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A Docklands dawn service to remember
Photo by John Tadigiri

While ANZAC Day always evokes strong emotion, this year’s commemoration, which saw Stuart McCorkelle deliver *The Last Post* from Victoria Harbour to thousands of isolated Docklanders observing from their balconies, provided a truly remarkable and unforgettable spectacle. *Continued on page 9.*

Marvel Stadium plans imminent

WORDS BY *Sean Car*
LOCAL NEWS

Long-awaited plans for the \$225 million redevelopment of Marvel Stadium and surrounding precinct in Docklands are expected to be released soon, after the state government reaffirmed its financial commitment to the AFL.

Despite the AFL suffering major economic setbacks due to the impacts of the coronavirus (COVID-19), the state government said it was still committed to revamping the stadium as planned last month.

“The government has made a commitment to provide \$225 million towards the redevelopment of Marvel Stadium to benefit sports fans and the wider community,” a state government spokesperson told *Docklands News*.

“We have not been informed of any change to the AFL’s plans regarding the delivery of the project.”

Under a deal announced in 2018 keeping the AFL

Grand Final at the MCG until 2057, the state government is expected to provide land for a new AFL House at the end of Docklands Drive in NewQuay (near Ron Barassi Snr Park) in addition to a pledged \$225 million to overhaul the stadium and its surrounds.

The plans to revitalise the AFL-owned stadium, for which the AFL recently struck a deal with banks to keep the league alive, are expected to transform the surrounding precinct into a seven-day-a-week activated area for Docklands and the broader community.

“I’m excited about having a venue that becomes a destination pre- and post-match, I’m excited about having a venue that hopefully works seven days a week, and not just match days, I’m excited about opening up this precinct to the water in Melbourne and which develops the area,” AFL CEO Gillon McLachlan said.

A report released by the AFL in early March said stadium upgrade plans would be revealed “within weeks”,

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Council “drags the anchor” on berthing relief in Docklands

Commercial boat operators in Victoria Harbour are pushing the City of Melbourne to provide 100 per cent berthing relief for their businesses, with many already closing due to the coronavirus pandemic.

WORDS BY *Sean Car*
WATERWAYS

The Council announced in March that it would be providing 50 per cent in rate relief to operators berthing in Victoria Harbour from April to June, and would consider additional relief on a “case-by-case” basis.

Melbourne Passenger Boating Association president Jeff Gordon, who operates the *Lady Cutler* from a berth in Victoria Harbour, said the council was “dragging the anchor” in its support of the local boating industry.

Parks Victoria (PV), which manages berthing licensing further upstream along the Yarra River in Southbank, announced that it was waiving berthing rent for the whole of 2020, with refunds back-issued for the first three months of 2020.

Mr Gordon described the council’s support to Docklands boat operators as “un-Melbourne.”

“We feel, as an industry, that this [PV rent relief] sets the standard for the City of Melbourne, as it would be untenable to have one part of the Melbourne passenger boats on 100 per cent rental relief and others operating in the same waters on less,” Mr Gordon said.

“Our shared goal here should be to come out of this period with boats fully operational and ready for the summer season.”

“For many reasons, this niche Industry is very special to Melbourne and Melburnians. The vessels, laying idle at their berths are costing the operators to maintain and be made ready to resume their

trade when the threat lifts.”

“It’s been very hard for many boat operators to say goodbye to many of their key staff. Some are even paying for people affected out of their own pocket.”

“I note that the City of Melbourne is taking its time over this matter, and has already provided our members with rent notices at 100 per cent for the three months from April 1, 2020. This is causing our members great distress.”

City of Melbourne CEO Justin Hanney told *Docklands News* that council was aware that this was a difficult time and was “working directly” to support the Docklands boating community.

“Victoria Harbour is the lifeblood of Docklands and the City of Melbourne is doing everything we can to support our local boat industry,” Mr Hanney said.

“We encourage boat operators affected by the COVID-19 restrictions to get in touch with us and discuss the rent relief options available.”

“Seventeen operators, with 31 charter vessels, are on a Crown Land Licence with the City of Melbourne. The City of Melbourne has already offered rent relief of 50 per cent from April to June to all of these operators and sent out information with invoices for the final quarter of 2020, inviting operators to apply for the rent relief adjustment. As of April 24, 2020, nine applications for rent relief had been received.”

“This followed a Future Melbourne Committee (FMC) decision on March 17, 2020 to provide eligible City of Melbourne

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A message from the Lord Mayor

WORDS BY *Lord Mayor Sally Capp*

As we adjust to a radically different way of life, Melbourne must remain a caring city that lends a helping hand during tough times. We know this is an extremely stressful situation for most people and looking after those most at risk has never been more important.

All levels of government are joining forces to combat COVID-19 and, amid the lockdown, the City of Melbourne is continuing to deliver essential services for the community. Waste and recycling, services to older people, family and children's services and support for the homeless are essential public health functions.

Meals and in-home services are being delivered to more than 600 older residents and residents with a disability, family violence and counselling services are being increased, child care centres remain open and maternal and child health support is being provided over the phone and via video conferencing. We continue to provide our community immunisation service, our daily support team is helping to find shelter for people sleeping rough, and cleaning services have been ramped up across the city.

The situation also calls for us to help each other through the traumatic economic shock of a sudden shut down. State and federal governments are offering billions of dollars in support for businesses and workers who have already lost their jobs. Local governments are also doing their bit for cafes, restaurants, artists and myriad other small enterprises that are the heart and soul of our neighbourhoods.

About 80 per cent of 16,500 businesses within the City of Melbourne are small businesses. They are family operations, sole traders and small firms that have taken a risk to turn their ideas into a livelihood and provide jobs for others. Real people are impacted, not just balance sheets.

As the level of government closest to the people, local councils have a direct and personal connection to many small business operators



and their staff. How can we best support them and ensure they survive this ordeal? The speed and strength of our recovery will depend on the moral support and financial lifeline we provide through this period.

The City of Melbourne recently announced a \$5 million support package that includes waiving fees for certain licences, registrations and street trading permits for three months, allocating special grants for e-commerce and online activities, halving rent for tenants in Council-owned buildings, and establishing a rates hardship policy. Queen Victoria Market offers an essential food service and its 600 traders will receive 100 per cent rent relief for the next three months.

Melbourne is also a city of artists and performers, and they are among the hardest hit by the downturn. The City of Melbourne is providing \$2 million in grants to help them and smaller creative organisations plan and create

their next work or showcase their performances online. They form the backbone of our city's cultural life and in more normal times their creative contributions uplift other businesses, attracting visitors from far and wide, especially at this time of year.

The City of Melbourne has established a Business Concierge service to provide one-on-one advice on accessing financial support, services and information. The support packages for businesses and our creative community have generated hundreds of enquiries and thousands of applications. There are so many people in need, but no easy way to keep everyone sustained.

We ask landlords to consider temporary rent discounts for local businesses, while those of us able to weather the storm should take the opportunity to spend online or by phone with local retailers and eateries. Organise home delivery from a favourite dinner spot or order a book from the local bookshop. They are small gestures, but will help the commercial heart of our communities to keep beating.

While our city is strangely silent, missing the million people who would normally be moving through the streets, safety and security remain top priorities. Many shopfronts are closed and thousands of residents are at home. The City of Melbourne's on-street compliance team is monitoring the streets daily, working closely with Victoria Police. Our cleaning services are taking the opportunity to sweep, scrub and disinfect the city. Coordination with our community service providers and state government has helped most of rough sleepers into temporary accommodation so they can receive care. No one should be left behind and it's inspiring to see how deeply Melburnians feel about this.

I for one am not surprised. The depth of our generosity for others was on display during the state's horrendous summer bushfire crisis. Little did we realise worse was to come. Melbourne, we are a caring community that puts people first and there will never be a better time to reinforce that notion ●

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A short-stay “apocalypse”

WORDS BY *Meg Hill*
PROPERTY

The rental market in Docklands is flooded due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic collapsing the short-stay market, according to real estate agents and short-stay operators.

Glenn Donnelly, a managing director at Docklands real estate agency City Residential, said the flow of properties into the rental market was “totally unprecedented”.

“It’s 100 per cent completely unprecedented, we’ve never experienced anything like this at all,” he said.

“What we’re finding is we’ve got three times the amount of furnished properties on the market at the moment and with the limited enquiries we’re getting, people are dropping rent by \$100 to \$150 a week to get them filled,” he said.

“All the short-stay operators are handing back the keys and they’re getting rented out at a lower price than what they normally would.”

“With the borders locked up we’re not getting moves from interstate or overseas either, so the only people filling them are those that are moving for cheaper rent of because their rental property is for sale.”

A similar situation has unfolded across the city.

Belle Property’s Carlton and Melbourne business development and leasing manager Suzie Inglis said the CBD market was “absolutely flooded mostly with furnished properties that would usually be on Airbnb and other short term stay platforms”.

Ms Inglis said on April 21 there were more than 2200 apartments online in the CBD alone.

“In our busiest period this number will usually never exceed 1200, so you can clearly see the huge and rapid increase happening,” she said.

“The 1000 extra properties are all furnished and have all come online in the last two to three weeks which is simply unheard of.”

“This heavy competition teamed with the fact there are hardly any prospective tenants in

the market anyway has forced owners to significantly drop prices in order to be competitive.”

Rus Littleton, a representative of property owners and long-term resident advocacy group We Live Here, said COVID-19 was an “apocalypse for the whole short-stay industry”.

“We have residents telling us that short-stay operators are collapsing throughout the city,” he said.

“Short-stay companies that have been around for more than a decade have not been immune – they’re crumbling under the pressure of paying above-market rents with near-zero income.”

“We Live Here is hearing that short-stay operators are invoking the small print in their rental agreements and bailing out, abandoning their apartment owners in the long-term rental market.”

Lyn and Peter Kelly, who operate short-stays through Docklands Private Collection of Apartments, said they were stuck with 40 empty apartments when the crisis hit, but had moved them into the rental market.

“Docklands Private Collection of Apartments was created many years ago to work directly with owners under a management arrangement and not rent an apartment and then on-sell as a short-term option,” they told *Docklands News*.

“As such, when tourism crashed and the borders were closed, we put in a plan with the blessing of our owners to put out their apartments for longer periods. To date we have successfully entered this market with over 40 apartments booked out for three-plus months.”

“When borders, restaurants, theatres and sports arenas re-open, we will return to our very successful short-stay program – perhaps because of going through this current experience, the model of the business may be a little different moving forward.”

“However, as always, our number one clients are our owners and that will continue to be so. We look forward down the track welcoming back the many guests who have stayed with us over the years.”



▲ Furniture left outside a Docklands apartment building in Victoria Harbour last month.



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▲ Photo by John Tadigiri.

Council “drags the anchor” on berthing relief in Docklands

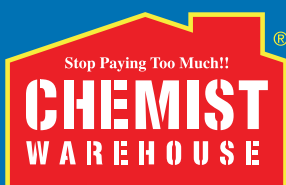
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tenants with rent relief of 50 per cent for the months of April to June.

Mr Hanney said that in response to the National Cabinet’s National Code of Conduct introduced on April 8, the Council was now reassessing its rent relief package.

At their April 28 council meeting, councillors were expected to approve a management recommendation that would enable council to discuss rent relief with tenants of council-owned managed premises on a case-by-case basis.

“Packages will include a rent waiver of at least 50 per cent, with options to waive a larger proportion or to defer a further proportion of payments. The package will also include up to 100 per cent rent relief in cases where extreme hardship can be demonstrated,” Mr Hanney said.



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Virtual business summit provides important boost

WORDS BY *Sean Car*
BUSINESS

The City of Melbourne's online virtual business summit on April 16 has provided valuable support to many of the city's businesses struggling due to the coronavirus.

With many businesses in lockdown and foot traffic plummeting in the central city, the council staged the online summit to provide business owners and workers with direct access to a range of experts and advice that could help them during the crisis.

More than 600 people tuned into the live-streamed summit, an initiative spearheaded by Deputy Lord Mayor and finance and governance portfolio chair Arron Wood. Thousands more have since viewed the summit online.

"This morning is really about connecting you with some of the experts to hear latest information. But also, to hear, critically, from you as our business community," Cr Wood said.

"You might be a cafe owner who is asking what sort of support is available to you at this critical time. You might be a retail store or an important service and asking, 'how long might these restrictions last?' That's the million-dollar question. Rents, rates, fees, keeping staff employed – these are the sorts of questions we get to today."

