing their preferred cleaning equipment, Love Our Street Docklands - LOS3008 - proceeded to clear Docklands streets of 228 containers, 14kg of general rubbish and a staggering 15,000-plus cigarette butts!

Joining the group was new resident, Lord Mayor Sally Capp, who demonstrated her deep dislike of the discarded cigarette butt by removing a few hundred from a nearby popular smoking spot.

But while the efforts of our volunteers are commendable and such activities are definitely raising awareness among residents, it is unfortunately the case that butts quickly reappear on our streets when the Monday to Friday workers return.

The real challenge then is to raise the awareness of these workers, along with the businesses which employ them.

And it would likely come as a nasty surprise to these butt-droppers that individually they could be fined over \$300 for dropping an extinguished butt, increasing to over \$600 for dropping a lit cigarette.

Businesses too might be shocked to learn that they also have a legal responsibility. According to City of Melbourne's website, every business must manage the litter they generate. This includes collecting, storing and disposing of the cigarette butts littered by staff, customers, clients and visitors to the business – even if they are dropped outside the property boundary. And penalties of up to \$500 apply to businesses who fail to comply with these requirements and, under the *Environment Protection Act*, penalties of more than \$6000 can apply for incorrect disposal of a cigarette butt.

Where to start?

If you are a customer of a business whose staff litter, please say something to the responsible manager. The next step is to report these activities to the City of Melbourne, online at services.melbourne.vic.gov.au/report/cleanpublicspace

Meanwhile, LOS3008 will work with City of Melbourne to directly engage with Dockland businesses, while also continuing to build our hands-on activities.

And the next LOS3008 clean-up is scheduled for Sunday, March 22, meeting at 10.50am at Docklands Community Garden, Geographe St, Docklands. •

For more information:

[facebook.com/
LoveOurStreetDocklands3008](https://facebook.com/LoveOurStreetDocklands3008)

New barrier design “well advanced”

LOCAL NEWS

The state government says the final design of a new permanent barrier on Latrobe St Bridge is edging closer to replacing the temporary fencing that has now been in place for nearly two years.

The temporary fencing was installed back in April 2018 by the Department of Transport in what was understood to be an effort to prevent further attempts of self-harm.

However, while informing *Docklands News* in May 2018 that temporary fencing would remain until a permanent solution was installed, nearly two years on it is still in place along both sides of the bridge.

While not providing a timeline as to when a permanent barrier would be installed, a spokesperson for the Department of Public Transport said that new designs were “well advanced”.

“Safety is a key priority for the Department. The design of the new barrier is well advanced and we’re continuing to work closely with the City of Melbourne.” •



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▲ Docklanders brainstorm around a map of Victoria Harbour.

Community has its say on Laservision

WORDS BY Sean Car

LOCAL NEWS

The Docklands Chamber of Commerce (DCC) hosted two community engagement sessions at the Community Hub beside the Library at the Dock on February 19 and 20 on its plan to bring a permanent activation to Victoria Harbour.

Aimed at both engaging residents on its plans, and more importantly, collecting feedback that will ultimately inform its final vision to present to state government and the private sector, the forums heard many interesting ideas from a range of locals.

While the evening session on February 20 attracted larger numbers than the early morning session the day prior, the DCC heard from more than 100 Docklanders during the two-day period.

Led by a planning team from ARUP, groups were formed around tables with maps, highlighters and sticky notes to discuss and brainstorm everything from the current atmosphere of Docklands to ideas around placemaking.

A strong and overwhelming view among most Docklanders is that the area is underutilised and has the potential to offer a lot more. And while permanent activation of the harbour was a vision of the original Docklands Community Forum, some residents did express concerns as to whether a laser and light show, as seen overseas in the likes of Singapore and Dubai, was the way to go.

Based on expert advice, the chamber "conservatively" estimates that the permanent activation would generate more than \$300 million for Victoria, much of which would be enjoyed by local businesses.

Particularly in the wake of Central Pier's closure, there is no shortage of sympathy for local businesses throughout the community and the need to provide permanent activation to drive investment into the area was shared by residents. The notion around "cutting restaurants in half" along the waterfront was

widely supported.

However, one of a number of key themes that emerged throughout the engagement period was management and whether the community would be represented in helping determine how the asset was utilised.

For too long, some said they felt Docklands had been used as somewhat of a testing bed for "top-heavy" one-off events, which essentially, weren't always led by the community. Many see permanent activation as an opportunity for Docklands to create its own identity around what makes it unique, namely its maritime history.

As was to be expected, concerns over potential impacts to amenity were aired, with some residents making the point that no other laser and light activation in the world had the level of residents that Docklands did.

As a local resident herself, DCC president Johanna Maxwell said that the chamber was "extremely conscious" of residential amenity and that the final installation would be carefully curated and controlled accordingly.

Some residents also questioned whether the activation needed to only focus on the waterways, with ideas around wayfinding through the streets and lanes of Victoria Harbour and NewQuay floated to place more emphasis on Docklands. Others also said made the point that infrastructure, namely public toilets, would need to catch up before such an installation made its way here, while a number of safety issues around lighting, security and cycling were also raised.

The DCC said that it was currently collating all information to present back to the community. ●



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Councillor Cathy Oke, chair of the environment portfolio, said the City of Melbourne had recently declared a climate and biodiversity emergency.

"We're leading the way on ambitious and urgent action on climate change. We know that rising temperatures mean we could lose 35 per cent of our trees in the next 20 years," Cr Oke said.

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"We've also installed hollows in several trees across the city and over the past two years we've planted 16,000 sqm of new native grasses, shrubs and wildflowers. Both of these measures create more homes for our native animals."

Cr Oke said City of Melbourne had achieved a lot but more action was needed.

"We need to work at a faster pace to prevent irreversible damage to our city, people, plants, animals and economy. We need to work together," she said.

"We need to protect our beautiful and important native plants and animals. Healthy ecosystems are vital for the liveability of our city: we need nature and nature needs us."

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Needless new record set for declaring conflicts of interest

WORDS BY Stephen Mayne

COUNCIL AFFAIRS

While former Federal sports minister Bridget McKenzie and City of Casey councillors put on a masterclass when it comes to failing to declare or act upon conflicts of interest, the City of Melbourne councillors have gone to the other extreme.

At the February 4 Future Melbourne Committee (FMC), nine of the 10 councillors declared arguable conflicts and vacated the room when it came to voting on planning scheme amendment C278, which proposes much stronger protections for sunlight over public parks.

The amendment process was kicked off by a notice of motion from Greens Cr Cathy Oke in 2015 after a development was approved which overshadowed Gardiner Reserve in North Melbourne.

The CBD is already well protected and Development Victoria disappointingly persuaded the Planning Minister to carve our Docklands from the review, presumably to protect the value of large residual state government land holdings in Docklands.

Reflecting the significance of what is being proposed for the rest of the municipality, there were 119 submissions to council including from institutional heavyweights such as the AFL, Cricket Australia, Melbourne University, AFL clubs Carlton and Richmond, Lend Lease, the Department of Transport, Urbis, VicTrack, the Red Cross, Invest Victoria, the Property Council and the Royal Society.

However, none of these could be debated, commented upon or backed up at the February 4 committee meeting because every councillor with the exception of Nicolas Frances Gilley declared a conflict (Cr Jackie Watts was an apology) and left the room. It's worth watching the webcast starting 21 minutes into proceedings and seeing how it played out over nine minutes as the councillors declared their conflicts and

then the officers explained how they would progress the proposal to an independent planning panel using officer delegation powers.

Frankly, while the law is the law, the councillors have been too conservative here. It's like when you set rates, everyone who owns property in the city is impacted but sometimes you do need to be a little pragmatic on conflict declarations.

Apart from the two councillors (Reece and Oke) who work for Melbourne University, none of the councillors explained the detail of the conflict, namely who the donor was and why it caused a conflict. So, I asked them all during public question time at the February 18 FMC meeting.

Speaking on behalf of Team Doyle, deputy Lord Mayor Arron Wood explained that it was Brendan Sullivan, the husband of former Team Doyle councillor Tessa Sullivan, who made the donation which triggered the conflict. He owns an affected property in East Melbourne.

But Brendan Sullivan knew nothing of the amendment and didn't even do a submission, so why did five councillors needlessly declare a conflict?

Cr Wood claimed they took a conservative position on advice.

Planning chair Nicholas Reece admitted to being "frustrated" by the loss of quorum but there didn't seem much enthusiasm, from officers or councillors, to the proposition that they bring it back a second time for public debate with the councillors being more pragmatic and staying in the room.

C278 is a far-reaching amendment impacting on around 1400 properties, mainly by reducing future development potential. For instance, if the amendment passes, the Victorian Government would never be able to develop above Jolimont Station because this would overshadow the northern edges of Yarra Park.

There was only one request to speak (from Rupert Myer of Myer family fame) and 29 items of correspondence lodged before the February 4 meeting. It would have been much more but

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Mayoral by-election campaign and was now on the owners' corporation committee of an apartment block adjacent to Flagstaff Gardens.

That's pretty tenuous stuff to warrant a councillor to leave the room, particularly if the councillor is not proposing any amendments to the officer report which would benefit the donor.

Ever since Robert Doyle foolishly accepted more than \$300,000 in donations from property developers for his 2012 campaign, loss of quorum has been a regular feature at City of Melbourne and this has undermined confidence in the council as a decision-making body.

Sure, it is better to lose quorum from conflict declarations than having conflicted councillors voting. But, for example, the current council is unable to make any decision on Crown Melbourne or broader poker machine matters because both Team Doyle and Lord Mayor Sally Capp have accepted campaign donations from Crown personnel (Harold Mitchell and Ann Peacock), the Australian Hotels Association, AHA members or a combination of all three.

I'm not aware of any council anywhere which has lost quorum more than 10 times due to conflict declaration over a seven-year period. Sometimes, such as on February 4, it was unnecessary because councillors took the "if in doubt get out" mantra too far.

In light of this, compromising campaign donations should be avoided by all candidates as much as possible in the upcoming election campaign so that the 2020-24 council doesn't suffer the same regular loss of quorum •

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BUSINESS

The Docklands Chamber of Commerce's (DCC) inaugural Docklands Business Awards event on February 15 proved a major success.

A full Stark Room at Marvel Stadium including Lord Mayor Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor Arron Wood and fellow councillors Beverley Pinder and Susan Riley turned out as eight individual category winners and two overall winners were announced.