"Today we have invited leaders from the business community, industry, health and government to really connect you to leading experts and hear from you as we work through this summit."

Assembling an impressive range of guest speakers and panel of experts, the two-and-a-half-hour summit began with addresses from the Lord Mayor Sally Capp, Federal Treasurer Josh Frydenberg and state government Upper House member Jane Garrett, who each provided updates on the support available from all levels of government.

The expert panel featured Victorian Chief Health Officer Prof. Brett Sutton, director of the Doherty Institute Prof. Sharon Lewin, Deloitte



▲ Clockwise from top: Cr Arron Wood, Dr Prudeep Phillip, Paul Geurra, Prof. Sharon Lewin and Prof. Brett Sutton.

Australia's Dr Prudeep Phillip and Victorian Chamber of Commerce CEO Paul Guerra.

Participants were able to write questions and submit comments through council's virtual platform, which were read out to respective experts by Cr Wood as the summit progressed.

Both Prof. Sutton and Prof. Lewin provided heartening insights into the work being done by the nation's medical community to combat the virus, with Australia now among some of the best countries in the world in terms of low case numbers.

"I want to emphasise that this is not a case of economy and health being in opposition," Prof. Sutton said. "They are not opposing forces."

"Where we are at in terms of our health status and in terms of having prevented a huge epidemic, is that we are in the very best position to bring back online some of the business and economic activity."

"Simply by virtue of the fact that we have driven transmission down I think it is a matter for our own congratulation, and I hope that by virtue of where we are at today, we can be in

a position to step up to resume activity earlier than a number of countries that will really need to be in lockdown because of the terrible situation they are in right now."

Prof. Sharon Lewin said, "We have only known about this virus since January 1. We've been able to generate an incredible response in Australia through a globalising resources innovation and we are now one of the leading countries in the world."

"[There are] a lot of brilliant minds being turned to this problem and I am very optimistic that there will be a number of solutions that will allow us to buy even more time if we take 12 to 18 months to get a vaccine."

The panel discussion was followed by an "industry deep-dive" into some of the industries worst-hit by COVID-19, including tourism, hospitality, retail and education, which heard from the likes of University of Melbourne vice-chancellor Duncan Maskell and Victorian Tourism Industry Council (VTIC) CEO Felicia Mariani.

City of Melbourne CEO Justin Hanney

provided a summary statement detailing all the support packages available from all levels of government, and encouraged local businesses to make the most of it.

"There is a really good summary of this information in the Victorian chamber and Paul Guerra mentioned victorianchamber.com.au and the VicGov website is important as well," he said.

"We have developed a concierge service and reallocated staff from libraries and staff who are good at communication and research and we have ramped up the business concierge service. All 20,000 small businesses that are in the City of Melbourne will receive a phone call over the coming weeks from the business concierge service."

The summit was closed with a message from Beyond Blue CEO Georgie Harmann, who urged people to "stay connected" and to "reach for support if you need it".

The City of Melbourne has set up a dedicated business support web page (melbourne.vic.gov.au/business/Pages/economic-support-businesses-covid19), as well as a Business Concierge Hotline, which can be contacted on 9658 9658 •

To view the summit visit:

melbourne.vic.gov.au/business/grow-business/business-events/Pages/virtual-business-support-summit.aspx



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however the AFL has since confirmed that the announcement has been delayed due to the impacts of COVID-19.

The AFL's head of corporate affairs Jay Allen said a project date was "yet to be confirmed."

"The work of the project is continuing, our timeline presently is dictated by circumstances outside our control," he said.

"When we in a position to share any milestones and dates we will. The redevelopment of the stadium and surrounding precinct will proceed when it is deemed appropriate and safe to do so."

"Stadium and surrounding precinct designs are progressing as planned. When designs are finalised, we can't wait to showcase them."

Mr Allen said the Docklands community would continue to be engaged on the project, having already received more than 4000 responses to its community placemaking survey since the initial stages of the project ●

City hosts nation-first online ceremony

WORDS BY *David Schout*
COUNCIL AFFAIRS

The City of Melbourne has hosted the first "virtual" citizenship ceremony to officially welcome the newest Australians to the community.

In partnership with the Federal Government, the council has decided the show must go on despite the coronavirus pandemic, and on April 22 seven Melburnians became the country's newest citizens.

Lord Mayor Sally Capp conducted the ceremony via Zoom and was seen in a video posted to Twitter congratulating Docklands residents Tuhin, Rupsa and their daughter Tulip on becoming Australians.

Acting Federal Minister for Immigration, Citizenship, Migrant Services and Multicultural Affairs Alan Tudge commended the council for assisting with the trial. He said the government expected 90,000 people would receive their citizenship this way during the next six months ●



▲ Last year's Firelight Festival attracted thousands of people to Docklands.

Firelight Festival cancelled

WORDS BY *Meg Hill*
EVENTS

The City of Melbourne announced its decision to cancel the 2020 Firelight Festival to protect public health on April 17.

Lord Mayor Sally Capp said it was disappointing to cancel the festival, but the City of Melbourne had to continue to take all necessary measures to protect the health of the community as a priority.

"While the Firelight Festival is still two months away, it's not clear when restrictions on large gatherings will be lifted," the Lord Mayor said.

"We've taken the difficult decision to cancel this year's event. We know many Docklands businesses are doing it tough, so when restrictions are lifted, we will work with businesses and precinct leaders to drive visitation to the Docklands area."

The 2020 Firelight Festival was planned for June 26 to 28. Last year's festival attracted more than 75,000 people to the Docklands precinct and had an estimated \$4 million economic impact on the municipality.

Docklands Chamber of Commerce (DCC) president Johanna Maxwell told *Docklands News* the 2020 plans could be recreated for 2021.

"The Docklands Chamber of Commerce, along with our members, are disappointed that Firelight 2020 has been cancelled and we look forward to welcoming this event back in 2021," she said.

"In the meantime, the Docklands Chamber of Commerce are working on a strategy to bring Docklands to life as and when social distancing restrictions are eased."

"We continue to support our business community through this time with social media, updates and support through the assistance packages and grants available from Federal Government, State Government and the City of

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Melbourne."

"Our aims for a relaunch will be focused on delivering a positive plan for members of the Docklands Chamber of Commerce. We will keep our members and the community informed as these plans finalise."

Chair of Council's Prosperous City portfolio Cr Kevin Louey said the City of Melbourne was committed to supporting businesses impacted by the necessary social distancing restrictions.

"When restrictions are lifted, we will work with businesses and precinct leaders to drive visitation to the Docklands area," Cr Louey said.

"We're still aiming to deliver the event in 2021. In the meantime, we've announced a range of initiatives to support local business affected by the COVID-19 virus."

The City of Melbourne is also investigating additional support for Melbourne events to be held once restrictions are lifted ●



▲ Urban Alley managing director Dean Grant.

Craft brewery produces hand sanitiser

WORDS BY *Meg Hill*
LOCAL NEWS

An independent Docklands craft brewery has joined the fight against COVID-19 – by reorganising production to make hand sanitiser.

Urban Alley Brewery's 13 varieties of craft beer – which are still available for delivery – have now been joined by a hand sanitiser.

The initiative was motivated by a desire to keep staff employed and to continue to provide a service that meets the needs of the community. The product has generated in excess of 100 jobs throughout the whole supply chain.

The hand sanitiser is now available to order online with delivery and contactless pickup options. The team at Urban Alley Brewery said it was able to turn a three-month process around in just three weeks.

"Urban Alley Brewery was essentially shut down," managing director Dean Grant said.

"We had to innovate to keep our wonderful team members employed. Together with our head brewer and brewer and development team we decided to use our resources and facilities to produce a product that meets the needs of our community – hand sanitiser."

The "brew-pub" opened underneath the Melbourne Star at The District in September 2018, specialising in brewing craft beer into kegs and cans. They were the first to introduce E6PR biodegradable six pack holders in Australia.

The District Docklands CEO George Karabatsos commended the innovation.

"Urban Alley Brewery is a great example of a local Aussie business adjusting their operations to provide a much-needed product to their customers," he said.

"As a CBD precinct, we have a large community of people that depend on us for essentials and we are committed to supporting them along with our incredible retailers."

Urban Alley Brewery hand sanitiser hit the market in mid-April, with 100,000 units produced weekly. Mr Grant said he saw the innovation as a long-term business venture.

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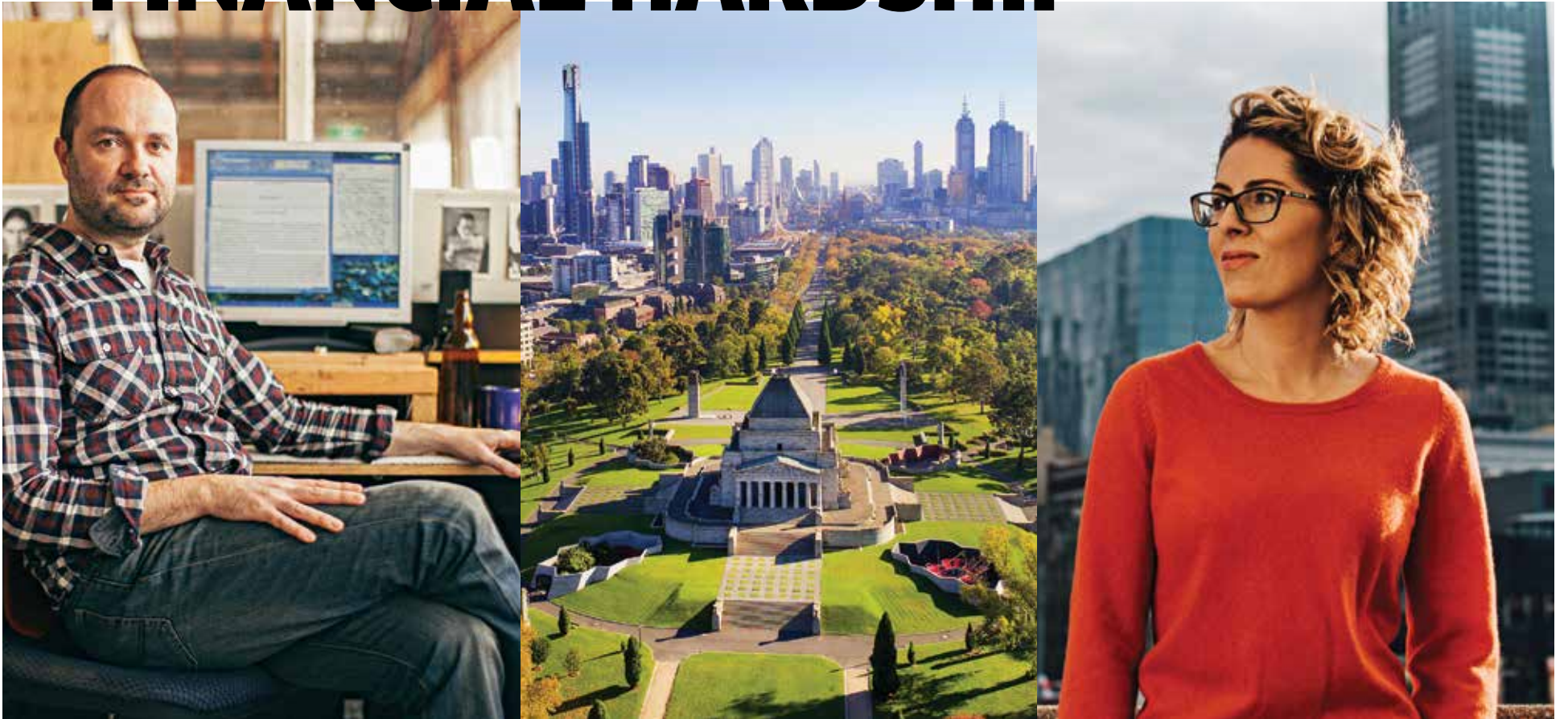
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The newly-expanded Business Concierge service is a dedicated team of people who can speak to small business owners directly, offer mentoring and help people through the process to apply for support.

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Melbourne businesses are the lifeblood of the city, and the City of Melbourne is offering services to help support businesses affected by COVID-19.

Lord Mayor Sally Capp is encouraging businesses to take up the offers of support from the City of Melbourne.

"Our COVID-19 Business Concierge Hotline is a useful and practical resource for small businesses during this difficult time," the Lord Mayor said.