Original Docklanders Lyn and Peter Kelly of Docklands Private Collection were awarded best small business, while the Melbourne Star Observation Wheel won best large business. Category winners included:

- Accommodation: Docklands Private Collection
- Bar and restaurant: Berth Restaurant and Events
- Professional services: MoWorks
- Art, entertainment and attraction: Melbourne Star Observation Wheel
- Health and wellbeing provider: New Energy Physiotherapy
- Emerging business: Quest NewQuay
- Transport: Port Phillip Ferries
- Retail, shopping and services: Regal Sleep Solutions

DCC president Joh Maxwell said that off the back of the success of the event the chamber looked forward to bringing it back bigger and better in the future. *Docklands News* congratulates all winners and the DCC on what a was fantastic celebration of our business community ●



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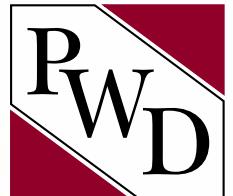
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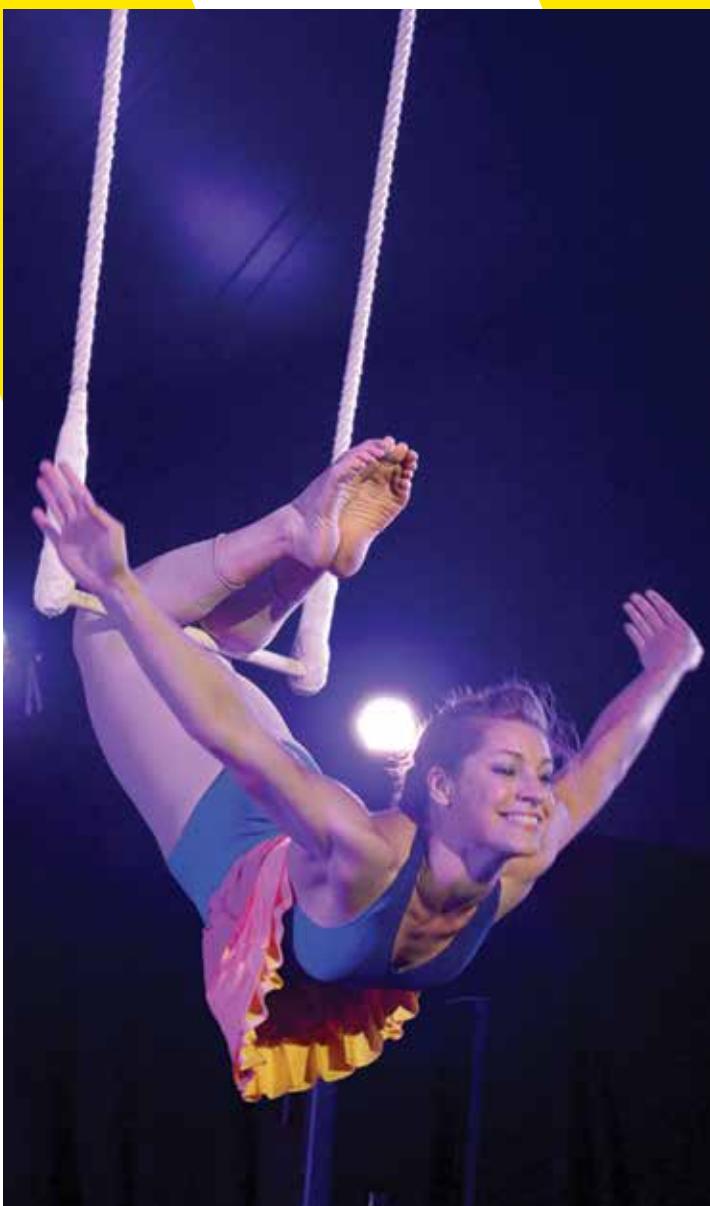
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Our forgotten future

WORDS BY Jeff Gordon

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"I believe that the more you know about the past, the better you are prepared for the future"; not my words but those of President Theodore Roosevelt. And so it is for Docklands.

With the recent demise of Central Pier are we going to lose the last link to the glorious past of Victoria Harbour as an ocean port, the link to the idea that Victoria Harbour is an actual harbour and that it once was a safe anchorage for trading and naval ships from around the world, with all the great bustle of activity that went with it.

The other past we must consider is the recent past of rampant development, of high-rise buildings and delayed urban infrastructure, of being pilloried in the media as "Darklands" with many missed opportunities to develop a sense of community.

We Docklanders are at a crucial point. We are deciding what we as a community want to happen in the blue/grey/green space that is the centre of our community. At the centre of that space and recently condemned by Development Victoria is Central Pier - a once thriving part of the Port of Melbourne and since 2006, a successful function centre with a pub, restaurants, nightclubs and busy commercial charter boats.

I have been assured by Development Victoria that the Docklands community will be consulted in whatever the future development of Central Pier looks like. However, I am not convinced that such consultation will really consider our desires unless we



▲ Jeff Gordon in front of Central Pier.

"We as Docklanders need to come together and speak with a strong voice as to what we desire for the area, our homes and our businesses."



combine to have a strong voice. With that said, I am calling a meeting of interested residents and business owners to come together to hear opinions and discuss likely options.

We need to think about what we want the future Central Pier development to look like.

Do we want to:

- Leave the pier as is to eventually collapse?
- Demolish the pier and leave the piles with white caps as an art piece?
- Remove the heritage buildings, make the pier good and replace as is?
- Keep the heritage footprint and build high rise apartments?
- Build an opera house or similar landmark building?

I am sure that whatever happens to Central Pier it will be linked to the development of Harbour Esplanade and AFL House in front of Marvel Stadium.

We are lucky to have the Lord Mayor Sally Capp living in Docklands and deeply interested in the area as well as Cr Jacqueline Watts, who is developing the Melbourne Maritime Heritage Network with a strong eye on the precinct and its future development.

The exciting development of a laser and light show pursued doggedly by the president of the Docklands Chamber of Commerce Joh Maxwell will give Docklands businesses a much-needed boost in an increasing difficult time, which was not at all been helped by the sudden closure of Central Pier.

However, we as Docklanders need to come together and speak with a strong voice as to what we desire for the area, our homes and our businesses.

We need to make this a positive outcome for the community and not be driven from the top down as has been done in the past •



Simply the Quest!

BUSINESS

The team at Quest NewQuay was in party mode in February having taken out two business awards in a matter of months.

In addition to winning Best Emerging Business at the inaugural Docklands Business Awards on February 15 (see page 9), it was also recently recognised as Quest Apartment Hotels' top franchise business in Australia for local marketing activity.

Quest NewQuay's co-owners Stacy Andronikos and Daniel Hibberd have quickly earned a strong reputation in our local community as their business goes from strength to strength.

"Since opening in January last year, we have continued to grow month by month because of the attention to detail and tireless local area marketing efforts of the Quest NewQuay team. I'm pleased to accept the award on their behalf," Mr Andronikos said upon receiving the Quest award.

Well done team! •



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Red bikes in as city retries cycle scheme

WORDS BY David Schout
PHOTOGRAPHY BY David Schout
TRANSPORT

An Uber-owned company will deploy 400 electric bicycles onto Melbourne's streets in March to fill the casual cycling void in the city.

The City of Melbourne, alongside the Yarra and Port Phillip councils, announced the 12-month trial with Uber subsidiary Jump, whose dockless e-bikes are already being used in over 30 countries worldwide.

The three-gear electric bikes have a top speed of around 25 kilometres per hour, which Lord Mayor Sally Capp said was "terrific for those of us that needed a bit of help up the hills."

Booked using the Uber app, the bikes will cost \$1 to unlock, and 30 cents per minute to ride, and also come with a helmet.

The signed memorandum of understanding (MOU) between Jump and the three councils details strict guidelines to avoid a repeat of the oBike fiasco of 2018, where yellow bikes were strewn across city pavements, parks and waterways.

Chief among these are "resolution timeframes" for illegally parked or dumped bikes that, if not met, could see the bikes impounded by the council.

For example, any "dangerously placed" bicycle causing a hazard must be relocated within two hours as stated in the MOU.

The public can report illegally parked bikes on a 24-hour complaints line.

Jump will charge users for parking the bikes incorrectly, and could also ban users from Uber and Uber Eats for repeated misuse.

Unlike oBikes, the e-bikes will be regularly attended to by maintenance workers for battery replacement and servicing.

Jump said the electric bicycles were expensive and that it was in its interests to keep each one in working order.

Despite the refined contingencies in place to avoid an oBike repeat, there is still an obligation on Melburnians to take care of the e-bikes, something Cr Capp touched on in an online video address.

"What we need from you is respect for these bikes, good management so that we can continue with this system, and make sure, please, that you don't abuse them and we don't see them end up in the Yarra. They're too good," she said.

In a positive move for the city, the e-bikes will be serviced and maintained by Good Cycles, a local bicycle shop and social enterprise that works with disadvantaged youth.

The company will operate on the ground for Jump, including regular servicing, repositioning and replacement of bicycle batteries.

Good Cycles, which had done a similar role with the previous blue bike scheme, employs



around 70 people at locations in the CBD and Docklands, as well as Geelong and Dandenong.

CEO Jaison Hoernel told *Docklands News* around 25 to 30 of those are young people who have been through the youth justice system, drug rehabilitation, long-term unemployment or postcode disadvantage.

He said the partnership simply made sense.

"It was just a great fit. We thought the product was a really strong product for Melbourne and for us a great chance to create those employment opportunities," he said.

"We can give a young person the opportunity to come work with us, figure out what it is they want to do, and most importantly give them a credible reference."

Mr Hoernel said Good Cycles would have a wider range of responsibilities with the electric bikes compared to the standard blue bikes.

He said that for the general public, e-bikes were a "massive point of difference".

"Good Cycles believes in bikes, and more people riding throughout the city. We particularly believe in e-bikes – these are really strong way to provide that active transport," he said.

"The big difference is that these are electric bikes. That's a game changer to anything that's been here before. Melbourne bike share was there for 10 years and obviously played a part in bike share and cycling. But this is a whole new product in a whole new time and that's, I think, the most exciting thing about it."

Since the state government scrapped the blue bike scheme in November, locals and tourists alike have had no access to casual cycling options in Melbourne.

The predicament was far from ideal for the City of Melbourne, whose recent 10-year transport strategy encouraged people out of cars and onto bikes.

Having agreed to the 12-month trial, Cr Capp said she was confident that it would deliver for the city ●



▲ Good Cycles CEO Jaison Hoernel.

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"Share bike schemes are widely used around the world without the anti-social behaviour experienced previously in Melbourne. We believe locals and visitors will work with Jump and our councils to make this a success" - Lord Mayor Sally Capp.

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Jumping for joy!

From page 1

The Forge tower resident has been living in Docklands for three years and is keen to get the word out to many time-poor locals about her pet care and training services.

With veterinary science and teaching degrees under her belt, Dionna has previously worked in a zoo with exotic animals, with wildlife overseas in Africa and pups at Guide Dogs Victoria and, at present, she works with children at Brighton Primary School!

When *Docklands News* met Dionna last month she was out at Point Park walking and training cocker spaniel cross Cavalier King Charles spaniel Beau, who showed off some impressive tricks for the camera.

"I spent five days with Beau when he was a puppy and he learned about 34 tricks," Dionna said. "He used to have behavioural issues like food guarding and now he's a lot better but he's still a work in progress!"

Offering a range of services for training both dogs and cats, which include clinics focused on areas such as loose-leash walking, house manners and reliable recall, Dionna is also qualified to teach humans in training their own pets.

On Saturday, March 21, she will host a free seminar at Common Man at South Wharf Promenade focused on teaching owners how to listen and read their pets and she encouraged any interested locals to attend.

"A lot of people don't know how to read a dog. Whether you're a dog owner or not when you see a dog waiting outside the supermarket for its owner, if you don't know that it's super anxious and fearful, you go pat it and it could attack," she said.

"I see that a lot where I have to tell people not to pat the dog because they're very anxious right now. So, this seminar will assist people to better understand what situations cause a dog anxiety and how best to respond." ●

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EPA investigating reports of nasty smell

WORDS BY David Schout
ENVIRONMENT

The Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) is investigating reports from local Docklands residents of a nasty smell wafting across the Bolte Bridge.

NewQuay resident Julian Smith said a "urine-like" organic odour emanating from what appeared to be the Lorimer St industrial precinct has been sporadically detected at various times throughout the day and night for more than 12 months..

Mr Smith told *Docklands News* he had noticed a distinct increase in frequency of the smell of late, and had made several reports to the EPA.

The EPA confirmed it had received reports but, as yet, had not determined the source of the odour.

"Environment Protection Authority Victoria has received complaints from the public of occasional odour problems affecting the Docklands," Western Metropolitan Region manager Stephen Lansdell said.

"EPA is looking into those reports but has not identified a clear source or type of odour."

Mr Smith said he first noticed the strange smell when he first moved into his NewQuay apartment in 2017.

He said it would infrequently "assail the senses" for about an hour at a time, and would sometimes wake him up during the night when he slept with his windows open.

While the smell was initially sporadic, its regularity had increased.

"It seemed to grow in frequency

so I started reporting to the EPA in January last year," he said.

"I would only ever report when it affected me personally...the incidents increased in intensity and regularity through the year so towards the end of the year I got fed up. I noticed a correlation between the smell and the appearance of a steam discharge from an industrial area beyond the Bolte Bridge to the right of the pillars from my vantage point."

Mr Smith said he would continue to send pollution reports to the EPA, and expected more residents to notice the odour should the current frequency of smell remain.

"I'm sure as autumn comes and the still days come, if they continue that activity more people will notice, because the odour will hang."

Mr Lansdell said it was difficult for the EPA to find and prosecute an offending business or site due to the often-precarious nature of a smell.

He said they relied on members of the public reporting the issue as quickly as possible, from which their odour specialists could investigate.

"Odour problems can be difficult to confirm and trace to a source, and anyone reporting odour is encouraged to report it as promptly as possible, with a description of the odour and an accurate location, to assist in investigating its source," he said •

Report pollution to the EPA's 24-hour hotline:
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▲ The view over Yarra's Edge Marina from the new ACS headquarters on Collins St and (below) the reception.

Docklands' landmark tech space

BUSINESS

The Australian Computer Society (ACS), the professional society for Australia's tech sector, opened a Victorian headquarters in Docklands mid-last year.

It became one of Melbourne's most innovative and collaborative workplaces – a place for ACS members and organisations to make their own.

The location covers more than 2000 sqm of digitally enabled floorspace 14 levels up on the tail end of Collins St.

ACS named the space an "innovation hub" and fitted it out with private workspaces, high-tech meeting rooms, large screens and an interactive media wall.

Just months after opening the initial space, ACS added an artificial intelligence (AI) hub.

The hub includes 50 seats dedicated to AI businesses operating onsite and the ability for onsite tech companies – scaleups – to demonstrate their AI products and capabilities to customers, inventors and stakeholders.

ACS CEO Andrew Johnson told *Docklands News* there were reasons the hub was launched in Docklands and not another inner-city area.

"Our strategy involves a series of enablers to ensure that we, as a professional body, are fit for the future. One of them is to reinvigorate and expand ACS's networks of



influence and enhance the member shop-front experience," Mr Johnson said.

"There's a strong finance and backing presence in Docklands and many head offices that are homes to technology professionals. It was a perfect fit."

Since opening, ACS has progressed on track to fill its 150-seat AI hub, with new members Harrison.ai and Microbio joining quickly.

"We are looking at forging innovation partnerships between corporate, small- and medium-sized enterprises and research partners interested in the growth of emerging technologies at multiple levels," Mr Johnson said.

"We believe Australia can be a world leader in technology talent, and the Docklands hub is an essential part of realising the vision of helping the creation and adoption of emerging technologies." •

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New skills, new friends: the Girl Guide experience in Docklands

WORDS BY David Schout
COMMUNITY

As one of Australia's newest units within a century-old institution, 1st Docklands Girl Guides are giving great opportunities for local girls to learn new skills, find new friends and build confidence in a team setting.

Set to celebrate their first birthday early next term, the program has welcomed a host of local girls aged from five to 17 within their first year.

Operating every Tuesday evening out of the Community Hub next to Library at The Dock, the inclusive program looks to develop confidence, self-reliance, and leadership.

One of the unit's leaders Kirsty Stewart said the growth in a short period of time had been particularly pleasing.

"First Docklands has grown in numbers since we started nearly a year ago and our activities just keep getting bigger and better," she said.

"The girls have got to know each other better and made real friends, not to mention growing as individuals. We've all learned how to best work together and improved our communication skills too – both the girls and leaders!"

One of four leaders at the Docklands unit, Kirsty told *Docklands News* that while a perception of Girl Guides (or "Girl Scouts" as they're known in the United States) was of doing mostly arts and crafts, the Docklands program had, in fact, explored STEM topics (science, technology, engineering and maths), different cultures, and taught cooking and camping skills.

"While guiding has kept its traditions it's also never stopped progressing ... our programs are always evolving to ensure that our members stay curious and grow to be confident leaders of the future."

First Docklands is mostly made up of local participants from Docklands, while most of the leaders also live in the area.

Kirsty herself is an example of the positive influence the organisation can have beyond childhood.

First introduced to "guiding" as a five-year-old living in Scotland, it has since then had a permanent presence in her life.

After she finished university she helped with a unit in Glasgow, before moving to England to continue her volunteering.

Eventually she would find herself in Docklands, and today considers herself as part of a "global sisterhood".

"Guiding is something that grows with you and can follow you as you travel the world."

Kirsty said that perhaps the most rewarding aspect of her role was seeing girls not only enjoying themselves, but developing confidence along the way – a core tenet of the organisation.



▲ Valerie, Alberta and Ikima get ready for canoeing with 1st Docklands Girl Guides.

"Girl Guiding has a 'girl lead' focus. We encourage them as much as possible to make their own decisions on how the unit should be run and what activities we do. The leaders are there to provide inspiration and enable all of our exciting activities but we want the girls to have their say as much as possible," she said.

Girl Guides is a worldwide, diverse and non-denominational organisation.

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Harbour Lights film

WORDS BY Sue Dight
LOCAL NEWS

Harbour Lights – Women with a Mission – 1914-1918 premiered at the Mission to Seafarers Victoria on February 26.

The documentary tells the story of Melbourne's iconic Mission to Seafarers building, its connection to the Great War and to a unique community of ships' crew and volunteers.

It is a short documentary film about the little-known story of the Ladies Harbour Lights Guild and to the lives of the merchant seafarers during World War One in early 20th century Melbourne.

The project was inspired by the discovery in 2007, of a near-forgotten set of dusty old boxes stored under the Mission's stage that were filled with documents and photographs related to the activities of the Ladies Harbour Lights Guild from its foundation in 1906 to its demise in the 1960s.

In recent years a dedicated team of volunteers and staff at the Mission had been gradually digitising, identifying and cataloguing the records. Through their research they had discovered that the construction of the current Mission building in Docklands at 717 Flinders St, particularly the building of the Memorial Chapel, was paid for in large part by the fundraising efforts of the Ladies Harbour Lights Guild during WWI.

The archives also revealed that the Ladies Harbour Lights Guild model was a homegrown invention, pioneered in Melbourne in 1906 and exported to Missions around the world.

The 17-minute film tells this story through a series of emotive and reflective vignettes that take the viewer on a journey from the past to the present. The film can be viewed online on the Mission's website under the history page or during the upcoming National Trust Heritage Festival in May.



Featuring Melbourne historians, commentators, archivists and architects and rare footage and images of sailing and social life in and around the ports of Melbourne, this film will inform and connect audiences young and old. Narrated by Sharon Turley, the film features Jill Garner, Kate Darian-Smith, Chris McConville, Janet Miller and Gordon MacMillan, with musical compositions by Richard Chew.

This Wind & Sky production was produced in collaboration with the Mission to Seafarers Victoria. It was directed by Jary Nemo and written and produced by Lucinda Horrocks and Jary Nemo with executive producers Sue Dight and Gordon MacMillan.

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When the docks were a haven for the queer community

WORDS BY Meg Hill
ARTS & CULTURE

Before Docklands had a residential or business community, and even before the stadium was built, it became a place for those who wanted to escape society.

Victoria Dock's Shed 14 was their haven. "People look back to the '90s and say it was the golden era. The gay and lesbian community was fighting for rights and recognition, and the parties were one way of self-expression within that," said Rohan Shearn, who attended and worked at LGBT-run parties in Docklands.

"We could come down to the docks, away from everyone, away from the peering eyes of general public and be ourselves."

Rohan said the area was right because of the lack of development and because it was treated a bit like a "backwater" – the lack of attention meaning the community could escape unwanted attention and persecution.

"These days we can go to normal parties and no one bats an eyelid. Twenty years ago, you couldn't do that, we needed an environment where we were guaranteed to feel safe and be ourselves," he said.

"It was awkward to get to, and because it was really out of the way we were left to do what we wanted. It was a very interesting time."

"I think we saw the heyday in the scene. We had four to five thousand people congregating in those parties at Shed 14 on Central Pier."

The biggest crowd at the docks was drawn by Grace Jones' performance at one of the parties during her Australian tour in the late '90s – thousands of people crammed in to see her. At one point she fell off the stage and into the crowd.

Although the parties reached their peak at the docks, they began at a smaller level in some of the other sheds and warehouses around the harbour. From parties with attendance in the hundreds, the scene exploded into sustaining thousands of attendees at every party.

And they weren't hosted by private operators, but by a LGBT community organisation called the ALSO Foundation.

Rohan Shearn began as a volunteer at the parties while he studied theatre at university. He became a stage manager and went on to have a career in the industry.

The shows at Shed 14 were big productions that gave him grounding.

"You covered various roles within production. There were three or four shows at each dance party that had a particular theme, so each show had to be set up and managed," he said.

Some nights he slept at the shed waiting for the untracked delivery of the show's equipment.

Occasionally there were pop-up venues brought in to complement the shed – like

▼ Rohan Shearn.



From parties with attendance in the hundreds, the scene exploded into sustaining thousands of attendees at every party.



▼ An ALSO Dance Party in the 1990s, Photo by Angela Bailey.



shipping containers set up around the dock. The biggest parties each year were New Year, RedRaw, Winterdaze and Easter.

But it wasn't all just fun. Rohan recounted the community trying to navigate the presence of undercover police at the parties following a now infamous instance of police abuse at an LGBT club in the CBD.

"The Tasty raid happened in 1994 and everyone knew about it. Everyone kind of expected it to happen as well, it was just a matter of when," he said.

"The police were always at the parties but not in uniform."

Eventually, however, the scene faded out for other reasons.

Once Docklands began to be developed, the out-of-the-way nature of the area disappeared. It made the escape less real and put new limitations on noise and light.

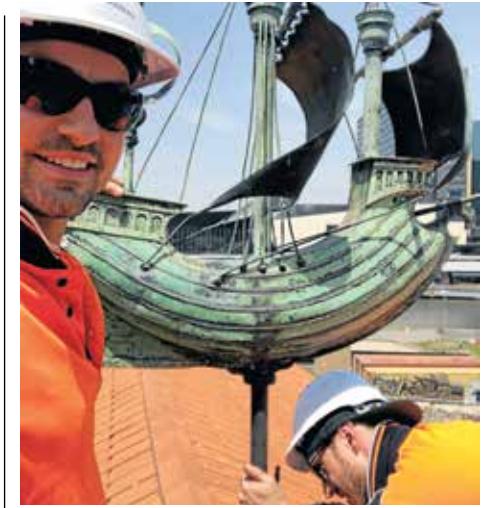
Parties were costing more to produce than they were making, and little money was made to go back into the charity work. Rohan remembered that one of his last parties only broke even at two in the morning.

And the party scene moved on from huge warehouse waves to smaller shows run by competitive private operators.

"But while they lasted, the parties were kind of like a baptism for me," Rohan said.

"It was like a rite of passage for me in the queer community, and it was an environment where everyone was accepted. Many of these people were very quiet people in their normal workday lives, but they came out and were very loud drag queens."

"You could come in an outrageous costume, or you could come in shorts and a t-shirt. You had the permission to be what you wanted to be but couldn't in everyday society." ●



▲ Workers take a selfie with the weather vane!

Mission renovations

LOCAL NEWS

Renovations are continuing at the Mission to Seafarers Victoria (MtSV) with the weather vane now back up on the roof!

The scaffolding will remain up for the next couple of months while the flag tower gets rebuilt, and all of the rendering is finalised on the facade.

Inside, the Mission is open for business. Drop in for a coffee or a beer at your local! ●

Rotary to host cabaret concert

LOCAL NEWS

The Rotary Club of Central Melbourne, which supports a Docklands branch, will present a special cabaret concert at the Library at the Dock on Saturday, March 7.