"We've launched this dedicated phone line so small businesses can call in and find out important information about what support is available and how to access our services." "It is staffed by a team of people here at the City of Melbourne who can speak with small business owners directly, offer mentoring and help people through the process to apply for support."

Business owners can call the COVID-19 Business Concierge Hotline on 9658 9658 between 7.30am and 6pm Monday to Friday and between 10am and 4pm on weekends.

The Lord Mayor said there are more than 16,500 businesses in the City of Melbourne, with 80 per cent of these sole operators, family operations and small firms with just a few employees. "Real people are being severely impacted. So, we're doing everything we can to help businesses stay open and keep Melburnians in jobs," she said.

The City of Melbourne is offering a number of relief and support measures to help local businesses through the coming weeks and months. The support package includes waiving certain fees, reducing rent for tenants in Council-owned buildings and developing a rates hardship policy.

"The speed and strength of the city's economic recovery will depend on how well we can sustain and save businesses through this period," the Lord Mayor said. "We want to

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understand the needs of businesses. We want to know how we can help. Listening to them is the best way we can effectively respond to this uncertainty together."

"And when the health crisis is over, we will find a momentous way to celebrate, to welcome people back to our city, but most importantly to acknowledge and appreciate our city businesses and organisations, they are the heartbeat of our city and community, they make Melbourne impactful, interesting and iconic." ●

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▲ City businesses are encouraged to find out what relief and support is available from the City of Melbourne.



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OPEN LETTER - STOP DOCKLANDS HIGH-RISE

24 April, 2020

Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning
8 Nicholson Street
East Melbourne
Victoria 3022

Attention. The Hon. Victorian Minister for Planning Richard Wynne

Dear Minister,

RE: West New Quay Docklands MAB development complaint

This is a formal complaint regarding MAB high rise developments at West NewQuay Promenade. Those developments include a 120-metre-high, 36-storey development five metres from our three-storey town houses and homes.

I am a long-term resident of Docklands. I live in a three-storey town house built in 2012 on NewQuay Promenade. I purchased this home on the understanding that North Docklands was to have good urban design to make it liveable for residents. That urban design was to be provided by low-rise residential homes along NewQuay Promenade through to the Bolte Bridge.

Instead long-term residents have been ignored in the planning process. The driving force in Docklands has been and is continuing to benefit transient renters, Local and State Governments, the CMFEU and developers, namely MAB and Lend Lease. The building of high-rise towers has been a financial boon for all except long-term residents.

Docklands strategic planning was to create a new urban area on the city’s western edge.

This first real strategic plan imagined a coordinated approach to the entire 150 hectares, and emphasised the public’s interest in it as the land was owned by the government. Instead, what we have is a few sporadic long-term residents surviving in garbage, litter, overshadowing and low-quality shops and cafes designed for transient renters and “tourists”.

The planning strategy was to provide buildings fronting the streets to be “of a moderate height, not dominating the landscape”. That plan has been flushed down the open sewer of Moonee Ponds Creek.

The plan did have some office towers rising behind these moderate street-front buildings, it was also proposed that, “as one gets near the waterfront, the height of these towers decreases”. At key locations, “the waterfront promenade opens up into spaces, some small, sheltered and intimate, others grander”. This is the model of Melbourne city with boutique shops and cafes along sheltered walkways.

Instead, vested interests have destroyed what was to be a world-class suburb. Instead, we have windswept streets caused by vortexes

created by the obscene high-rises. The Marina complex with 41 storeys is at the east end of the original 36 townhouses and now MAB wants its obscenely high financial return through bookending these town houses with 36-storey towers at the west end.

The streets are soulless, alienating, dispiriting, windswept failures, its waterfront dominated by soaring towers. MAB’s proposal exacerbates these issues. It will create more wind tunnels, limited if any parking and traffic congestion and exterior building

designs inconsistent and covered in cheap cladding. There’s no control over the distance between buildings, and MAB has been left to do what it likes.

The offer of the unsaleable parcels of land as parks by MAB is insincere and false. Quay “park” does not join Central “park” and both parks are the size of an average suburb block. The latter is the covering over the Banksia tenants’ garage for god’s sake. These are not parks and they are not continuous. Ron Barassi Snr Park is a football oval, not a park. It will be part of MAB’s West NewQuay development to be used by the transient renters there who no doubt will trash the field as they do the rest of Docklands. It is bordered on its west by garbage and vagrants sleeping in cardboard boxes and screaming profanities at passersby. It is this area where you find Moonee Ponds Creek, an ecological disaster, where only feral rabbits are able to live. The City of Melbourne refuses to take responsibility shifting it to Melbourne Water to resolve. This is when the City has funded a study from our rates - a plan to develop the Creek in Flemington and Kensington. Those areas are outside of its responsibility but politically important. These are the suburbs that provide Docklands with its belligerent tourists. They come to trash Docklands leaving trolleys and streets filled with their garbage.

On the south side of Ron Barassi Snr “park” your Government is to give land valued at \$75 million in tax payers’ money to a “vested interest” namely, the AFL. Surely as it is taxpayers’ money it should be used for the benefit of tax payers to make a real difference and a real park down to the water for everyone to enjoy.

That money is to be provided because the AFL has to move from its current location near Marvel Stadium. This is all part of the development there including the West Gate Tunnel outpouring of at least another 8000 cars a day into Wurundjeri Way. That outpouring will only move the stationary vehicles from the Westgate Bridge to Flinders Street. We in Docklands will have to pay by being further cut-off from the city with thousands more cars and bicycles.



It would seem that the example of Jeff Kennett allowing his mates Michael and Andrew Buxton to buy Docklands for a song and build whatever to fund that fine art gallery is being followed by your Government. That is “the benefit of a few at the expense of the many”.

We as long-term residents have been frozen out of decision-making. The reason is that the majority of properties are owned by overseas interests, a few living here, but many renting to international students or for B&B (bed and bonking) but none who have a vote. The Government has nothing to lose as no voters will be lost in the trashing of Docklands instead donations and short-term financial gains will be made. Long-term Docklands is doomed through the greed of a few. Docklands in 20 years will be a seedy ghetto due to the dire residential nature of Docklands.

There is a lack of a local community due your total disregard of the public interest. It could have been this really progressive urbanism, getting serious about environmental issues. Instead it has become sordid catering to the base levels of the human condition greed and envy. With regards to the latter, Councillor Rohan Leppert sums it up when agreeing to the West NewQuay development we don’t want “along the waterfront two- or three-storey town houses hogging all of that expensive waterfront”. A really educated summation of how low Government has become from the original planning strategy for Docklands.

I would like a written response to my complaint regarding the desperate state of long-term residents in Docklands. In particular, the five high-rise developments up to 120-metres-high as detailed in MAB’s West NewQuay Promenade development, which has the following unacceptable planning outcomes:

1. High-rises will be five metres from three-storey town houses;

2. High-rise “building line” will be four metres in front of the building line of three-storey town houses;

3. The 36 townhouses will be bookended between the Marina at 41 storeys and the MAB proposal. This will result in a wind vortex between the massive high-rise apartments;

4. The high-rises will not have adequate parking as the water table does not allow underground parking;

5. The substantial increase in tenants will result in greater traffic congestion;

6. The majority of tenants will be transient mainly international students and B&B and will not increase family residents required to develop a community;

7. The short-term nature of the tenants will result in increased garbage and diminished liveability of Docklands as they have no feeling of community or care as they are only transitory in this location;

8. The Ron Barassi Snr football oval will not be able to be used by long-term residents as it will be overrun by the tenants of the development.

9. The \$75 million gift of taxpayers’ money to the AFL should cease immediately to allow the development of a park on the foreshore along with low rise developments;

10. Why has the development not incorporated the development of Moonee Pond Creek from Footscray Road to the harbour, which currently is an open sewer with full time vagrants and garbage?

11. It will continue the increase of low-quality rental and, thus, continue the low-quality of cafes and shops which abound in Docklands;

12. Will increase the transient tourists from north of Docklands and, thus, increased abuse of local residents like me and increased garbage throughout Docklands;
13. Why has no resident including me living next to this development been asked to comment? It all seems to be undertaken by stealth by developers and the City;

14. The development is neither building a community nor a suburb as it is not for families to live here but the Buxton family’s bottom line;

15. The placement of major high-rises each only five metres from three-storey townhouses will cause overshadowing of the already existing townhouses. At the east end the Marina (41 storeys) and at the west end the MAB development (36 storeys);

16. What has been planned should there be a fire emergency in the 120-metre MAB development as it is at a dead end and insufficient fire trucks will be able to contain any fire?

17. What has been envisaged with regards to the health of thousands of tenants using common areas and the spread of any virus as in cruise ships following on from COVID-19?

18. What compensation is MAB to pay residents next to this development for the months of pile driving each year that will be necessary?

19. What compensation insurance is in place to cover the damage caused by the pile driving vibrations on our foundations sitting on much smaller pylons?

20. What compensation is MAB to pay residents next to this development for the months of dust garbage dirt pollution and trucks that will occur?

21. How can MAB and the City proceed without contacting a single resident owning the adjoining land?

Yours faithfully
John E. Langton-Bunker
Email your support to: bonleigh@hitechnology.net.au

A dawn service to remember

WORDS BY *Sean Car*
LOCAL NEWS

In keeping with RSL Victoria recommendations and observing ANZAC Day 2020 from the home, the Docklands Chamber of Commerce (DCC) hosted two commemorations in Docklands on April 25.

With residents across Docklands observing a minute's silence from their balconies, two ex-navy personnel Jamie Lawson and Stuart McCorkelle delivered *The Last Post* and *The Rouse* at Yarra's Edge (near Forge) and Victoria Harbour (Merchant St grassed area), respectively.

The commemoration was supported by Skunkwork Productions, with the DCC donating \$500 to the Victorian RSL.

And in a particularly special moment for Docklands, 99-year-old Yarra's Edge resident James Brooks, a World War II veteran, was accompanied by his daughter Jennifer Garrison for the commemoration.

Mr Brooks, or "Jim" as he prefers, was interviewed by Channel 7 on the morning, and posed for a photo alongside Mr Lawson following the service near Wharf's Landing.



▲ (Main) Stuart McCorkelle at Victoria Harbour, (top right) WWII veteran James Brooks with his daughter Jennifer Garrison and (bottom right) with Jamie Lawson.

Harbour pollution swells with high rainfall: Council

WORDS BY *David Schout*
ENVIRONMENT

Melbourne's wettest start to the year in over a century has had an adverse effect on Docklands' waterways, as debris and other pollutants continues to swell into Victoria Harbour.

After the city experienced more rainfall in the first four months of the year than all of 2019, higher-than-usual levels of debris were spotted in the area's litter traps.

The issue was highlighted in April by local resident Shane Mason, who posted pictures on the Docklands Community Hub Facebook group, detailing the extent of the pollution in Victoria Harbour.

Reader Paul Vella also sent through evidence of an oil-like pollutant next to Central Pier.

The City of Melbourne said the amount of rainfall seen to date this year - the most since 1911 - was likely to blame for the pollution.

"City of Melbourne engages contractors to regularly remove litter and organic material that is washed into Victoria Harbour following rainfall," a council spokesperson said.

"With heavy rainfall, more litter is washed

along the 240km length of the Yarra River, which significantly increases the amount of litter and organic material that ends up in Docklands. Staff inspected the site (the week of April 20) and will continue to monitor conditions and increase cleaning as needed."

Both the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) and Melbourne Water said they were unaware of any reports of illegal waste disposal within Victoria Harbour.

This is not the first time rubbish has choked Docklands' waterways following a period of high rainfall.

In June 2013 - a month where Melbourne received more than three times its usual level of rainfall - the council removed over 40 cubic metres of debris from Marina YE at Yarra's Edge alone, as reported in *Docklands News*: docklandsnews.com.au/editions/article/litter-chokes-docklands-waterways_8825/

Earlier this year the council installed five "seabins" in Yarra's Edge that reportedly collected 200kg of waste each day.

These units catch cigarette butts and plastic packaging as well as oil, detergent and micro plastics that can't be seen by the human eye.

EPA hunts odour source

Waterway rubbish isn't causing the only reports of pollution in Docklands, as the hunt continues for the source of a nasty smell that is reportedly hanging around the local area.

In February, *Docklands News* spoke with NewQuay resident Julian Smith who had described a "urine-like" odour emanating from what appeared to be the Lorimer St industrial precinct beyond the Bolte Bridge.

In early 2019, Mr Smith began reporting the smell to the EPA, which has since confirmed it is investigating the smell and has now put an odour expert on the case.

The Conder Tower resident took it upon himself to letterbox-drop all of the building's residents who occupy west-facing units to see if they too were experiencing the strange smell, which he claimed was strong enough to wake him during the night when sleeping with the window open.

Within a few days Mr Smith had received four responses from fellow residents who had the same experience.

"It's good to know I'm not Robinson Crusoe here," he said.



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Councils granted extra time for budgets

COUNCIL AFFAIRS

The state government has extended the deadline for council budgets and annual reporting due to the impacts of COVID-19.

Local Government Minister Adem Somyurek announced an extended deadline for 2020/21 council budgets on April 9 until August 31 and for annual reports to November 30.

Councils are usually required to adopt their budgets by June 30 and to submit an annual report by September 30 each year.

While councils are still required to give public notice and hear public submissions before adopting budgets or submitting an annual report, the extensions are open to all councils should they wish to use them.

Minister for Local Government Adem Somyurek said the government was working with councils and the Municipal Association of Victoria to consider the implications of coronavirus on their operations including the welfare of staff, compliance with the Act, elections and their meetings.

"Councils have a vital role to play in supporting and protecting local communities during these unprecedented times," he said.

"This small change responds to requests from councils and will ensure they have time to consider how they will change their budgets to support their residents and businesses."

The City of Melbourne is yet to announce whether it will delay its budget amid the coronavirus outbreak.

The news follows the announcement of a new *Local Government Act 2020*, which passed state parliament in March.

Major reforms for local councils include mandatory training for candidates intending to stand at the October local government elections, as well as measures to improve "community engagement, public transparency, strategic planning, financial management and service performance."

"We have delivered the most significant reforms to the local government sector in more than 30 years," Mr Somyurek said. "The new laws will make councils more accountable, democratic and held them deliver the services their communities need."

Under the new Act, the Minister for Local Government will also have the power to dismiss individual councillors doing the wrong thing, without having to sack the entire council as is currently the case. The new reforms also put an end to overseas voting.

LGPro, the peak body representing local government professionals in Victoria, praised the reforms as the "catalyst for modernising, reforming and re-energising the entire sector, while at the same time stamping out corrup-

With so much upheaval in the central city, the Victorior Electoral Commission (VEC) is also expected to experience significant challenges in compiling electoral rolls, which could see the date of the elections pushed back.



tion and poor behaviour."

It is yet to be confirmed whether the state government plans to launch a separate review into the *City of Melbourne Act 2001*.

It is also yet to be confirmed how COVID-19 could affect local government elections in October, however current restrictions on public gatherings are expected to impact the ways in which candidates can engage with voters.

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The VEC said elections were still scheduled for October and any changes to the legislated date would be a matter for Parliament. "The VEC's roll production program for the 2020 local government elections, including support for roll production with the City of Melbourne elections, is continuing as planned," a VEC spokesperson said.

"Under the new *Local Government Act 2020*, all councils are required to have the same method of election (that is, all attendance or all postal). That decision will be made by the Minister for Local Government."

New legislation announced by the state government on April 21 also amends the *Local Government Act 2020* to allow virtual meetings for local councils ●

Lord Mayor reaches out

WORDS BY *Sean Car*
LOCAL NEWS

Lord Mayor Sally Capp held two meetings with all resident and precinct groups in the municipality on Friday, April 24, in an effort to ensure the City the Melbourne stays across local issues amid the coronavirus crisis.

With the Docklands Chamber of Commerce (DCC) represented in the precinct groups meeting, the Lord Mayor said it was important to keep in regular contact with local business associations and groups given the current "tough business conditions".

"We got an understanding of how the lockdown is impacting different areas from the CBD to Docklands and Southbank – and it is obvious that a lot of businesses are struggling to get through this," Cr Capp said.

"It's clear that many businesses have already started planning for when the recovery phase

begins. There were views put forward that any recovery plan needs to be done in stages to consider the potentially long-lasting effect of the pandemic on business conditions."

As part of the City of Melbourne's COVID-19 business grants program, four local businesses, Xary, Good Cycles, Kinfolk and Optom on Collins, received grants as part of the program's first round.

DCC president Johanna Maxwell thanked the Lord Mayor for her ongoing support and said she looked forward to "ongoing dialogue."

Local residents from the Docklands Community Forum also tuned into the Lord Mayor's meeting with resident groups, which she said would continue to be held "regularly".

"There was a huge amount discussed including the impact of construction noise, concerns about social distancing in parks, an increase in abandoned household hard rubbish and the challenges of health management in apartment blocks," the Lord Mayor said ●

Forge sells out

PROPERTY

Following a Victorian-first Australian Apartment Advocacy (AAA) trial, the final apartment in Yarra's Edge developer Mirvac's Forge tower was sold in March.

Following the successful completion of an innovative trial by the AAA, which saw three families win the opportunity to live rent-free for a month each in the tower's final two-bedroom apartment, another family has since purchased the trial apartment.

The Baskar, Pike and Dart families were selected from a pool of 300 applicants to sample the apartment lifestyle for one month each, from November 2019 to February 2020.

According to Mirvac, they shared positive feedback relating to aspects such as the low-maintenance nature, security benefits, abundance of nearby amenity and convenience of the "lock up and leave" nature of apartment-living.

Mirvac's General Manager of Residential Victoria Elysa Anderson said the AAA trial had changed the families' perspectives on apartment-living, with all three confirming their experiences in a Mirvac apartment and residential tower had encouraged them to consider purchasing or moving into an apartment in the future.

"Our winning families fully embraced the opportunity to trial apartment living for one month each and ultimately, they all agreed that choosing to live in an apartment was a definite possibility for their respective lifestyles," Ms Anderson said.



"They came into the trial with preconceived notions of what apartment living might be like and Mirvac's Forge tower and premium Yarra's Edge location were able to dispel most of these."

The apartment was the final remaining for sale at Forge, with Ms Anderson saying the sell-out result marked a "significant milestone in the development of Yarra's Edge" ●

Connect with your local community

The Docklands Community Hub is a free online space to connect with fellow Docklands locals, stay in the know, post requests for help, share skills and local knowledge, ask for recommendations, discover local services, classes, retailers, events and more!

This Facebook group is owned by **Docklands News**.

If you're a local resident or business you can join up here:

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District foodies adapt

WORDS BY Meg Hill
BUSINESS

A growing list of Docklands businesses are adapting their operations to our lockdown restrictions instead of closing their doors.

At the District Docklands more than 10 different restaurants and food stores are now operating through takeaway and delivery.

The District CEO George Karabatsos said the retailers were a great example of businesses adjusting their operations to provide essential items for their customers.

“We are working closely with all of our operators – and this will be an ongoing effort to support our Urban Village community to ensure they always have access to essentials,” he said.

The retailers now offering delivery and/or takeaway include Dohtonbori Okonomiyaki, China Bar, Empire Asian Supermarket, Urban Alley Brewery, Gelateria on the Docks, Buffalo’s Burgers Wings and Steaks, SPQR Pizzeria, Old Man Pho, Gozleme King, San Churro Chocolateria and Penny Coffee.

SPQR Pizzeria owner David Mackintosh said that while the crisis had hit his business hard, it has led it in a new direction.

“Our regular business and leisure crowd were, rightly, told to stay home for their own safety and so we had to think about how we could still run our business,” he said.

“The answer has been to create a new brand called *From Scratch Dough* and to make our wonderful sourdough pizza bases available online and for sale in great food stores around Melbourne and to work with our delivery partners to get fresh hot pizza straight to people’s homes.”

“We’re proud of how our team has adjusted and created a new business in only two weeks.”

San Churro Docklands owners Cherry Sharma and Laxman Bhardwaj said it had been difficult to adapt, but they were proud of their achievements.

“We have proudly kept our doors open with the same trading hours and have been bringing our loyal customers delicious food and great deals through delivery partners,” they said.

“Despite the difficult climate, we’re still innovating with a range of exclusive, brand new products and we’re proud to have launched our own delivery platform at order.sanchurro.com.”

“To show our support and appreciation for essential workers, we’re also offering free coffee for emergency workers, healthcare professionals, police and anyone on the frontline – we’re all in this together.”

For more visit thedistrictdocklands.com.au ●

Council backs greater student help

WORDS BY David Schout
COUNCIL AFFAIRS

The City of Melbourne has urged greater support for the 52,000 international students who live or study within the CBD amid the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

With many students now jobless and unable to fly home or access federal income support, the council recognised the “urgent” need for a national hardship fund.

And as student fees and living costs continue to mount, Lord Mayor Sally Capp said Town Hall needed to take a stand.

“At this time when we keep saying ‘we’re in this together’, then we need to show that we really are, not just to those who are the most important or prevalent but to those who need care,” she said.

“For every international student, for all their parents and families, we need to be saying very clearly that we feel a responsibility to them in our city ... you belong, you are deserving and we do care.”

In asking for a response from higher levels of government, the council too has pledged financial assistance, although that amount (at the time of publishing) was yet to be determined.

Cr Capp said foreign students defined Melbourne’s brand and identity, and especially paid tribute to those playing important roles in the fight against COVID-19 as researchers, student nurses, intern doctors and volunteers in hospitals.

The Lord Mayor called out the racist attack on two students at the Queen Victoria Market in April as “completely unacceptable” and something that “does not reflect the values that Melburnians stand for”.

More than 200,000 international students from 170 countries live in Melbourne, including 52,000 international students who live or study in the central city.

The sector generated nearly \$12 billion for Victoria in 2019 - by far the state’s biggest export.

Shortly after the council called for greater student support at the April 7 council meeting, the Andrews Government announced international students would be eligible to register for the Working for Victoria program, which assists those who have lost work due to the pandemic.

Cr Nicholas Reece, a Principal Fellow at the University of Melbourne, underlined the importance of work to support studies.

“As we have rapidly learned, it (COVID-19) is hitting some groups - in particular international students - particularly hard. Many students who come to Australia to study take up work to support themselves and their studies, but with the collapse in the employment market at the moment, many international students are finding themselves without work, without income, and at the same time unable to access the social welfare safety net.”

In April, Prime Minister Scott Morrison suggested students in this situation should “return home”.

Cr Reece likened the comments, irrespective of their intention, to “a punch on a bruise” while Cr Cathy Oke - another University of Melbourne employee - said they had caused

“concern and alarm” among colleagues at the University of Melbourne.

The Council of International Students Australia (CISA) said the comments were disheartening.

“Due to lockdown enforcement in many countries, lots of international students are not able to (go home) at the moment, leaving them struggling every day,” it said in a statement.

“It is disappointing to see international students being disregarded. There is a lot beyond monetary matters that needs to be considered and addressed which should not be shrugged away.”

The City of Melbourne said it would continue to work with Study Melbourne, the lead agency in delivering online support for international students.

It also pledged to investigate setting up:

“*Cr Reece likened the Prime Minister’s comments, irrespective of their intention, to “a punch on a bruise”.*”

- free resume-checking;
 - increased opportunities for students to connect online;
 - expanding communications with international students; and
 - delivering a special edition of the NexStar internship program.
- Speaking at the City of Melbourne’s virtual business summit on April 16, vice-chancellor at the University of Melbourne Duncan Maskell outlined how severe the impact of COVID-19 had been on universities.
- “We have a unique model in that we totally rely on student enrolment as our main revenue source,” he said. “Over the last few years, that has gone into international students in a big way. So, the current travel restrictions are hitting us very hard.”
- “It is likely to have a long-term effect on us. In fact, the prediction is that, nationally, there will be a decline in reversal revenues of between 3.5-\$4 billion over the rest of the year. A significant amount of money.”
- City of Melbourne CEO Justin Hanney said council would continue to work with the university sector to support international students.
- “The city has set out a number of task forces to do with issues such as the welfare of the elderly, the most at risk,” he said.
- “We know we have got an increase in international students using the food relief services and there are more things to work on there.” ●



▲ Local Girl Guide Ikima during a Zoom meeting.

Leading under lockdown

WORDS BY David Schout
LOCAL NEWS

As some organisations struggle to keep connected during the coronavirus pandemic, 1st Docklands Girl Guides are leading the way after moving weekly sessions online.