To be held in the library's performance space, *From Stage to Screen* will be a celebration of well-known and loved musical songs from popular musical theatre, operatic productions and cinematic classics from the likes of *Sound of Music*, *My Fair Lady*, *Les Misérables* and *Phantom of the Opera*, performed by soloists from Opera Australia.

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Cities unite behind new climate targets

WORDS BY Sean Car
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ENVIRONMENT

The City of Melbourne is following Sydney's lead in adopting more ambitious targets to reduce its carbon emissions.

Lord Mayor Sally Capp was joined by Lord Mayor of Sydney Clover Moore at Melbourne Town Hall on February 14 at the National Climate Emergency Summit, with the two leaders using the opportunity to promote accelerating climate action.

At its February 18 Future Melbourne Committee (FMC) meeting, councillors supported a review of a range of possible actions as a result of the council's declaration of a climate emergency last year including:

Reaching its zero emissions target for the municipality 10 years earlier by 2040;

Moving all council operations out of fossil fuels such as gas and petrol;

Fast-tracking the delivery of 44km of protected bike lanes;

Stimulating circular economy solutions for waste; and

Developing a policy to provide rates incentive for energy efficient buildings.

Lord Mayor Sally Capp said the Emergency Response documents codified and built on each city's climate emergency declaration.

"Preventing severe climate change is a global challenge and Australia must pull its weight. Sydney has just endorsed a new target for zero emissions by 2040 and Melbourne is looking to do the same," the Lord Mayor said.

"Our cities are taking action to cut emissions, embed cleaner energy and green our streets. Melbourne and Sydney will both be striving for the ambitious goal of zero net emissions by 2040."

"However, we can't do the heavy lifting alone – we need a serious national response to drive deep, effective change. Federal, state and local governments must work together if we are to avoid the worst impacts, which are already being experienced across our communities."

"There are also significant economic opportunities to be gained by taking strong action. As drivers of the national economy, the cities of Sydney and Melbourne will be examining what role they can play in further facilitating investment in and implementation of cleaner technology and encouraging



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behaviour change."

Lord Mayor of Sydney Clover Moore said the documents allowed business units within each council to budget and determine the resourcing needed to deliver on key new priorities that addressed climate change.

"The bushfire crisis this summer has been a wake-up call for many people across Australia. The climate emergency that scientists have been warning us about has suddenly become very real," she said.

"But when it comes to reducing emissions and taking strong action on climate change, we are a global laggard. It's shameful. As one of the wealthiest nations on Earth, with access to some of the best renewable resources, and some of the world's most innovative and creative thinkers, it's our responsibility to move faster."

"Cities generate around 70 per cent of global emissions, so while national governments fail us, cities like Sydney and Melbourne getting on with the job can make a real difference. Reducing emissions is a global challenge that requires collective action."

More than 1300 councils across 26 countries have now made a climate emergency declaration ●



Docklands' TEDx dose

LOCAL NEWS

TEDxDocklands returned for its fifth year on February 20 with a day of inspiring talks at the Library at the Dock.

The event's speakers included actor and director Janelle Da Silva, Energetic Education founder Dale Sidebottom, public personality Toltu

Tufa and cardiologist and author Dr Warrick Bishop.

The event organiser Tansel Ali, a four-time Australian Memory Champion, said the event "brought together 15 inspirational people of all walks of life in a day filled with entertainment, deep thought and talks around how to solve future problems with future insight".

"The event entails the issues facing the local community and provides solutions and thought to create greater connectedness," she said ●

For more information:
tedxdocklands.com

New Celtic festival to launch at the Mission

LOCAL NEWS

A new festival dedicated to Celtic music and culture launching at the Mission to Seafarers Victoria (MtSV) on Saint Patrick's Day will donate all ticket proceeds to the Mission and Rotary Bushfire Disaster Fund.

The Melbourne Celtic Festival will bring the Mission's Spanish architecture to life with Australia's top Celtic musicians.

The family-friendly event will include children's activities, storytelling and face-painting, special seniors entertainment, pipes and singing workshops, writing workshops, Irish dancing, musical drama, sessions and food.

Aussie premiere Celtic rock band Claymore will headline on the main stage and a host of female performers include Wendy Stapleton's Australian Women's Choir, Emma-Kate Tobia, Maria Forde, Claire Patti, Kathryn Clements, Cora Browne and Bhan Tre ●

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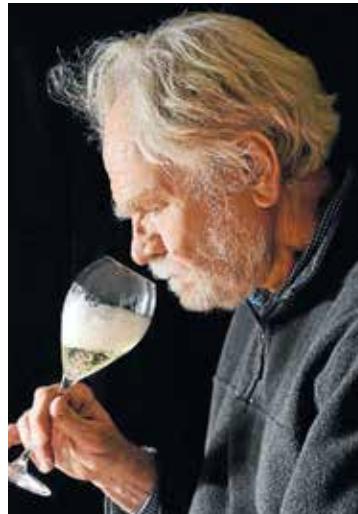
Docklands' Magnet Gallery is going from strength to strength.

Last month the photography gallery held its 10th annual women photographers' exhibition with more than 200 people in attendance and is now moving on to its new exhibition *Vintage*.

All proceeds from the opening were donated to the Docklands' Country Women's Association.

The new exhibition, *Vintage: 12 years of photography*, features Victor Pugatschew, two-time winner of the prestigious international Errázuriz Wine Photographer of the Year.

Magnet will present a comprehensive compilation of his photography.



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More short-stay abuse - with no recourse for residents

Residents across Melbourne are reporting more horror stories of short-stay abuse – with little chance of any meaningful redress and still less of any resolution.

In our previous column we reported the case of an enterprising resident who won a victory in the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT) – albeit pyrrhic.

This month we report three more stories of ongoing abuse where the current law provides no recourse for residents.

Resident story one – Older couple feels unsafe

"When we moved into our apartment we enjoyed our new lifestyle - until our peace and enjoyment started to erode as more and more short-stays took over our building."

"Eventually one third of the building became short-stay. Our lives changed dramatically for the worse – lifts, foyers and corridors were taken over by large groups of noisy guests with luggage. Large cleaning trolleys caused damage to the lifts and corridors, all paid for out of owners' corporation (OC) levies."

"There was no sense of community or caring for the building or its residents. Some of the guests made us, as older residents, feel unsafe."

"We felt we had no choice but to put our apartment on the market and move away. This meant a large financial loss."

Resident story two – Damage, abuse, burglary

"The effects of Airbnb in my apartment building include an increase in cost for extra security and extra maintenance of the common areas of the building. Body corporate fees were increased to cover these extra costs."

"The swimming pool area and the change rooms, sauna, and spa area were damaged and gym equipment misused. Entrance was limited to residents only, which resulted in the security guards being abused and one guard spat upon by a disgruntled Airbnb guest. Key fobs were copied and sold on E-bay."

"Airbnb guests used this unauthorised access to burgle an apartment. This matter was handled by the police. We have been forced to upgrade all fobs to deal with this security issue."

Resident story three – Abuse, rubbish, sexual services

A resident in a third apartment tower reported a series of disturbing incidents occurring over the previous four-year period as an owner occupier. This resident always suffered from at least one Airbnb apartment on his floor and one directly above which constantly leaked water through his ceiling, the result of poor maintenance of the Airbnb apartment.

"One owner bragged at an annual general meeting (AGM) about operating 20 apartments as short-stays and wanting to add more to his portfolio," the resident said.

"Drunken short-stay guests banged on my door mistaking my apartment for their short-stay because the floor layouts are similar - and became abusive when told of their mistake."

"Bottles, rubbish and dirt are routinely left all over the lobbies and corridors, especially bad on party nights – Friday, Saturday, Sunday – and on every holiday or long weekend."

"Lobbies and lifts are perpetually clogged with bags and suitcases; there is a constant stream of strangers moving in and out of short-stay apartments every day of the week."

"Short-stay apartment cleaners, going from floor to floor, apartment to apartment, carrying racks of swipe cards and keys can access virtually any floor of a supposedly 'secure' building; In all likelihood these cleaners are paid cash-in-hand without any background checks. The building is basically a free-for-all hotel. The basement storage cages are frequently burgled and damaged."

"The lack of consequences for the anti-social short-stay industry seems to have emboldened the worst elements in our society – apartments in this building are used as illegal boarding houses and even as brothels".

Meanwhile, local councils take the lead

While the state government continues to bury its head in the sand about the dire impact of short-stays, two local councils have responded to community outrage and introduced new laws to regulate the industry.

Mornington Peninsula Shire Council has introduced a comprehensive Local Law that requires short-stay operators to register and pay an annual fee and to follow a code of conduct, with a provision for heavy fines and banning delinquent owners. The law covers communication with neighbours, noise limits and anti-social behaviour.

The Council says it has a zero-tolerance approach to party houses and will prosecute anyone who breaks the new rules.

Since the new law was introduced in 2018 more than 3000 owners have registered their "homes" as short-stay properties and 111 infringement notices have been issued.

In 2019 the first two owners were successfully prosecuted: one guilty of four offences was fined \$1500 and another guilty of 19 offences was fined \$2700 and compelled to sign a court undertaking.

Mornington Peninsula Shire Mayor David Gill said, "Council takes this kind of act very seriously and will deal with property owners failing to comply with the Short Stay Rental Accommodation Local Law".

"These businesses operate in our residential neighbourhoods and anti-social and rowdy behaviour is not acceptable."

Neighbouring Frankston City Council very recently passed its own local laws to regulate short stay rental properties, to allow the Council to "ensure an appropriate standard of management for short stay rental accommodation, to minimise the risk of nuisance to neighbouring properties."

Frankston short-stay owners will be charged an annual registration fee of \$150 and failure to register could result in a fine of up to \$2000. An owner's registration may be cancelled after three substantiated complaints or a single "severe" complaint.

Frankston City Council Mayor, Sandra Mayer, claims the Local Laws were needed to give the council remedies "currently not covered under any other legislation."

That both Frankston and Mornington Peninsula Councils have been compelled to introduce their own Local Laws because the state laws are so inadequate is a ludicrous situation, and the state government has to step up and stop passing the buck to local councils.

We Live Here will continue to lobby for regulation of the short-stay industry until the government is shamed into doing something about it, and catch up with the rest of the world.

Thank you to those of you who have contributed the stories included in our previous two columns. We shall include more on short-stays in later columns, but next month we shall turn our attention to the orts perpetuated by developers and others, and concerns that even if the proposed new legislation sees the light of day it will deal adequately with many of the issues highlighted by our readers.

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Preparing for a circular economy

According to Circle Economy's Global Circularity Report released in 2018, only nine per cent of the world's resources are cycled back into the economy after use.

The concept of the circular economy left the realm of academic theory and entered the world of business a long time ago. The price of natural resources and materials is increasing, and in response to volatile markets and increasing competition, developed nations are examining this alternative economic model.

A circular economy is one that exchanges the typical cycle of make, use, dispose in favour of as much re-use and recycling as possible. The longer materials and resources are in use, the more value is extracted from them. This could contribute towards reducing Australia's dependence on critical materials including cobalt, fluorspar or gallium, and also reduce overall demand by recovering the resources, nutrients or energy contained in products at the end of their useful life.

Extending the life of products and materials prevents the over-generation of waste and recovers the full value of products. This would create new business opportunities and revenue streams while minimising the environmental impact of mining, resource extraction, refining and manufacture.

The global consumer sector is expected to grow five per cent per year for the next two decades, but environmental and social problems pose a real threat. It is estimated that more than half the value of some of the largest companies in the world depends on their projected growth, which is vulnerable to issues such as drought, government limits on greenhouse-gas emissions, and reputational damage from a lack of attention to pollution and safety.