Shortly after lockdown measures were implemented, the local Girl Guides group decided to move their meetings to teleconferencing site Zoom.

And aside from the lack of physical interaction, little has changed.

Still proudly wearing their uniforms, Guides have been completing activities and challenges mostly within the home.

In the limited time they can spend outside, they’ve also written messages of support in chalk around the Docklands community.

“We’re all just trying to make the best of these strange times, making sure we support each other and keep our community and united world spirit going,” Kirsty Stewart, one of the unit’s leaders, said.

“The girls all go to different schools so the meetings are a good time to say hello and catch up. I’ve been so impressed with how well the girls have taken to this; their teleconference etiquette has been wonderful from the start. They could show some of my colleagues at work a thing or two!”

1st Docklands Girl Guides usually meet every Tuesday evening out of the Community Hub next to Library at The Dock.

The inclusive program (which recently celebrated its first birthday in Docklands) looks to develop confidence, self-reliance, and leadership.

And while some things are the same under lockdown, others are understandably different.

Importantly, though, they’ve learned to adapt.

“We can’t make crafts together but the girls are encouraged to keep showing off their creative flair by showing the unit anything they’ve made during the week,” Kirsty said.

Moving online has not only benefitted the kids, but also leaders who meet separately to generate ideas and maintain support.

All training sessions, including child safety and leadership, have already moved online.

“We may be on lockdown but Guiding is keeping ahead of the times and making sure we stay engaged.”

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WHAT'S STILL OPEN,

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At the City of Melbourne we are here to help. The safety of our communities, customers and staff is our top priority as we work to help stop the spread of COVID-19.

A taskforce has been established at Town Hall to implement the advice and actions from the Victorian Government and the National Cabinet for COVID-19 across our operations.

We've acted promptly on government advice to close certain facilities and services, and will continue to deliver essential services, while following the latest health and safety guidelines.

Lord Mayor Sally Capp said many of Council's services perform an essential public health function so it is important they continue.

'Melbourne must remain a caring city that lends a helping hand during tough times. We know that this is a stressful time – so ensuring we continue to deliver for the community and look after those most at risk has never been more important,' the Lord Mayor said.

'Our organisation has done a significant amount of planning to ensure crucial services to the community are not severely impacted by this pandemic.

'We will do everything possible to continue to deliver essential services such as waste and recycling, services to older people, children's services, homelessness services and animal management.'

A number of Council's non-essential services have been closed temporarily to help reduce the spread of the virus in the community.

'Our libraries, recreation and cultural centres are important community meeting places so this is not a decision we take lightly,' the Lord Mayor said.

IMPORTANT

The following information about suspended services and closed facilities is correct at time of print, but things are changing quickly.

For an up-to-date list of frequently asked questions, including closures and adjustments to services, visit melbourne.vic.gov.au/coronavirus



Our libraries often many online services



Aged care services are continuing



Rubbish collection will continue as normal

WHICH CITY OF MELBOURNE FACILITIES AND SERVICES REMAIN OPEN?

Planning, building, waste and recycling and animal management will continue to operate as normal.

Aged care support services, meals and community groups

In-home services including domestic assistance, home maintenance, meals, personal care, respite, and individual social support are continuing.

Our teams are asking COVID-19 screening questions to ensure the health and safety of our clients, community and staff.

Childcare facilities

All Council’s childcare facilities will continue to operate as usual at this time. Childcare is considered an essential community service. Advice from the Victorian Government is that all essential services remain operational for now.

The City of Melbourne will continue to heed the advice of the Chief Health Officer and the Department of Health and Human Services as the situation evolves.

Queen Victoria Market

Queen Victoria Market remains open for fresh fruit and vegetables, meat and fish, deli items, dairy, bread, eggs and other key essentials.

The market is open on Tuesdays and Thursday to Sunday.

Those who can shop safely at the market, directly from stallholders, should continue to do so whilst adhering to safe social distancing and practicing good hygiene.

For those who are unable to shop in-person, the market has launched a new pre-order and pickup service allowing people to shop from the comfort of their homes and cars.

Orders can be collected from 8am on market days (Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday) from the pickup zone on Queen Street, opposite D Shed.

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Arts and cultural venues

Meat Market, Signal, ArtPlay and Arts House are closed until further notice.

Libraries

City Library in Flinders Lane, Kathleen Syme Library and Community Centre in Carlton, Library at The Dock in Docklands, East Melbourne, North Melbourne and Southbank libraries are closed until further notice.

You can continue to access library collections online, using your library membership number. This includes thousands of free e-books, audiobooks, e-magazines and learning resources.

If you don’t have a library membership you can sign up at melbourne.vic.gov.au/libraries

You will not be fined for books due back during the closure, and reservations will be held until our libraries re-open.

Maternal and child health

All our maternal and child health centres are closed to the public. We will replace face-to-face home visits and centre appointments with telephone or electronic consultations.

If you have an existing appointment, maternal and child health staff will contact you to offer and consultation via phone, FaceTime or Skype. Please phone 9340 1444 or email mchbookings@melbourne.vic.gov.au if you have any questions.



Neighbourhood houses

All neighbourhood centres and neighbourhood houses are temporarily closed to the public, though some programs and services usually run at neighbourhood houses will run remotely.

Connect with your local neighbourhood house by phone, email or social media for more information.

Parks, gardens, basketball courts, playgrounds and equipment

All playgrounds, basketball courts and skate parks are closed for now. Our 480 hectares of parks and gardens are still open for essential daily exercise, but all outdoor fitness equipment is closed.

Please remember to maintain 1.5 metres distance from other people when exercising and avoid gathering in groups.


Pools and recreation centres

Melbourne City Baths, Kensington Recreation Centre, Carlton Baths, North Melbourne Recreation Centre and The Venny are now closed until further notice.

Your membership will automatically be placed on free suspension during this time that we are closed, so you won’t be charged.

Visitor services

All City of Melbourne visitor centres are closed, and the visitor services offered by our red coat ambassadors have been suspended, until further notice.



More information and the latest updates on City of Melbourne services can be found at melbourne.vic.gov.au/coronavirus

Council extends construction hours

WORDS BY *Sean Car*
BUILDING & PLANNING

The City of Melbourne has temporarily adjusted the management of construction activity in "certain cases" in the municipality in a bid to fast-track construction projects, save jobs and help limit the economic impact of coronavirus (COVID-19).

It comes after a construction worker from the Melbourne Square project in Southbank contracted the virus last month, leading to the development's temporary closure for precautionary cleaning. The site reopened days later, sparking widespread debate as to whether the industry was equipped to be dealing with government's new safety measures around social distancing.

Lord Mayor Sally Capp said the council's temporary measures would allow extensions of working hours on some building sites for commercial, large residential and mixed-use developments.

"The changes will allow the construction industry to work safely and remain viable during these challenging times but they will not allow construction activity around the clock," the Lord Mayor said.

"We understand these changes may affect residents with a potential increase in noise, however we are attempting to strike a balance between the needs of residents and the need to keep people in jobs. We recognise these extraordinary times call for extraordinary measures."

"The necessary health and safety measures, such as social distancing, are impacting the productivity of the construction industry. We're responding by adjusting the hours available for construction work on a case-by-case basis."

"We are doing our best to support industry and residents during these uncertain and stressful times."

Deputy Lord Mayor Arron Wood said the temporary arrangements would be reviewed

on a monthly basis to ensure the needs of both the construction industry and local residents were met.

"We're working to balance the need to save jobs in the construction sector by allowing different ways of working and still protecting public safety and amenity," the Deputy Lord Mayor said.

"I want to stress that these changes are temporary."

"More officers will be out monitoring building sites to ensure compliance with the regulations. We reserve the right to issue fines or revoke construction permits for sites that don't follow the rules outlined in their construction permit."

"In turn, we seek commitment from the industry to ensure that everything possible will be done to preserve residential amenity and protect workers."

In response to COVID-19, federal and state governments have acknowledged the construction industry as an essential service and determined that it should remain in operation for the time being.

Construction sites are subject to increased health and safety precautions including limiting the number of workers on site, adhering to social distancing requirements, following personal hygiene guidelines and regular cleaning of equipment.

The city's local law currently allows for construction activity to occur between the hours of 7am and 7pm on weekdays and between 8am and 3pm on Saturdays. Approval is required from council to work outside these standard hours.

The council said the temporary measures would not apply as a "blanket approval" and would be administered on a case-by-case basis under the existing local law via "out of hours" permits.

The City of Melbourne will consider the following extensions as a general guideline:

- Weekdays: 6am to 8pm (and up to 10pm for some internal fit out works that aren't



externally audible e.g. plastering, painting, etc.)

- Saturdays: 7am to 5pm (and up to 10pm for some internal fit out works)

- Sundays: 10am until 4pm for limited activities related to crane works that are unable to be completed during standard hours.

On April 24, the state government announced that it had established a dedicated taskforce to help keep the state's building and development industry running through the coronavirus crisis.

Minister for Planning Richard Wynne and Treasurer Tim Pallas will oversee the taskforce, which will investigate planning and investment opportunities to boost the industry, while providing advice to government on issues impacting the industry.

Co-chaired by former Victorian Property Council president and Lendlease executive Roger Teale, Victorian Planning Authority chair Jude Munro AO and Victorian Public Service CEO Stan Krpan, the taskforce will receive advice from three industry working groups and be guided by a steering committee, involving representatives from industry peak bodies and unions.

The government said the taskforce would

initially focus on overseeing the fast-tracking of planning approvals using ministerial powers, where decisions had been delayed due to coronavirus related impacts on the Victorian planning system.

As part of the announcement, Minister Wynne also approved four new projects worth more than \$1.5 billion, which included Australia's tallest tower at City Rd in neighbouring Southbank.

The state government will also seek the taskforce's advice on a pipeline of building and development projects over the longer term, including initiatives that further expand social housing options.

The taskforce will advise on financial incentives and current revenue measures such as land tax, developer contributions, fees and rates and make recommendations to help businesses survive and fast-track investment •

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Saluministi adjusts for Docklanders

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BUSINESS

There is no doubting the customary buzz of activity in Docklands has long since left following the implementation of staged coronavirus (COVID-19) restrictions.

The nine to five hustle and bustle of Bourke and Collins streets has been reduced to a trickle of workers.

Residents are confined to their apartments and many businesses have closed or been forced to evolve to survive.

As the adage goes, “fortune favours the bold”, and Peter Mastro, co-owner of Saluministi Café and Alimentari, who continues to restructure his business model to provide Docklanders with the food and coffee they’ve grown to love, is a walking embodiment of this.

Admitting that he would have had to be "dragged kicking and screaming" to close his café at 892 Bourke St, Mr Mastro is dogged in his approach to keeping his business running, not only for him but for his 10-strong staff who rely on its operation as their sole income.

"Our goal is to be the last to close and the first to re-open. We don't have any other option," Mr Mastro said. "For us, business is as usual. We have always been designed to do takeaway. Somewhere you can grab a coffee and panini, without needing to step in-store."

To add to its usual offerings of takeaway coffee and famous paninis, Mr Mastro has thrown open his pantry to create Saluministi Alimentari and Saluministi A Casa (at home).

Saluministi Alimentari is a makeshift produce store with an expanding selection of expertly crafted raw products to cook at home, plus a range of quality pantry staples, fresh bread, cured meats, cheese, personal care products, beer and wine.

“What we are trying to do is add on to our existing offerings by providing locals with the opportunity to have restaurant-style food,” Mr Mastro said.



▲ *The team at Saluministi Docklands.*

“Not everyone is a chef, and not everyone wants to be a chef. But they still want great quality food, without too much hassle.”

"If we sell you some sauce, oil and pasta, you have everything to make something great yourself. But people can do that anywhere, so we want to give residents an experience at home that feels like they're eating here, but without the work."

Highlights of the Saluministi A Casa menu include its famous Porchetta Arrostita, a ready to bake Salsiccia Al Forno and eggplant

parmigiana.

The shock of a global pandemic reverberates even stronger for Mr Mastro, as Saluministi was relishing record trade in the months prior.

"We are confident that once people know what we have and what we are doing, they will come for it. Just before all of this, we were the busiest we have ever been, despite being at the furthest point of Vic Harbour," Mr Mastro said.

"The hardest part for us is to shrink a three or four-month awareness campaign into a couple of weeks. That's our biggest challenge." ●

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City of online literature

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The CBD and surrounds is defined in part by its public libraries, with Melbourne listed as a UNESCO City of Literature. There is something iconic, and unique, about the State Library of Victoria, the City Library, Boyd and the Library at the Dock.

As our readers know, those libraries were all shut in response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. But the City of Melbourne has seen a major spike in demand for its online library services as Melburnians practice social distancing and stay indoors.

Thousands of free eBooks, eAudiobooks, eMagazines, online newspapers, films, videos and learning resources have been accessed in the past month.

The Lord Mayor Sally Capp said there had been a 23 per cent surge in eLibrary usage compared to this time last year, with eAudiobooks the most popular service.

"Now more than ever people are taking advantage of our incredibly large and free library resources, even when they can't physically come into our libraries," the Lord Mayor said.

"We've recorded our highest ever online loans for a single month with 19,182 loans; this includes 8837 eBook loans and 10,345 eAudio-book loans."

“Our children’s librarians are also delivering online story time sessions through our YouTube channel.”

The Lord Mayor said the municipality's libraries were some of the best resourced in the country.

In partnership with Beamafilm and Kanopy, City of Melbourne library members can access free TV shows, educational videos, art house films and documentaries. Members can also download free music through Freegal.

Film streaming through City of Melbourne library services jumped 54 per cent last month.

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Beamafilm has doubled its average streams per month, while Kanopy usage has spiked with 3666 films streamed in March, the highest ever usage in one month.

Chair of the Knowledge City portfolio Councillor Dr Jackie Watts said that, even before the pandemic, the City of Melbourne's libraries were experiencing a resurgence.

"We are all adjusting our lives to cope with COVID-19 and many of us may be looking for new activities. I encourage everyone to take a good look at the City of Melbourne's website to explore the impressive range of services and resources our libraries have to offer – for free."

Library book chutes across the City of Melbourne's libraries are currently closed for the health and safety of staff and the community. Those who need to return an item have been encouraged to do so when libraries reopen. Fines for this period will be waived ●

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DOCKLANDER

▼ Rose Mercer.

A staunch Docklander

WORDS BY *Tamara Clark*

Eleven-year resident Rose Mercer said she moved to Docklands with her husband, Graham, to grow old gracefully.

It has always been Rose’s preference to live in apartments and after extensive searching and comparison, Docklands stood out well above anywhere else.

“It’s just what I feel most comfortable in,” she said.

The Batman’s Hill resident told *Docklands News* the area was perfect for growing older because the buildings were taken care of, there was no garden to worry about and residents could walk to the doctor, the supermarket, the chemist and the dentist all within a couple of blocks from home.

She has lived in sky-high buildings in multiple Australian cities and feels safer being off the ground.

“It’s just where I feel like I belong,” she said. “We’re on the eighth floor. If I could afford the 14th floor, I would have moved to the 14th floor as it were!”

“I like looking out over everything and I like knowing that I’m less likely to be broken into and I can leave doors and windows open and feel safer.”

During the lockdown, Rose has volunteered to lend a hand to fellow residents in her building if they need assistance. Be it cooking a meal or helping with groceries, Rose said she wanted to help.

So far, nobody has called upon Rose or Graham for assistance, which she said was “probably a good thing”.

Rose’s work around the building is just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to her connection with the community.

She loves the multicultural spirit of the area.



It warms her heart to see incredible diversity among residents, businesses and even the Library at the Dock.

“I volunteer at the library as a leader in communication for English as a second language,” she said.

“So, that’s really kind of fun because the people come from the most amazing countries that I’ve never met anybody from. Or they come from countries that I have visited so I’ve got something in common and it’s good fun.”

She plans to continue volunteering at the Library at the Dock once lockdown restrictions are relaxed.

One of Rose’s main infatuations with Docklands is the environmental lifestyle.

Rose prefers living in an apartment in the

middle of a block instead of the side or the top to enjoy insulation and protection from the elements.

And of course, it’s easy to go for a walk, explore the miniature forest or enjoy the water.

“I suppose it’s like any city, it’s as busy or as laid back as you want it to be,” she said. “It’s just a beautiful area.”

Of course, the landscape has undergone many changes over the past decade.

When she moved in, she was only surrounded by Docklands Park and a couple of buildings but a lot of structures have since been erected in each direction.

But luckily, she is still able to enjoy a great amount of clear, blue sky from her balcony, so “it’s really not been a problem,” she said.

On another note, public transport is in much higher demand these days.

“With so many more buildings opening up the trams that used to be empty by the time we got to our stop are now quite full.”

Rose said the influx of new buildings in the area had saturated the capacity of once empty trams.

“Not at the moment, because of the social distancing and people working from home but, on a normal day, and when it’s the end of work day, it’s almost impossible to get on to the trams,” she said.

“It’s just an amazing place to live. And I like the look of it. I like the sort of edgy newness of it.” ●

PRECINCT PERSPECTIVE

More time to connect

As a professional historian it’s impossible for me not to reflect on the historical reality that is the era of COVID-19.

In Australia’s history, it is unprecedented. This is not like the Spanish Flu, the Great Depression or the Plague, it is something the world has never seen. In years to come the toddlers of today will be studying this time in their Australian history classes, making sense of a conservative liberal government that made decisions that any socialist leader would endorse. They may face an exam question like this:

“Suddenly money was found to increase welfare benefits to levels more realistic to support subsistence living, when before it seemed acceptable that people were expected to exist on an allowance below the poverty line and we were all told, the country could not afford to offer more. Meanwhile in the United States, despite running an election campaign based on ‘Making America Great Again’, the incumbent president, Donald Trump was facing the decline in world economic rankings of his once all-powerful nation. The world order had shifted.

What do you make of this? Discuss.”

And now, of course, people are discussing this and, at the same time, a lexicon for COVID-19 times is a upon us often with accompanying acronyms. Working from home (WFH), social distancing, self-isolation, personal protective equipment (PPE) are now part of our everyday language.

What of us here in Docklands? This month’s

column is supposed to be dedicated to local news in Victoria Harbour. Yet Victoria Harbour is much like all of Docklands, an eerie quiet has descended. For some, and I must confess I am among them, this is welcomed. Late night revelers no longer disturb our weekend sleeps, there are fewer cars on the road and if riding a bike is your exercise of choice there are no packs to terrify slower riders (like me!).

Yes, there have been many negative changes, the sad number of people who have temporarily lost their jobs, the threat to viable businesses, the inability to gather to celebrate family milestones like weddings, 21sts, graduations and many more. Children learning from home, elective surgeries cancelled and more women choosing home births as the safest option. But perhaps the positives to some degree balance the negatives? This is the era of Zoom, Skype and phone meetings. My family is now having weekly zoom catch ups with siblings in the UK, Broome, Emerald, Officer and Docklands all zooming in on a Sunday night with a cup of tea or glass of wine to see what each of us has been up to during the past week. Why haven’t we been doing this for years?

Likewise, more of us are catching up (by these methods) more regularly with our friends, checking in to see we are all okay. And in apartment buildings all over Docklands and most certainly in Victoria Harbour, care teams have been established to assist those in self isolation in any way they need. People are becoming kinder, more patient. We accept we have to wait patiently for our turn at shops and keep our distance from others. Pre COVID-19 (PC) people would push and jostle for their spot. Let’s hope that after COVID-19 (AC) we remember to be kind, and patient and unselfish.

With gyms closed and Park Run suspended, more people are realising you can actually stay fit without a gym and amazingly enough even on your own! I am noticing more people out and about jogging, walking, cycling than I ever saw PC. This has to be a good thing.

We are so lucky in Australia that we have not recorded tens of thousands of deaths. So far, we have come through this time relatively unscathed. People are adapting. It is sad to see so many of Docklands’ cafes and restaurants closed for the time being. Many have adapted and are offering takeaway and a wider range of food options. Saluministi in Vic Harbour now has a mini grocery set up. Min Café and Billy Barista both offer an expanded range of takeaway options. Our supermarkets are still trading, and no one is in danger of starving death as was the reality during the Great Depression.

We will get through this and when we do, we all need to shop local, support local Docklands businesses and help each other rebuild. I am hopeful that the slower pace continues, and we continue to catch up with our families more often and question the need to fly interstate for meetings, when a Skype, Zoom or phone meeting will suffice. Maybe this is the correction we needed to have? It is certainly a boon for the health of our planet. We now have more time to reflect, more time for kindness and consideration and ironically, despite self-isolation and social distancing, more time to connect ●



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Lunch break

Mark stopped for a refuel after 11,000 steps

Victoria Harbour Promenade

Something fishy from The Espressionist

WORDS BY *Jack Hayes*

It was an idea formed on one of the holiest days on the Christian calendar.

Inspired by the Good Friday rush at a local fish and chip shop, the team at The Espressionist at Yarra's Edge, has brought new life into a business battered by the effects of coronavirus (COVID-19).

BaitShop by The Espressionist, the newest culinary venture from husband and wife Demian and Victoria Gibbins, is a homage to an Australian takeaway tradition.

Their approach is simple. Great quality fresh and seasonal produce cooked by qualified chefs and served as you would remember; nostalgically wrapped in butcher's paper.

Following an opening night which "exceeded all expectations" Mr Gibbins admitted flipping his entire business was a gamble he had to take, not just for his business and family, but for the livelihoods of his 13-strong team.

"Along with everyone, we were experiencing such a level of uncertainty and such a fall in sales, which meant there was a temptation to close certain days or shorten open hours," Mr Gibbins said.

"Our goal has always been to keep as many people working as possible. It wasn't a move

without risks. We committed to this philosophy of staying open, and we are starting to see the reward for that."

Building their business from the ground up, The Espressionist first came to life as a humble coffee cart in a gallery.

Four years on, Mr and Mrs Gibbins have transformed their space to become a Docklands destination. Now they face a whole new challenge.

"We aren't supported by a big hospitality group: this is just us," Mrs Gibbins said. "So, when we were first faced with the restrictions, we just had to keep going and make sure our business falls into what is considered 'essential'."

"We have a moral obligation to stay open. We have whole lot of houses that are relying on us, so we can't shut."

After an 80 per cent drop in business and growing uncertainty, the couple was forced back to the drawing board.

Their first move was to continue producing great quality takeaway coffee while turning The Espressionist into a makeshift greengrocer.

"We created a list of ideas that have been in the pipeline for years and tried to roll them out as quickly as possible," Mrs Gibbins said. "Without creating the grocer and take-home meals, we wouldn't have been able to support our staff through this."

▼ The Espressionist manager Taylor McNab (right) and Demian, Victoria (left) with their three children.



"There is a role we've played in providing normalcy to locals. Our customers come at the same time every day as they normally would and are so happy to have a purpose to get out of their homes and connect."

First thought as a stop-gap to keep business flowing and keep staff with jobs, the tremendous response from locals to the BaitShop, has forced Mr Gibbins hand in rethinking what life after COVID-19 would look like for The Espressionist.

"By the end of the opening night, our whole team was in tears. We prepped for three days'

worth of fish and chips and sold out within a couple of hours," Mr Gibbins said.

"Once we allowed to have customers sit down and eat again, we're thinking we might turn it into a fish and chip wine bar." ●

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ABBY'S ANGLE

The world is a battlefield. Fight, but without exception, choose kindness

As we continue with our extraordinary lives, I find that we all are experiencing unanticipated highs and lows through the social distancing restrictions.

Some of us see them as the very framework of safety and protection of our population from the threat of this virus, others struggle to see the isolation from family and friends as anything but a greater threat to their mental health than any physical health fear.

Some of us are crippled by the financial stress of the impact of so many industries coming to an abrupt close, their business plans, goals and micro-economy crashing down. While others find comfort in the sheer numbers who require and are receiving financial support payments and grants, who see they are one of a large population who are being supported and feel grateful for this. While others swing like pendulums, sometimes connecting so strongly to see positivity of where we are at, and then swinging wildly to equal and opposite emotions as they are overtaken by the fear of the threat of this virus.

Whoever you are, and wherever you sit with COVID-19 – be it that you are wrestling with your fears, or embracing the chance for a long home-stay; be it that you are angered by the political decisions, or in full support of the actions; be it that you are an adopter of the conspiracy theories, or feel the truth is clear; be it that you have new respect for our essential workers who are ready in hospitals should this threat increase; or, be it you are one of those incredible workers bravely facing long hours each day; know this – it is okay to feel how you feel. It is okay to be scared. It is okay to be happy. It is okay to feel threatened. It is okay to feel safe. Wherever you are through this crisis, it is okay, and it will be okay.