Here are three ways the broader Docklands community can prepare for a circular economy:

1. Understand the "why" behind your decision

The starting point for any circular economy effort is to ask, "why should we do it?" Re-tooling business operations (and mindsets) to produce environmentally sensitive products takes time, money and commitment. Companies launching circular economy programs cannot go down this path lightly. It is vital to gain input on any potential plan from internal and external stakeholders. The last thing one wants is to appear to be "greenwashing," so it is important to know if sustainability programs under consideration would be viewed as meaningful or meaningless by customers, citizens and key stakeholders.

2. Consider new business models

Economic growth in emerging markets has helped to raise living standards, but inevitably, it has also generated massive consumer and industrial waste. Many municipalities in these markets spend up to half their budgets on solid-waste management.

The traditional linear model most businesses still use has always stressed the idea of ownership. Once a product is produced and sold, the manufacturer hands over responsibility for it. Then it is up to the owner to maintain, dispose and ultimately replace it.

In the circular economy, however, ownership is no longer a key consideration. Product service models begin to come to the forefront, enabling customers to use products through a lease or pay-for-use arrangement rather than the conventional buy-to-own approach.

Innovative businesses, however, drawing on circular-economy principles, are finding ways to convert trash into income streams. By aggregating volumes substantial enough to justify business investments, they can create the infrastructure to organise and manage waste supply chains.

3. Explore supply chain opportunities

With the old linear manufacturing model, companies take resources from the planet and shape them into products that sit in warehouses until they are ready to ship to customers across sometimes vast distances. Each of these steps carries costs, creates waste and can adversely affect the environment.

When managing their sustainability performance, consumer companies often start with their own operations. The largest opportunities for improvement, however, can be found in supply chains, which typically account for 80 per cent of a consumer business's greenhouse-gas emissions and over 90 per cent of its impact on air, land, water and biodiversity.

In the circular economy, disruptive technologies such as 3D printing will shorten supply chains, reduce carbon emissions and eliminate production waste and overstocked warehouses by bringing production closer to the point of consumption. It will also eliminate the need for larger, energy-consuming warehouses as it shifts production to more of a just-in-time (JIT) inventory system.

Today's take-make-waste economic model is not fit for purpose. Embedded in this linear economy tradition lies a toxic cocktail of negative consequences, ranging from social inequality to depletion of natural resources, environmental pollution, and worsening of the risks and effects of climate change •



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PRECINCT PERSPECTIVE

2020 in Yarra's Edge

Now that the festive season is behind us, it's time to focus on the year ahead.

And the best news so far this year is the certainty surrounding Point Park after trying to get answers on ownership, which kept coming back inconclusive.

We have received confirmation that the area is Crown land and the City of Melbourne is the manager of the park. There will be no Tower 7 as Mirvac has plans to build Tower 9 in the future on the area currently utilised as its sales office, while the land fronting Lorimer St is earmarked for future commercial and retail purposes.

I don't like to be negative but I have to say how disappointed residents from Yarra's Edge were with last year's Christmas decorations going up only two weeks before Christmas.

Many people spoke to me about being the poor relations on this side of the river and I have to agree much money is spent in the CBD and we get little in return for the millions paid in rates. There has to be a fairer way of rate distribution.

Also, at a meeting with a councillor and City of Melbourne department managers I floated an idea of having a free music event at Point Park only to be told that all funding for 2020 had already been allocated. This was very disappointing to hear but if anyone has ideas for 2021 please let me know.

While we are talking about council matters

there needs to be clarification as to the use of the community space, which has been vacant for nearly two years as no one seems to know the rules or how you go about using the space. It's also been disappointing to see the problems with the newly surfaced Webb Bridge when it rains as it was quite dangerous for cyclists.

On a positive note, it's great to see the reopening of Anchor coffee shop at South Wharf Drive overlooking the Yarra in front of Forge Apartments offering great coffee and delicious snacks.

Over the holiday period many families took advantage of barbecue facilities at Point Park, which has to be one of the best assets of Yarra's Edge. "Movies under the Stars" on February 14 and 15 was extremely popular again.

Docklands is fast becoming the go-to place for visitors in Melbourne as it has a vast array of restaurants, accommodation, sporting, shopping and new supermarket and speciality shops at the expanded The District shopping centre. The entertainment area also has much to offer families and, of course, the jewel in the crown is the Yarra River with all its nautical activities.

Victoria Harbour, NewQuay and Yarra's Edge each have their own unique characteristics which offer much to visitors and tourists with many taking advantage of the fantastic photography opportunities.

RekDek's pool renovations and upgrades are looking good. The facility, located inside Tower 1 at 50 Lorimer St, is always well-patronised when I go to do my laps on a regular basis. There has also been a change of management, with Just In Time Personal Training taking over this well-equipped gym with additional classes so check it out if you haven't been lately.

The honking situation at Point Park is still creating a nuisance factor even with more policing activities taking place in the area. Victoria Police and City of Melbourne are trying to work through this issue but it seems to be an ongoing annoyance with no satisfactory outcome thus far.

I loved the feedback on my proposal to change the postcode in Yarra's Edge to 3007, which I raised in my last column in the November edition of *Docklands News*. I would love to hear from you about other suggestions or improvements for Yarra's Edge, as this is an opportunity to have your say. We love the area and only want what's best for us all •

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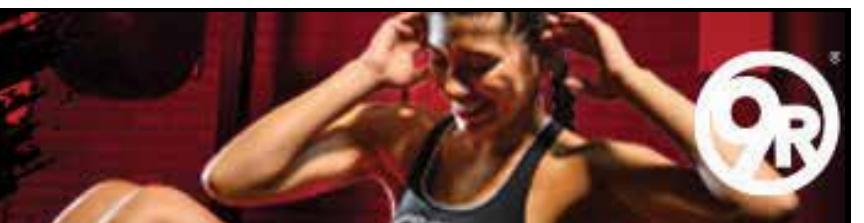
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Resourcing Gippsland

Deb Sullivan lives in NewQuay and works in emergency management for the North West Metro Region, which encompasses the City of Melbourne.

But recently her job has been overwhelmingly focused on supporting firefighting and community in Gippsland.

"It's pretty full on at the moment," she said.

Her multi-agency team – incorporating the Country Fire Authority (CFA), the MFB, Parks Victoria and SES – has been sending big incident management teams to the fireground.

"There might be 50 people in a team, so we have to send day shift ongoing rotations to support the locals," she said.

Volunteers and professional firefighters from around the state, including the inner city, and even international teams are being sent.

"The locals are quite exhausted; they've lost homes and businesses," she said.

Deb has worked in the role for 40 years, highlighting the level of concern.

"It's never been this busy at the start of the fire season before. February is usually our hectic month," she said.

She's lived in Docklands for five of those years, having moved from Bacchus Marsh with

her partner to fulfil a long-term dream of city living.

She said the biggest negative was a loss of opportunities for a family hobby – gardening.

But since moving, becoming active on her owners' corporation (OC) and eventually the chair, Deb has helped establish a residents' gardening team similar to the teams she helps form at work.

"I've got a vertical garden on my balcony now and herbs in pots, and because I can get involved in the garden here, I love it," she said.

"It's not much different to being in a street, it's just a horizontal street. You get to know people, it's not like you're faceless."

There's now a team of dedicated gardeners responsible for the building's multiple ornamental and vegetable gardens.

"We sent an email around and put a few flyers up and that's how we've made a connection of a dozen people. Now we have a daily watering roster and projects being set up in an ongoing way" ●

▼ Deb Sullivan.



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Vertical villages - an owners' corporation manager's view

Our vertical villages employ a host of workers – concierges, window washers, gardeners – but when it comes to the owners' corporation (OC) manager, some of us are less clear about their role, often asking "what's the difference between an OC manager and a building manager?"

OC managers play a distinct role in the high-rise ecosystem with Consumer Affairs Victoria describing their role as the management and administration of an OC's common property. This includes maintaining financial records, preparing budgets, organising insurance, arranging legally required audits and reports, collecting fees and generally ensuring compliance with the Owners' Corporations Act. A building manager is more hands-on, taking on the operational side of these activities, such as actually organising maintenance and repairs.

In view of the OC manager's central role in the vertical living sector, I thought it interesting to see how these administrators view our world of vertical villages.

For such a perspective, I spoke with Mr Cas Lukauskas, a senior OC manager with MICM Property and a 14-year veteran of the OC world.

Our chat started by my asking Cas what he saw as the best features of vertical living.

Somewhat surprisingly, Cas nominated a sense of community.

This surprised me because vertical villages are typically criticised for lacking community. But Cas disagrees, noting that there are many lonely people living on quarter-acre blocks who couldn't even identify their neighbours by sight.

In Cas's view, people in high-rise abodes can more easily – if they so choose – connect with other residents as there are many points for potential interaction.

"You can get to know people if you want – they are (literally) in arm's reach," Cas said.

Changing gear, I asked about what he saw as his biggest challenges when operating in this sector.

In terms of on-going issues, and somewhat unsurprisingly, Cas said that by far the biggest challenges he routinely encountered involved people, specifically, negotiating a large network of human relationships.

OC managers directly interact with building staff, insurers, legal advisors, suppliers, contractors and their staff, council and government departments, property managers, tenants, investors and, most importantly, the OC committee! And within this mix, Cas spends a great amount of time in mediating between people with disputes. As we well know, close proximity living coupled with shared amenities brings to the fore fundamental differences. Cas operates on the basis that strong opinions often spring from good intentions (e.g. a desire for sustainability), but these well-meant goals can get lost in how people try to execute their visions.

Regarding a more recent bugbear, Cas sighed, "short-stays". As is well appreciated in vertical villages, Cas too is of the opinion that current legislation leaves OCs as "toothless tigers" with the available redress channels not dealing with the actual problem.

"Often times when owners attempt to enforce their rights, the application is left to the OC manager and our key tool is issuing breach notices – after the event," he said.

The biggest problem group he sees are the new entrants into the short-stay market. Often these people just want a bit of quick cash without the overheads and so they take a "do it yourself approach". But Cas warns that he has seen some severe consequences visited upon these short-term landlords, most especially in terms of insurance. When things go wrong, which according to Murphy, they do, these unprepared short-stay landlords find that the building's insurance may not cover damages. But the real danger, Cas further warns, lies in their liability exposure from injury to their "guests" and/or residents.

So, how does he handle this?

In Cas's experience, by far the best way to resolution starts with talking directly to the owners – "face-to-face is best". Also crucial is developing good working relations with property managers. This he sees as essential – "we must be on the same page".

For the final question, I asked about the changes he sees on the "vertical" horizon.

Regarding changes already happening, Cas observed that the nature and composition of committees was becoming more sophisticated. This he attributed to the retirement of the Baby Boomer generation and their move into the "high-life". This group brings with it an array of workplace skills and valuable insights and it

is also quite keen to have a say in how its home affairs are managed. I asked Cas's opinion about the need for targeted training for committee members as many have previously learned "on-the-job", which has fuelled many misperceptions about actual roles and the operation of an OC. However, ever the diplomat, Cas reframed my question in terms of a more general observation about managing diverse interests and his sense of satisfaction in devising workable solutions which cater for these differences.

In terms of an emerging trend, Cas pointed to shifts in design preferences, specifically a notable demand for green amenities. In previous years, owners have looked for pools, gyms and tennis courts. Now he observes a strong and growing desire for rooftop gardens, courtyards and generally more relaxing (and even nurturing) spaces. This he attributes to the need of city dwellers for places of quiet enjoyment in the midst of a noisy concrete jungle.

So, take note developers and designers – it's not all about activation! ●



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VCAT rules termination payment was unlawful

In an order published by VCAT at the end of 2019, Your Body Corporate Pty Ltd (YBC) and its directors, were ordered to repay the sum of \$192,465 plus interest for fees it unlawfully deducted from an owners' corporation's (OC) account upon termination as OC manager.