The world is a battlefield. Nations around the world are battling, and right now, this virus is our target. Our country seems to have been

successfully battling to flatten the curve and will continue to battle to keep everyone safe, to keep everyone wanting to adhere to measures that keep them safe. And we as a community are battling – battling to stay positive, battling not to lose businesses, homes, opportunities, battling to reach families and loved ones. Some are battling now, some will battle later, but we will all battle.

Fight. Fight hard to ensure you are safe, that your family is safe. Fight to ensure your business is safe, that you can return to a job, that you can innovate. Fight to maintain your health, both physical and mental.

But know this ... you do not fight alone. Help those around you, serve those who need service. Be open about weakness, and honest about what you need. Let people in, talk about where you are at, take comfort as you need it. Be kind to each other, we all find our own way of coping, our own focus to help us through – be it self-improvement, be it Netflix binging, be it business redesign and reinvention, be it gardening or be it glued to news and updates. As the restrictions ease, and we start to re-emerge, be kind to each other. These are extraordinary times. This is going to be an ongoing battle. And we will all need to fight, but not each other. Stay strong, stay kind, stay safe.

With love, Abby ●



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OWNERS' CORPORATION LAW

Performance-based alternative solutions the key to cheaper cladding replacement costs

Owners' corporations (OC) need not despair when served with an Order or Notice from the Municipal Building Surveyor or from the Victorian Building Authority (VBA).

There may literally be a "deemed to satisfy" solution available for some buildings, meaning that not all of the cladding installed on the façade of a building might need to be removed.

In November last year, a mixed-use building in Docklands was approved by the Building Appeals Board (BAB) to implement an alternative solution designed by their consultant fire engineer, which would have the effect of permitting some of the combustible material installed on the façade to remain on the building, provided that sufficient non-combustible material could be installed around the façade to act as a fire break, together with the installation of sprinklers on the façade.

This caused the repair costs to drop by over 80 per cent, which is a great outcome for the OC.

This decision was followed up by another case in March of this year for an apartment complex of 21 units in Carnegie.

The BAB ruled that the prescriptive deemed to satisfy test for compliance of combustible cladding, such as expanded polystyrene (EPS) panelling, could be sidestepped if the performance requirements in CP2 and CP4 of the Building Code were satisfied, and if the holistic fire safety situation of the overall building otherwise resulted in a satisfactory level of safety.

In April 2019, the OC lodged an application with the BAB seeking a determination under s160A of the *Building Act 1993*. The determination sought was that the design or construction of the building complied with the performance requirements CP2 and CP4 of the Building Code, as an alternative path to compliance.

Combustible EPS cladding had been installed only on the upper two levels of the building and on external walls on balconies, but with no combustible cladding on the ground level. In addition, there was an eyebrow/canopy on the top-most level consisting of combustible aluminium composite panelling (ACP), set back some distance from the edge of the building.

With regards to other fire safety features at the premises, there was sprinkler protection that covered the entire building including the basement. Also, each level containing residential units was supplied with an internal fire hydrant set in an enclosed fire isolated cupboard, plus an external fire hydrant set back from any flammable cladding by a distance of more than three metres.

Instead, the Board stated that the assessment of fire risk for a building is "an integrated assessment which is not automatically determined from a single variable." Therefore, the probability of ignition was just one factor to consider when deciding the level of risk for the building as a whole.

Furthermore, the Board found the ACP lining on the eave to the top storey "to be of minor consequence to the level of fire safety in the building", and did not rule that any of it had to be removed.

In summary, the Board determined that the EPS panels and ACP installed as external cladding complied with performance requirements CP2 and CP4 of the Building Code and ordered the owners to complete some further remedial work measures recommended by the building's fire engineer to further improve the building's overall safety.

In my view, any OC served with a Notice or Order for the removal of cladding should first engage a well-regarded fire safety engineer to get a second opinion as to whether all of the combustible cladding material needs to be removed, or whether there are "holistic" alternatives that can still comply with the BCA ●



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Faces of Docklands

Question:
What’s your favourite way to exercise during isolation?



LACHLAN VEAL, PERSONAL TRAINER
My favourite activities to do at the moment are core and stability exercises.



NIGEL KHAN, STUDENT
My preference is cycling. I like to cycle through Docklands in the park and next to the water.



ZHEN AO, STUDENT
Although I cycle sometimes, like today, my favourite exercise is walking anywhere out of the CBD.



EMMA BOYTON, ENTREPRENEUR
My gym has shut down due to the virus so at the moment my favourite exercises are walking and jogging. There are probably online gym classes, but I haven’t had a look.

CHAMBER UPDATE

COVID-19 and Docklands businesses

What a tumultuous time. Docklands isn’t faring any worse, or for that matter any better than the rest of Melbourne.

Six weeks ago, we were still contemplating having a beer down at Cargo with some sliders and a pizza, then we adapted to a takeaway offering and now we’ve seen most of the larger restaurants shut altogether.

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Just these past few weeks we’ve seen glimmers of hope on the horizon.

Firstly, the biggest economic stimulus package in Australian history is already taking effect. Staff that were laid off can be seen in closed shops and restaurants, back on the books. While they might not be operating just yet, efforts in autumn cleaning, renovations and preparations can already be seen when we exit these restrictions.

Of course, as would be expected at times like this, we’ve also seen a rise in unacceptable behaviours. Most noticeable has been the increase in graffiti. We take an active stance against this and attempt to have it removed overnight in most cases, but if you see some then please report it to enquiries@melbourne.gov.vic.au. We’ve found the City of Melbourne to be extremely helpful and proactive during this time •

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“Tollywood” comes to Docklands

He’s a bad boy and he’s in Docklands looking for lost love.

“Tollywood” actor Ram Charan Teja is the star of an elaborate production which promises to put Docklands in front of 60 million movie goers.

The hero was only days away from finishing a grueling production schedule for Orange which started last year and is being filmed both in Australia and India.

Tollywood is the name given to the southern Indian film industry, which uses the Telugu language. Orange is the biggest Indian production based here and employed 450 Australians in the process.

In Orange Ram Charan plays along side Genelia D’Souza and the film has raised eyebrows at home for “lip-locking” kissing and for featuring two-piece bikinis.

In the film the 25-year-old heart throb plays an Australian graffiti artist of Indian origin who finds, and then loses, love against a backdrop of street art.

An Indian blog on the film explains: “Graffiti is the name for images or lettering scratched, scrawled, painted or marked in any manner on property. Graffiti is any type of public markings that may appear in the forms of simple written words to elaborate wall paintings.”

In terms of cultural exchange, the Docklands News thinks it’s fair to say that Australia is getting the better deal! •



OC support in a time of COVID-19 - a tale of two cities ...

Wuhan, London and New York – these are among the cities hardest hit by COVID-19 – and all feature high-rise living.

Living in close proximity in this time of social-distancing would not seem ideal.

Our regular exposure to high-touch areas (such as lift buttons), our use of shared facilities (such as mail rooms) and our need to navigate around several hundred neighbours (who are now working from home) have led some to describe our vertical villages as being akin to “cruise ships on land”.

And the responsibility for steering these “high-rise cruise ships” has fallen to building management, directed by their volunteer owners’ corporations (OCs).

As is frequently stated, this is uncharted territory.

And as chair of a large OC, I personally have struggled to navigate the array of issues that we are encountering, which include:

- Interpreting public health orders: what is a “reasonable excuse” and whose responsibility is it to enforce?
- Changing decision-making procedures: ensuring video meetings (including notifications, access and security) are legally conducted;
- Promoting safety and cleanliness: determining criteria for closure of recreational facilities (pools, gyms, libraries) and exceptions to these;
- Deliveries: negotiating access channels;
- Disclosure: determining legal requirements for confirmed and suspected COVID-19 infections in terms of health and privacy;
- Strata levies and finances: designing procedures to support owners in financial

difficulties without compromising building operations;

- Short-term letting: investigating options in the face of “self-isolation lets”;
- Renovations and common property work: determining contractual obligations and protocols to mitigate risks;
- Waste management: crafting procedures for increased waste volumes and dealing with waste from infected and/or self-isolated units;
- Resident experience: use of by-laws to manage smoking and noise; and
- Community wellbeing: identification and curation of support services.

In view of the foregoing, and given that high-rise living is a significant and fast-growing part of all Australian capital cities, should OCs expect some tailored support in this time of COVID-19?

Agreeing that we should is Amanda Farmer, a specialist strata lawyer and Fellow and Council Member of the Australian College of Strata Lawyers. Amanda believes our sector has a great need for clear guidelines, warning that:

“Otherwise, there will be a lack of compliance and the virus could really spread, given such large groups of people living so closely together.”

And true to her beliefs, Ms Farmer is doing her part, conducting regular podcasts on topics related to strata living and COVID-19.

Unfortunately for us, these are from a NSW perspective.

And this is just one area where our NSW OC counterparts have support.

Take the issue of short stays

From April 10, 2020 in NSW, a change to strata laws helps OCs manage short-stays as they are now able to adopt by-laws that limit their operation in strata schemes. There are restrictions, but compare that to the state of play in Victoria where changes to our *Owners’ Corporations Act 2006* (introduced in February 2019), in effect, simply provided a complaints mechanism for “unruly parties”.

So, what other support is on offer for our NSW counterparts?

From the City of Sydney (CoS) comes services such as a dedicated unit focused upon apartment living which offer programs such as Smart Green Apartments and Strata Skills 101 Workshops. Through these programs, CoS is well connected to their OC community, which allowed them to quickly formulate and disseminate COVID-19 information sheets and, most recently, host a webinar, entitled: “Safe and harmonious apartment living during COVID-19”. This webinar covered – from a NSW perspective – many of the issues with which mine and other Victorian OCs have been struggling. And the session even included a (NSW) Template By-Law for Waste Disposal (prepared by Amanda Farmer in partnership with CoS).

So, how does City of Melbourne (CoM) compare?

CoM has no unit focused upon high-rise living and to date, I have not received any tailored information regarding the issues I previously listed.

To give them their due, CoM has been tremendously active in supporting the business

sector. They have designed an extensive economic support package for businesses affected by COVID-19 which includes grants, rent relief, fee waiving and reduction in some registration processes.

And they have just hosted a virtual business support summit – just like CoS did for their strata community.

Two points bear noting:

Around 83 per cent of residents within the City of Melbourne live in apartments;

These vertical communities are acknowledged as encountering a distinct set of challenges.

So, here’s the thing.

High-rise living is the dominant way of living in the City of Melbourne.

OCs are volunteers who are responsible for managing these complexes.

We need – and deserve – attention ●



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WE LIVE HERE

Microorganism dismantles Airbnb - will it ever recover?

A big story to emerge from the COVID-19 pandemic has been its impact on the Airbnb juggernaut.

Airbnb has been valued at more than \$US30 billion and this year it was preparing to be listed as a public company. Now the impact of the coronavirus has delayed its plans.

Since the news of the rapidly spreading infectious and deadly disease caused by COVID-19, a shocked and grieving world has watched many industries approach collapse. Tourism-related operations have, understandably, been the worst hit – the accommodation industry among the foremost economic casualties.

The freeze on tourism and movement in general imposed by affected countries trying to control the spread of the virus has seen Airbnb bookings in COVID-19 hotspots crash. Since January, Beijing has seen a drop of 96 per cent, Seoul, South Korea 46 per cent, and Rome 41 per cent.

In many countries Airbnb’s website has now been shut down, and vacant houses have been used to accommodate stranded travellers caught up in the world-wide lockdowns.

Already suspicious neighbours are up in arms over the potential that short-term renters may spread the deadly virus.

In Australia, Airbnb properties are flooding back onto the long-term rental market, as short-term visitors dry up due to COVID-19 travel restrictions. The Airbnb hosts who have become reliant on income-generating properties to pay their bills are being bled dry by a lack of business.

Globally, Airbnb has favoured travellers by allowing refunds, outside its own published guidelines. In doing so, the company has angered its hosts who have been left bearing the brunt of the cancellations.



Airbnb has launched a relief fund for hosts struggling to make ends meet. A total of \$US17 million has been contributed to the fund by employees, investors and founders; and grants of up to \$5000 will be made to hosts most in need and who also satisfy eligibility criteria.