The proceedings concerned an OC located at Wyndham Harbour, a community of over 800 residential lots.

YBC was appointed as OC manager to take over from a previous manager for an initial period of 12 months. Its appointment was renewed for a further two years.

However, during the period of YBC's management, it became apparent to owners that there were problems with YBC's handling of the accounts and records and administration of the development. An independent auditor's report confirmed that the accounts could not be verified and that the financial reports did not represent a true and fair view of the financial position of the OC.

When it became apparent to YBC that it would be terminated at an upcoming special general meeting, and that an overwhelming number of votes would support its termination, YBC prepared an invoice for the sum of \$192,465 representing the balance of its management fees and future disbursements.

Because it still operated the OC's trust account, the manager made the decision to immediately pay itself that sum from the OC's maintenance fund.

It did not inform the OC of the invoice, nor did it disclose that it had transferred the funds. It did not have the approval of the OC to make this payment to itself.

In addition, at the time YBC made the payment to itself, the OC had not yet given a notice to terminate the management agreement.

It can also be revealed that YBC then transferred the \$192,465 payment from its business account to its directors one week later.

Three weeks later, YBC advised the OC that it could collect its accounts and records from its office and that it had ceased to provide services to the OC. This was strange because the OC still had not terminated the agreement.

Nevertheless, the secretary collected the books and records and funds from the manager's office. The payment of the \$192,465 by YBC to YBC was not contained within the financial

records provided to the OC. YBC maintained in the VCAT position this was an "oversight."

Two months after the transfer to itself, YBC applied to be de-registered as a company.

YBC returned total funds of \$325,423 to the OC. This represented a \$500,000 loss of OC funds in a two-year period.

VCAT found that the manager was in breach of its statutory and contractual duties to act honestly and in good faith with due care and diligence.

VCAT also found there was a gross failure to maintain proper financial records and to manage the financial affairs of the OC.

The payment by YBC to itself was all the more egregious because it was from the maintenance fund, which is a protected trust fund for the benefit of the owners for the capital repairs to common property.

VCAT also found that the removal of the OC's funds were without any legal entitlement authority or consent was unconscionable conduct under the Australian Consumer Law, and

found that the OC was permitted to join the directors of YBC to the proceeding in their personal capacity for their role in participating in the unconscionable conduct.

This decision should act as a precedent to stop any other manager from deducting or paying itself fees upon termination of the contract. Even if there is a clause in the agency agreement which permits the payment, it is likely that such a clause is invalid and in breach of the Australian Consumer Law.

OC managers all across Victoria should familiarise themselves with this decision •



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HEALTH AND WELLBEING

The importance of sitting correctly to save your spine

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We've all heard it before, sitting is bad for you. But do we really know how harmful it is to our health?

The average desk worker spends around 35 hours per week seated and this doesn't even include time spent sitting in the car, on public transport or on the couch at the end of the day.

Being sedentary or seated uses less energy than standing or moving around which can lead to other health related problems. A 2018 report from the US Department of Health and Human Services found a strong evidential link between increased time spent in sedentary positions and a greater all-cause mortality rate.

If we look at human evolution, sitting is not a natural human resting position and has only evolved due to the invention of the chair. When we are seated for long periods our hip flexors and erector spinae muscles shorten and tighten and our gluteal muscles and abdominal muscles become weakened, which is known as lower crossed syndrome and is extremely common in

people who sit for extended times.

Poor seated posture happens when people sit with their spine in a C-shaped position instead of a natural S-shaped position. When most people sit in this position the coccyx bone (which most people know as the tailbone) at the bottom of the spine becomes the main weight bearer for the body's weight. However, the coccyx is a non-weight bearing joint.

So, what happens when we sit in the C-position? Our lower back starts to hurt due to increased weight and pressure on the area along with the changes to our musculature leading to lower crossed syndrome. If someone was to continually do this, it can lead to other problems including breathing issues.

How should I sit in my chair?

Your feet should be flat on the ground and knees at a 90-degree angle.

Your spine should be pressing up against the back of the chair and there should be no gap between you and the chair back. This prevents slouching into the C-shape.

The keyboard should be at the edge of the



table, this keeps your elbows back behind your body and resists the motion of leaning forward to chase the keyboard and mouse.

The bottom of the screen monitor should be at your eye level, not the top of the screen. This is because even if your eye level is at the top of the screen as the day progresses there is still room to slouch, whereas if your eye level is at the bottom of the screen the only way you can go is up! You can increase your screen height by using books or paper stacks.

How can I combat sitting all day?

If you don't have a sit-stand desk, ensure you take a break to stand every 30 minutes by either setting a timer on your phone or using an app such as Stand Up! The Work Break Timer.

Send your printing to the furthest printer.

This ensures you get a short walk as well as getting out of the chair.

Instead of heading to the boardroom for a meeting opt to go for a walk around the block and have the meeting that way.

Introducing sit-stand desks can be good for reducing time spent seated. Ensure when you are standing that you have your feet shoulder width apart and are not leaning into the desk or leaning on one leg. Same rules apply for keyboard and monitor height.

Instead of taking the short tram ride to Southern Cross Station opt to walk instead.

If your email recipient is within walking distance, get up and walk to them to talk instead of sending an email.

The most important point to take out of this is your workspace should apart around you, instead of your posture adapting around your workspace! •

For more information visit:
docklandshealth.com.au

ABBY'S ANGLE

Enjoying the new decade

After the terrible year that was 2019 finally uttered its last hoorah just a few short months ago, I have been determined that this new decade would be everything that I hoped for.

Most years I don't take too much notice of the hype of the big countdown, the "new year, new me" approach to kissing the last 12 months goodbye and being overtly optimistic that the new year would be phenomenally different.

However, this time I literally counted down the hours, minutes and seconds until I could say goodbye not only to 2019, but to that entire last decade.

So now, a few months in, I have reason to pause and consider how it's going – has the shininess worn off? Have there been dramatic changes? Does it really feel different from the last decade? And I have to say – yes. Yes, there is dramatic change. Yes, it is different and no, the shininess has not worn off one little bit.

For clarity, lady luck has not shined on me,

and nor have there been any clear changes that you would see from the outside. I haven't moved to a new country, I haven't won lotto, I haven't magically become 10 years younger or any of the things that pop into your mind as your three wishes should you ever find the magic lantern.

So, what has changed? To be honest, I think that the by looking forward to the end of 2019 I was actually drawing a line in the sand of how long I would put up with things being the way they were.

It's only in looking back, that I realise that it created a virtual finish line for me to get to before there could be a seismic shift in the way I saw and approached my life. And literally as the clock struck midnight, I was of the mindset

"right, that's enough of all that bad stuff happening" and I simply embraced the potential for joy to occur. It's not that anything outrageously joyous has happened, it's just that I now believe it could. And that's a very powerful belief.

There's something else that's happened as a result of drawing the line in the sand and defining an actual re-start on what I am going to put up with – I have started to remove the situations that I know have brought more stress than they are worth. I don't mean simply "unfriend" dramatic exhausting people on Facebook (although that is cathartic – it's so lovely to stop the NOISE!), but I do mean actively working to change or remove stressful situations whether that's a business contract that's lost its appeal, friends whose values now seem to clash with your own, or pursuits you used to be passionate about that are now more frustrating than rewarding.

And when you remove the things that are draining you, when you say "no more" to the things that aren't right for you any longer, here's the wonderful thing – you create space for amazing things to come into your life that are right for you. So, I am enjoying this new decade. Sure, nothing exceptional has happened – but

there is room for it now I've mentally and physically removed some of the negative mindsets that were occupying way too much space in my life!

So, my angle is this – be careful of what you're holding on to. Sometimes it seems scary to make changes, it seems impossible to think that things will get better. But that's exactly where to start – when you begin to believe you deserve better, that there will be better, then you are making room for those wonderful things to happen.

Let's have the courage to believe in ourselves, and to know that we deserve to be happy. It's time for change.

With much love, Abby x •



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BUSINESS

New offerings at The District Docklands Market Lane

While The District Docklands continues to expand, so too does the abundance of quality food offerings for shoppers.

After welcoming Woolworths, Dan Murphy's, MarketPlace Fresh and The Butcher Club Epicurean late last year, The District has now added Empire Asian Supermarket, one of largest of its kind in the CBD, as well as the delicious China Bar, which serves the most popular tastes from Malaysia, Hong Kong, China and Taiwan, and lastly Magic Cuisine, an affordable take-home meal option.

Throughout March, Market Lane will welcome a host of new eateries and stores including a deli, pharmacy and seafood store, making sure you'll never leave empty-handed.

Open seven days a week until 7pm, with Woolworths open until 10pm, Market Lane is an urban market indulging the senses and fostering a sense of community and place.

The District Docklands CEO George Karabatsos said he hoped Market Lane would transform the way city shoppers got their daily groceries.

"We are thrilled to expand the offerings at Market Lane, fast becoming a go-to fresh food destination for Docklands and surrounding areas," Mr Karabatsos said.

"These new additions provide even more fresh food options for the local shopper, representing diverse flavours from all over the world."

To make the experience even more comfortable, customers who spend \$10 or more at Market Lane's Woolworths, Dan Murphy's or



▼ Pictures: Nicole Cleary.



participating stores by validating their ticket are eligible for 90 minutes of free parking.

Market Lane opened in October 2019 and is the largest supermarket-based, fresh food and convenience precinct within a 5km radius of Melbourne's CBD.

The \$70 million development is an extension of The District Docklands, formerly known as Harbour Town.

Spanning 9500 sqm and with 2250 car parks on site, Market Lane was designed by NH Architecture and Esquisse Design Studio •

For more information visit:
thedistrictdocklands.com.au



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Just In Time takes over RekDek

WORDS BY Jack Hayes

The RekDek fitness centre at Tower 1, 50 Lorimer St is now under new management, with local fitness expert Justin Moran from Just In Time Personal Training taking over the gym which services more than 2500 Yarra's Edge residents.

Mr Moran's successful bid for management of the RekDek facilities comes only six months after securing the keys to the Wharf Club, below the Forge building, earning him a monopoly of fitness services along Yarra's Edge.

The RekDek facilities include a fully equipped gym, swimming pool, steam room and sauna, with Mr Moran and his team of university degree qualified trainers offering free services such as fitness classes, health and fitness assessments, posture assessments, body composition analysis, personalised program design, program follow-up and seminars.

After unsuccessfully tendering for management of the RekDek 18 months ago, Mr Moran is delighted to have taken over management of one of Melbourne's most picturesque fitness centres.

"Our job is to encourage physical activity and social interactions between the residents of the seven high-rise towers that comprise the Yarra's Edge precinct," Mr Moran said.

"We're really excited to have the chance to develop a really strong sense of community throughout the whole of Yarra's Edge."

"Living in apartments can often be isolating, which is why we offer several free initiatives like our More Than Just A Walking Group in both Yarra's Edge and Southbank."

Just In Time Personal Training is the only personal training company in Melbourne exclusively employing university qualified trainers.

Although the RekDek gym caters for 2500 residents, Mr Moran said only 120 residents used the facilities each day.

"If you look at the statistics, 80 per cent of the population is technically considered 'inactive',"



▲ Just In Time team Bevan Shelley and Justin Moran.

he said. "A normal commercial gym will only attract three to five per cent of the population, so gyms aren't always going to be the answer."

"Our job is to think creatively about how we can get people out of their apartments and get them active."

In addition to servicing the residents of Docklands, Southbank and the city, Mr Moran provides an array of fully-tailored workplace health programs.

Programs, not always physical in nature, include education and guiding staff to better

health, mental health, sleep patterns, nutrition, posture, exercise habits, injury prevention and risk minimisation.

The RekDek, along with the Wharf Club, are the only two gyms in Victoria which have the capacity for paid building management.

The RekDek is open from 5.30am - 10.30pm daily and the Just In Time team, headed by Bevan Shelley, is onsite from 6am - 9.30am, and 4pm - 7pm Monday - Friday and then Saturdays from 8.30am - 1pm (except on public holidays) •

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For more information, visit
justintimept.com or call
Justin on 0411 798 934



AMBER, PERSONAL ASSISTANT

I haven't bought anything but the food was lovely at the brewery.



JOHN, MANAGER

It's way better than it was two years ago. Now we have a Woolies and food court. They've brought in a lot of stuff. It's a good mix. It has a cooler feel.



EVVAR, NURSE

I've bought a lot of stuff, handbags, shoes, dresses, everything. Kenya is more fashionable. There's a lot of competition. There are more shops here, different items. In Kenya there are only supermarkets or clothing shops.



JODIE, PERSONAL ASSISTANT

They need to get people here. We just went to Typo and they're closing down. I remember when it [The District] first opened I used to love being here. They've put on a cover, which is better. I love the layout. It's inviting.

Faces of Docklands

Question:

*What do you think of the shopping here
(The District Docklands)?*

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▲ Television personality Paul Mercurio gets into the spirit of Docklands' Community Garden with Urban Reforestation founder Emily Ballantyne-Brodie.

Mercurio visits Docklands' garden

Paul Mercurio made a visit to Docklands' community garden on February 10 to film a segment for his television show, Mercurio's Menu.

WORDS BY Alison Kinkade

Mr Mercurio, who hosts a lifestyle cooking and travel show on Channel Seven, interviewed Urban Reforestation founder Emily Ballantyne-Brodie about the garden and the produce it grows.

Mr Mercurio said it was great to be able to film the garden as part of his work.

"To me it's about getting excited about it and

feeling inspired... a lot of people will be inspired and want to create their own community garden and, hopefully, people in Docklands will see it and get involved in this one," Mr Mercurio said.

The produce of the garden will not be featured in the cooking section of the episode as it was filmed prior to the show's visit to Victoria Harbour.

"If I was here yesterday I would have loved to have cooked with the produce or taken some herbs and things over to the restaurant where I cooked," Mr Mercurio said. Ms Ballantyne-Brodie said she was very excited when she found out they wanted to film the garden.

The show, which is in its third season, will feature the garden in its 10th episode, which will air in April or May.

Docklands Fashion



Fashion on the Streets of Docklands

WAYNE, MENSWEAR SALES

DESCRIBE WHAT YOU ARE WEARING:
A linen and wool suit. I had it made. The shirt is a Peter Jackson shirt. I had the shoes made in Vietnam in Hoi An. The suit's a smoky blue. I didn't want to say smoky because of the bushfires.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE PIECE OF CLOTHING?
A Peter Jackson linen and wool jacket in a rust/tobacco colour. It goes with everything. I like a bit of a vintage vibe.

WHAT BRINGS YOU TO DOCKLANDS?
Work.

HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE YOUR STYLE?
Classic British. My background's English, Irish and Scottish. I lived in the UK for many years. Australians are more conservative. Brits have a darker, greyer climate yet they wear more colour. I worked in Saville Row in London. People here try to be too fashionable instead of embracing things that suit themselves.

WHAT MAKES A GOOD OUTFIT?
I look for cut and fabric and something not too guided by fashion.

MARTIN, STOREMAN

DESCRIBE WHAT YOU ARE WEARING:
T-shirt, hooded tank top, army shorts and Fila black casual shoes from Target and K-Mart.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE PIECE OF CLOTHING?
Tank top and shorts. I'm from the Northern Territory.

WHAT BRINGS YOU TO DOCKLANDS?
Holidays.

HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE YOUR STYLE?
Nice and cool, casual look. Nothing tight.

WHAT MAKES A GOOD OUTFIT?
The casual look.

MERCY, NURSE

DESCRIBE WHAT YOU ARE WEARING:
A basic t-shirt, shirt. The jacket's not me. The pants are really comfortable for hiking. Comfortable sneakers. I'm hiding my hair in a beret.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE PIECE OF CLOTHING?
Any kind of shirt.

WHAT BRINGS YOU TO DOCKLANDS?
Ice skating.

HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE YOUR STYLE?
I like where I use white and something black.

WHAT MAKES A GOOD OUTFIT?
For me, comfort comes first.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Bring on the lasers

I am all for the Laservision instalment. I think it will be great for the Docklands, it will add to the area, it will add vibrancy, colour and, most importantly, it will bring people to the area. Businesses that are struggling now will benefit from the people coming to see the spectacle. New businesses will be born, more jobs will be created, win-win.

I love where I live.

Monique

Questionable benefit

I think the light show would be great and the location is perfect. However, I don't live at Docklands.

I don't necessarily believe that it will bring financial benefits to businesses in the area but it will certainly attract crowds, which could have a significant negative impact for local residents.

I feel strongly that only Victorian businesses should be involved in the planning and creation of the project – not outsourced to a foreign entity. Jobs for Aussies!

Additionally, renewable energy (solar) should be sourced and environmental considerations must be included in planning ... water quality has been impacted by rubbish dropped by the visitors including cigarette butts, plastic bottles, etc.

There is also a cost to the community in terms of police assistance to control crowds and additional strain on public transport (currently in the free tram zone, so again, no financial benefit from the attendees).

Thanks for the opportunity to contribute my thoughts.

Meryl McHugh

About time

Laservision is a significant development in the evolution of Docklands.

It has the potential to be the jewel in the crown for the Docklands community. Docklands has starved for such an attraction. We can have the vibrancy that Darling Harbour exudes. This type of attraction could showcase some of Victoria's unique marine environments such as the march of our spider crab population in Port Phillip Bay, the only place in the world where this happens, as well as our leafy sea dragons. It could offer a gateway to show other unique tourism spots in Victoria, which should draw more interest of government funding.

I would even support a GoFundMe page for this type of project. Let's make it happen. I will certainly be attending the forum.

Graham Henderson

Toilet audit

I have completed an amateur audit of the public toilet situation in Docklands to aid your diligent property and assets team.

Alma Doepel public toilet closed for three years.

Boat school public toilet demolished.

Docklands Library has had no hot water for at least three weeks.

Cumberland St public toilet closed for more than three years.

Bourke and Merchant streets toilet now private (was public for five years after Woolworths was built).

NAB public toilet semi closed due to vandalism.

Central Pier closed permanently?

Aquitania Way public toilet never opened - toilets recently removed.

Piazza (city side) closed since December 20 ... management regrettably informs us on their signage.

Piazza (Bolte side) closed for more than two years.

It appears there are only two semi-functional public toilets from Southern Cross Station to the very tip of Victoria Harbour all the way around to The District shopping centre.

As I stated in one of my previous emails, Docklands is promoted as somewhat of a tourist attraction and during football season it can attract up to 50,000 fans over a short time span. Hopefully all our guests "went" before they visited us.

Once again thank you for your kind and wise stewardship of our bustling city.

Your humble servant,

Justin Roberts

Pet's Corner

Dachshunds for days!

It's fair to say Dachshunds are Naomi's favourite breed of dog. Not only does she currently own four, she also runs her own business selling dachshund-themed products to dachshunds and humans alike. Naturally, her dogs are all used as models.

When asked by *Docklands News* why she was such a huge Dachshund fan, she replied, "They're very loyal."

She said she had owned Dachshunds for the past 16 years, and had never gone for anything else.

Sadly, 19-year-old Tobi is now in his final days, with pancreatitis and liver cancer forcing Naomi to make a difficult decision. She's taken Tobi here because he likes the grass, and it's a nice peaceful afternoon for him to enjoy it as well. Naomi's a fan of Docklands Park too. "It's fairly quiet," she said.

There's a fair age range across the group of Dachshunds. Five-year-old Mojo is the second oldest, and the only long-haired Dachshund in the group (the others are smooth haired).

Chloe is just eight months old, and as boisterous as most puppies. Meanwhile, three-month-old Evie isn't able to leave the pram unless it's in the arms of her owner.

With Tobi travelling to the park via the same pram, Evie's not visible until her older companion has been removed.

They're a nice group, and they're mostly well-behaved – although *Docklands News* did observe Chloe pulling over the pram in an attempted dash towards her otherwise occupied owner. All in all, it's a nice afternoon out – for Naomi and all her dogs – on a warm summer's day •

▼ Naomi with her dogs at Docklands Park.



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With two Dachshunds sitting in a pram and two more walking alongside it, Naomi and her four dogs stand out as they stroll through Docklands Park.

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CHAMBER UPDATE

Docklands Business Awards 2020

Just like Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons' song, *Oh what a Night*, we celebrated the best businesses in Docklands in the company of Lord Mayor Sally Capp, Deputy Lord Mayor Arron Wood, Councillors Susan Riley and Beverly Pinder and a whole raft of our colleagues at Marvel Stadium on February 15.

We heartily congratulate all the winners and will be hosting this event annually, bigger and better.

Sri Lankan Festival

Last held in 2018, the Sri Lankan Festival – Lankanfest – will be making Docklands home annually and held will be held on March 21 and 22 this year. Expected numbers are in excess of 30,000 will makes this one of Docklands' biggest activations of the year.

Sponsored by the Sri Lankan Tourism Board and Sri Lankan Airlines, the festival is looking to activate Harbour Esplanade and indeed the whole precinct.

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.

Follow the build-up on our Facebook page @ [fb.me/docklandsmelb](https://www.facebook.com/docklandsmelb)

Run 4 The Kids

Run 4 The Kids returns to Docklands again in 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 runs 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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滨海港区不在新的日照控制计划内

在州规划厅长理查德·韦恩(Richard Wynne)的指导下，对一项旨在保护市中心公园不受阴影影响的新立法进行了修改，并将滨海港区(Docklands)排除之外。

撰稿: Meg Hill

有关墨尔本规划的修正案概述了新的日照控制措施，以保护公园在冬季日照不受遮挡。

该方案明确表示，由于中央商务区和南岸已经受到更严格的控制，修正案原本针对的是内城区的公园，如滨海港区、肯辛顿(Kensington)和卡尔顿(Carlton)。

在上述地区，该修正案将实施强制性的冬季太阳日照保护措施，并将保护时间从春季和秋季的上午11点到下午2点，增加到冬季的上午10点到下午3点。

这项政策由墨尔本市绿党议员罗汉·勒珀特(Rohan Leppert)和凯茜·奥克(Cathy Oke)倡议了多年。两人首先提出了一项议案，提议对2015年日照政策进行审查。

但是，当该修正案于去年8月由规划厅长发布并公开展示时，滨海港区却被排除在外。

市议员勒珀特(Leppert)表示，他对滨海港区的排除感到失望。

他说：“随着我们中心城市密度的增加，我们的绿色空间只会对社区健康变得更加重要。这就是为什么我和奥克(Oke)议员提出这些新计划控制措施的原因，在起草时包括了滨海港区。”

“众所周知，滨海港区的规划控制措施是不透明的，大多数开发项目是由维多利亚州开发部门和开发商之间的秘密协议决定的，而不是由规划方案中明确公开的控制措施决定的。”

“取消滨海港区的日照规则只会使维多利亚州发展部门继续进行秘密规划，而公众对此还是一无所知。”

得知港区被排除在日照规则之外以来，自2015年开放的Ron Barassi Snr Park公园一直是当地居民关注的焦点，因为大家认为这可是滨海港区唯一真正的公园。

该公园就在本地地区少数未开发的，但由开发商MAB拥有的地块旁边。

当地居民阿德里亚娜·布鲁丹(Adriana Brudan)说，这可是“向前迈一步，向后退两步”。



保护城市大自然

您是否知道墨尔本市是毛茸茸的蜘蛛、班卓琵琶青蛙和小蝙蝠的故乡？

事实上，数百种不同的鸟类、爬行动物、哺乳动物、青蛙、昆虫和鱼类以及大量的植物都以我们这个城市为家。

但是气候变化给这些珍贵的本土动植物带来了巨大的压力。这就是为什么保护城市野生动物和植被比以往任何时候都重要。

市政环境事务机构主管凯茜·奥克(Cathy Oke)说，墨尔本市政最近宣布了气候和生物多样化处于紧急状态。

“我们正在引领应对气候变化的雄心勃勃的紧急行动。我们知道，气温升高意味着在未来20年中，我们将失去35%的树木。”

“一些榆树和本地桉树物种将无法生存——而这些桉树是我们城市中许多动物的

重要栖息地。”

“这就是我们绿化城市的原因。我们每年至少种植3000棵树来提高我们的城市树林。这不仅有助于保持我们城市的凉爽，也为我们的野生动物提供了急需的栖息地。”

“我们还在城市中的一些树上安置了洞穴；在过去两年中，我们还种植了16000平方米的新原生草，灌木和野花，这两项措施都为我们的本土动物创造了更多的家园。”

奥克议员说墨尔本市已经取得了很大的成就，但是还需要更多的行动。

她说：“我们需要加快步伐，防止对我们的城市、人民、植物、动物和经济造成不可逆转的损害。我们需要一起努力。”

“我们需要保护那些美丽又重要的本土

植物和动物。健康的生态系统对我们城市的宜居性至关重要，我们需要大自然，大自然也需要我们。”

作为这个行动的一部分，墨尔本市政鼓励居民来帮助照顾这个城市的野生动物，即使家里只有一个阳台。

在花盆里有机地种植本土野花，或者在花园里安装蜜蜂旅馆和巢箱，有很多简单的方法可以让你的家更加适应野生动物。

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滨海港区少了15000个烟头！

在二月份一个阳光明媚的星期天，60多名滨海港区的居民聚集在渡轮咖啡馆Off With The Ferries Café外面。

撰稿: Janette Corooran

社区组织LOS3008“爱我们滨海港区的街道”，拿起他们喜欢的清洁设备，开始清理港区街道上的228个容器、14公斤生活垃圾以及令人吃惊的15000多个烟头！

加入该团体的还有一位新居民，市长萨利·卡普(Sally Capp)，她在附近的一个吸烟点清理了数百个烟头，表明了她对丢弃烟头的深恶痛绝。

尽管我们志愿者的努力是值得称赞的，而且这些活动无疑

提高了居民的认识，但遗憾的是，当周一至周五的上班人员回来时，这些烟头又很快出现在我们的街道上。

真正的挑战是让这些上班人员以及他们雇主提高对这方面的意识。

对那些扔烟头的人来说，可能是一个更严厉的警告，扔一个熄灭的烟头可能被罚款300多澳元，如果扔一个点燃的香烟会被罚款600多澳元。

商家雇主对此也负有法律责任。根据墨尔本市政府的网站，每个商家企业都必须处理它们所产生的垃圾，这包括收集、存储和处置由员工、客户和企业访客乱扔的烟头，即使这些烟头掉落在物业边界之外。

根据《环境保护法》，违规的商家企业将被处以高达500澳元的罚款，而对不正确处理烟头的罚款可超过6000澳元。

滨海港区公共活动费用减免

为了减少中央码头关闭的影响，墨尔本市政考虑在2020年底之前免除在滨海港区(Docklands)的公共活动许可申请费。

如果这个提案通过，墨尔本市政将放弃超过7.1万澳元的活动许可费收入。该提案在2月25日的未来墨尔本市政会议上提交给了议员们。市长萨利·卡普说，这项费用减免将适用于新的和一些现有的活动。

她说：“重要的是，我们要尽一切努力吸引更多的人来滨海港区。”

“毫无疑问，眼下许多本地商家企业正在艰难应对，我鼓励所有人来重新发现我们的滨海港区及其所能提供的一切”。

“我们已经倾听了当地企业的诉说，我们正在积极地帮助他们重整旗鼓”。

滨海港区商会估计，中央码头的关闭将导致每年有100万至150万游客的流失。

市政议会已经减免了社区和非营利活动组织者的一些活动许可费。该提案将在2020年的剩余时间里由此扩展到滨海港区的所有公共活动中。

但是该提案不包括私人活动许可，如婚礼和圣诞派对。

繁荣城市投资组合主席凯文·路易(Crevin Louey)表示，免收许可费将有助于解决目前滨海港区游客数量下降的问题。

路易(Louey)议员说：“这将有助于推动该地区新活动的开展，让活动组织者更容易开展活动”。

“我们希望吸引新的公共活动到滨海港区来，帮助激活该地区，尤其是维多利亚港”。

“滨海港区是一个绝好的区域，除了提供购物、商业和娱乐，还有最好的社区公共活动”。

What's On: March 2020

Community Calendar

<p>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! Contact Amanda on 0405 086 480 or at frenchlyspeaking@gmail.com</p>	<p>MON-FRI 8AM - 7PM, SAT 10AM - 5PM, SUN MIDDAY - 5PM, LIBRARY AT THE DOCK, MARCH 25 - APRIL 16 Still Beautiful Women bravely making a stand, sharing a moment in their lives to celebrate themselves and to honour and encourage all mature women of Melbourne. FREE</p>		<p>LANKAN FEST 2020! Brace yourselves for another spectacular fiesta! Lankan Fest is back for the fifth time and for the first time will run over the weekend with extended trading hours on March 21 from 10am to 11pm and March 22 from 10am to 7pm along Harbour Esplanade. lankafest.com.au</p>
	<p>WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY 6.20PM HUB AT DOCKLANDS, 68-90 HARBOUR ESPLANADE DOCKLANDS Docklands Social Netball Join the new October seasons. We place you in a team or bring your own team. www.melbournenetball.com Call or Text 0419 88 7719</p>	<p>TUESDAYS 6:30-8PM, THE MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM, COMMUNITY HUB AT THE DOCK, 921 COLLINS ST. Girl Guides Docklands Girls aged 5-17 are invited to come to our Unit meetings. Helping girls gain new skills and make a difference in the community. 8606 3500 email: leilahusy@iinet.net.au</p>	<p>EVERY WEEKDAY 6.30AM CORNER OF SOUTH WHARF DR AND POINT PARK CRES, YARRA'S EDGE Live Life Get Active Free outdoor fitness classes, including X-training, boxing and yoga. Register at livelifegetactive.com</p>
<p>TUESDAYS 2-4PM SASSONE, 70 LORIMER ST 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</p>	<p>SUNDAYS 10AM-5PM NEWQUAY PROMENADE Docklands Sunday Market A variety market featuring arts and crafts, books and more. For more info, phone 0412 910 496</p>	<p>TUESDAYS AND FRIDAYS 12-2PM SATURDAYS 11AM-3PM SHED 2 Alma Doepe Restoration Tour "Behind the Scenes" the work involved in restoring this 115-year-old Australian three-masted top sail schooner. Learn the rich history, the purpose of the restoration and the challenges. FREE</p>	
<p>6.30-8.30 PM 1ST, 3RD & 5TH MONDAY OF THE MONTH, LIBRARY AT THE DOCK - COMMUNITY ROOM Mighty Docklands Toastmasters Boost your public speaking and leadership skills. http://mightydocklands.easy-speak.org/</p>	<p>SECOND TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH, 10AM-12PM, MEET AT THE LIBRARY Country Womens' Association (CWA) Connect with other women in Docklands. cwadocklands@gmail.com or 0407 884 857</p>	<p>1ST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH 11.30AM, MEET AT MERCHANT SOCIETY ‘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</p>	<p>EVERY OTHER SUNDAY 11AM-4PM DOCKLANDS YACHT CLUB Community Sailing Day Come and try sailing with the community. No age limit and no fitness requirements. People with disabilities are welcome. \$20. docklands.yachting.org.au</p>
<p>TUESDAYS, 9-10AM. MEET AT THE WHARF CLUB YARRAS EDGE, 86 SOUTH WHARF DRIVE, DOCKLANDS Yarra's Edge Walking Group Just In time Personal Training provide a weekly walking and excercise session for the Yarra's Edge community! 0411 798 934 or justin@justintimept.com FREE</p>	<p>WEDNESDAYS 5.45-7PM LIBRARY AT THE DOCK Open Door Singers Docklands Find your voice, experience the joy of singing in a choir and meet new friends. www.opendorsingers.org.au</p>	<p>MONDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS 9AM-12PM, LIBRARY AT THE DOCK Westjustice (TAAP) provides specialist advice, casework and representation to vulnerable and disadvantaged people who are having residential tenancy issues and is funded by Consumer Affairs Victoria. 9749 7720</p>	<p>2ND SATURDAY OF THE MONTH 2-4PM, LIBRARY AT THE DOCK Adhd Support Group 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</p>
	<p>Library at The Dock - Weekly programs</p> <p>Stompers MONDAYS AT 10.30AM 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>Songbirds WEDNESDAYS AT 10.30AM 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>Creative Kids After School Club WEDNESDAYS 4.30PM TO 5.30PM 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>Evening Table Tennis EVERY THURSDAY 7-9PM Challenge yourself with friends at this regular catch up of ping-pong enthusiasts.</p>	<p>Tai Chi At The Dock EVERY THURSDAY 7.30-8.30AM 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>Preschool storytime FRIDAYS AT 10.30AM 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>
<p>WEDNESDAYS AT 5.30PM SATURDAYS AT 8.30AM SHED 2, NORTH WHARF RD Dragon Masters Dragon Boating Contact Jeff Saunders on 0417 219 888 or jeff@jeffnet.id.au</p>			

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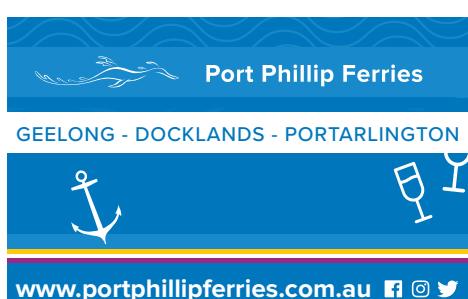
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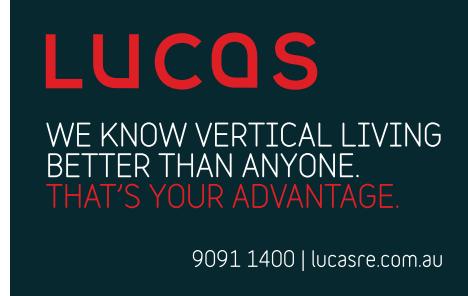
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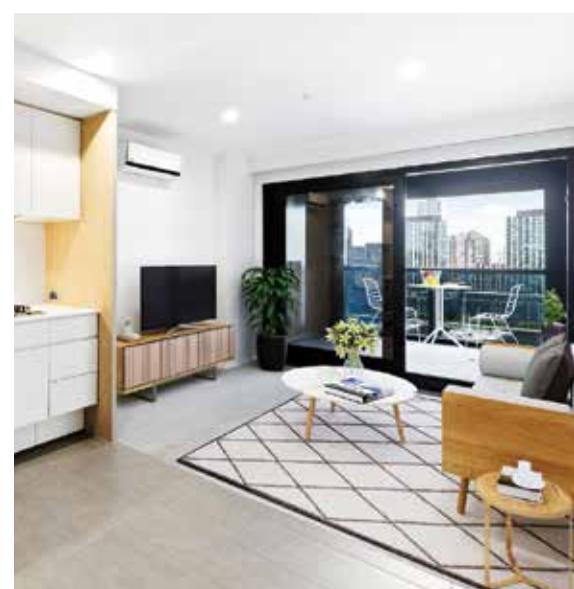


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