One of the eligibility criteria published by Airbnb says the host must “Only share their primary or secondary residence—no more than two active listings”

This criterion will exclude all apartment-based short-term letting operators who have more than one rental listing. That business model seems to be doomed by both the pandemic and Airbnb’s lack of financial support – a loss not mourned by long-suffering permanent residents.

If Airbnb had also considered the wear and tear caused to common property by short-term letting in residential apartment buildings – many no doubt managed by some of their hosts

- We Live Here might not have been so opposed to its activities.

So where to now for Airbnb?

It will be many months, if not years before we know the full toll of the COVID-19 pandemic on the tourism industry and the long-term impact it will have on “disruptors” such as Airbnb. However, if Airbnb and other short-term letting platforms do survive, we hope that the review of the *Owners’ Corporation Amendment (Short-stay Accommodation Bill) 2006*, due in 2021, will lead to proper regulation of the industry, which hitherto has been so sadly lacking Victoria.

Short-term operators bail out

Earlier this year we reported on the first successful case against a short-stay operator who was issued consent orders by VCAT and required to pay compensation to the resident who complained.

We have now been advised that Experience Hotel Apartments which was involved in the VCAT action, has pulled out all together from the building, and the 90 apartments it managed are being converted into normal long-term rentals.

Other smaller operators are also pulling out from this building.

This is very welcome news and a clear indication of the impact COVID-19 is having on the short-term rental market.

For years the short-term letting industry has been a nightmare for residents in residential apartment buildings. Now fortunes have changed and the short-term operators are suffering from the incubator that is COVID-19.

If any other readers have observed long-term rentals replacing short-term letting please let us know.

COVID-19 and apartment living

Is your building taking extra precautions to prevent the risk of COVID-19?

For example:

- Frequent sanitising of high touch point such as intercom and lifts buttons.
- Hand sanitiser dispensers on each floor.
- Signage about washing hands.
- A limit on the number of people in each lift.
- Closing of some common areas.

We would welcome feedback on how the COVID-19 pandemic is being managed in your building and whether any specific issues have arisen.

Your stories

Thank you to all those who have contributed your stories to date, please keep your emails and cards coming in!

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Pet’s Corner

Full of Beans!

“
Three-year-old old English bulldog, Beans, loves to trot around Docklands Park.
”

WORDS BY *Tamara Clark*

And according to his owner, he is extremely friendly!

“He lives to make friends, eat and smell things,” Chris said.

Beans, also known as “Beanie”, enjoys sticks of all shapes and sizes.

“Somehow he manages to pick up small logs probably three times his length. He’s bowled me over more than once with these massive branches,” Chris said.

The park is a refuge for the pair given the current lockdown. Beans is an incredibly energetic and enthusiastic character, so it is important for him to find space away from other dogs and humans when he goes outside to exercise.

Bean’s favourite pastimes include playing tug of war and napping in the sun ●

▼ Chris with his English bulldog, Beans.



SUSTAINABILITY

How fast is fast fashion?

Apparel sales have risen sharply in recent years, as businesses have used “fast fashion” design and production systems to cut prices and introduce new lines more often.

From 2000 to 2014, global clothing production doubled, and the number of garments sold per person increased by 60 per cent. In five large developing countries - Brazil, China, India, Mexico, and Russia - sales grew eight times faster than in large advanced countries, though the average advanced-country resident still buys more clothing each year.

Narrowing that gap represents a big opportunity for clothing companies, but the environmental consequences are clear. Making and laundering clothes typically requires large quantities of water and chemicals; fibre farms occupy vast tracts of land; greenhouse-gas emissions are significant. After consumers discard old garments - something that happens ever more quickly - current technologies cannot reliably turn them into fibres for new clothes. Without improvements in how clothing is made, cared for, and disposed of, apparel’s environmental impact will worsen.

The recent string of garment factory fires, building collapses and worker protests point to the fact that the mainstream fashion industry is a bit of a basket case. Overall, fashion has lost its grip on who is making our clothes and how they are made.

Despite most major fashion companies having policies in place that are meant to ensure fair and safe working conditions for workers and minimum impact on the environment, human rights abuses and the use of toxic chemicals are still occurring regularly. And fashion companies don’t make it easy for us consumers to know what we’re buying. There is no univer-

sal clothing label that is easily understood and spells out exactly what goes into our clothes.

Part of the problem is that the big companies themselves don’t know exactly how the clothing they sell has been made. A fashion company will sign a contract with one factory who, in order to meet the prices and quantities demanded by international buyers, will subcontract to another unauthorised factory.

The clothing industry is the second largest polluter in the world ... second only to oil. When we think of pollution, we envision coal power plants, strip-mined mountaintops and raw sewage piped into our waterways. We don’t often think of the shirts on our backs. But the overall impact the apparel industry has on our planet is quite grim.

Fashion is a complicated business involving long and varied supply chains of production, raw material, textile manufacture, clothing construction, shipping, retail, use and ultimately disposal of the garment. A general carbon assessment must consider not only obvious pollutants - the pesticides used in cotton farming, the toxic dyes used in manufacturing and the great amount of waste discarded clothing creates, but also the extravagant amount of natural resources used in extraction, farming, harvesting, processing, manufacturing and shipping.

While cotton, especially organic cotton, might seem like a smart choice, it can still take more than 58,000 gallons of water to manufacture just a T-shirt and a pair of jeans. Synthetic, man-made fibres, while not as water-intensive, often have issues with manufacturing pollution

and sustainability. And across all textiles, the manufacturing and dyeing of fabrics is chemically intensive.

A current trend in fashion retail is creating an extreme demand for quick and cheap clothes and it is a huge problem. While a majority of the world’s apparel conglomerates are U.S.-based, more than 60 per cent of world clothing is manufactured in developing countries. Asia is the major clothing exporter today, producing more than 32 per cent of the world’s supply. China is the leading world producer and supplier of clothing, providing nearly 13 per cent of the world’s exports.

But as production and labour costs rise in China, clothing companies are moving to countries where manufacturing is cheaper; places like Bangladesh, Vietnam, Pakistan and the Philippines. These countries might not have the raw materials needed, so they’re often shipped there from countries like China, the U.S. and India. Once manufactured, the garments are put in shipping containers and sent by rail, container ships and eventually rail and trucks to the retailer. There’s no way to gauge how much fuel is used to ship clothes worldwide, but 22 billion new clothing items are bought by Americans per year, with only two per cent of those clothes being domestically manufactured. In total, some 90 per cent of garments are transported by container ship each year.

While we don’t know what percentage of cargo garments comprise on the world’s 9000 container ships, we do know that a single ship can produce as much cancer and asthma-caus-

ing pollutants as 50 million cars in just one year. The low-grade bunker fuel burned by ships is 1000 times dirtier than highway diesel used in the trucking industry. These ships do not consume fuel by the gallon, but by tons per hour. Pollution by the shipping industry, which has boomed over the past 20 years, is beginning to affect the health of those living in coastal and inland regions around the world, yet the emissions of such ships goes mostly unregulated.

Our clothes continue to impact the environment after purchase; washing and final disposal when you’re finished with your shirt may cause more harm to the planet than you realise.

The current system is not working. It’s not working for most people employed by the apparel and textiles industry globally, and it’s not working to protect our increasingly fragile ecosystem. It’s not even working for mainstream fashion brands, who continue to face the risk that a tragedy much like Rana Plaza could happen again - and this time they’ll be responsible.

But fashion doesn’t have to cost the earth. And people shouldn’t have to face poverty and death to ensure that we can keep buying cheap, fast fashion ●



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MARITIME

Tyranny of distance?

Many readers will be familiar with the book by prominent historian Geoffrey Blainey, The Tyranny of Distance: How Distance Shaped Australia's History.

Amid a global pandemic, few would dispute the present reality of the phrase "tyranny of distance". This is certainly a reality for many with loved ones overseas. But in some ways the "tide has turned".

COVID-19 has demonstrated there is tangible benefit in Australia's "distance and isolation" from other places, and these features of our national character are now being viewed positively. Leaving to one side the *Ruby Princess* debacle, the Greg Mortimer fiasco and other cruise ship "challenges", the vast oceans surrounding us have served us well during this pandemic crisis.

The vast oceans that surround us drove the development of the maritime trade, both coastal and international, which historically enabled Australia to prosper. Post-COVID-19, they will do so again. Maritime trade will certainly play a key role in allowing Australia's economy to "snap-back", "re-boot", "up-anchor" and most importantly go "full steam ahead" in due course. Maritime trade and Melbourne's Docklands will, once again, play their part in resuscitating our stalled economy.

Self-sufficiency

The pandemic has certainly highlighted the acute, urgent necessity of Australia developing a greater level of "self-sufficiency" in maritime skills capability. Two key Melbourne Maritime Heritage Network (MMHN) objectives are firstly the establishment of a Maritime Specialist Skills Centre in Docklands, and secondly, fostering greater recognition that maritime education and careers are vital. See the MMHN submission to the Australian Industry Standards (AIS) on the MMHN website – mmhn.org.au

In the halcyon days of Australian shipping a vibrant industry provided coastal shipping services to move goods around our island nation. We were not then reliant entirely on overseas vessels and their services. Times have changed. The number of Australian-flagged vessels available for coastal shipping has dropped dramatically – and alarmingly. But a recent paper by Rigby Cooke Lawyers has challenged us to address this malaise – see rigbycooke.com.au/can-the-blue-highway-of-australian-coastal-shipping-provide-a-viable-option-to-remedy-some-of-our-supply-chain-issues/



Maritime Museum reviews

While we are in pandemic lock-down mode, the MMHN Heritage/Museum Special Advisory Group suggests this might be the right time for all of us to spend time reflecting on examples of Maritime Museums we have encountered elsewhere – their collections, functions, funding and quality. This is an invitation to all Docklanders: share with us your comments and insights about Maritime Museums you have visited elsewhere. What impressed you – and what did not? Your information will inform planning for Melbourne's Maritime Centre of the future. Email info@mmhn.org.au

River Communities

Historian, MMHN member and founder of History@Work Emma Russell has published the wonderful *River Communities* – an engaging, evocative narrative of Melbourne's maritime heritage relevant to all in Docklands! Emma writes, "We did have our backs turned to the river for a while ... the port thrived, becoming the biggest in the southern hemisphere, and became a community unto its own."

"Governed by the Melbourne Harbour Trust and with a population of stevedores, shipping merchants, sailors and a bevy of others that serviced, regulated, facilitated or sustained the shipping and maritime trades, thousands of people worked beyond the end of Flinders St and along the Yarra River every day, while many also lived there. Hundreds and thousands of vessels from steam ships to tugs to submarines (during WWII) came and went loaded with flour, oil, wool, dried fruit, cars, agricultural machinery, timber and butter. For about 15 years the Australian National Antarctic Research Expedition (ANARE) was sustained



by the goods sheds and ships at North Wharf."

MMHN agrees that we had our backs turned to the river for a while, but there is now a vibrant, new community alongside the city riverbank – and it's called Docklands! See history@work.com.au

Docklands Heritage Fleet at Collins Wharf

Denied access to their teams of volunteers, the usual buzz of restoration, maintenance and operational activity on the Collins Wharf ships – steam tug *Wattle*, tall ship *Enterprize* and the *Alma Doepel* – has slowed. *Enterprize's* rigging and sails are now stored for winter, but maintenance checks on engines and bilges are continuing as the vessel prepares for a resumption of operations in due course. The *Alma Doepel* project is still progressing towards completion of hull works by the end of 2020. Social distancing is being practised as four professional shipwrights continue to work on the 25 remaining planks and caulking. The heritage fleet's steam tug *Wattle* reports that while the social distancing policy is in place, "essentials-only" work maintenance cycle is taking place.

Maritime archaeology

To the delight of many in the MMHN, April has been a big month in marine archaeology circles. News broke of a significant "discovery" in Port Phillip Bay – the 39ft schooner *Barbara*, which was built in Tasmania in 1841 and wrecked off Rye in 1852. Shipbuilding was colonial Australia's first manufacturing industry but very little is known, as yet, about the ways Australian-built vessels such as the *Barbara* engaged in coastal trade from the early 19th century.

See *The Age* April 12, 2020, p.6 and vhd.heritage.vic.gov.au/shipwrecks/heritage/68.



Seafarers today

Seafaring life in times past was harsh and dangerous. Nothing has changed – especially during the pandemic. Both seafarer support services, Mission to Seafarers (Northbank) and Stella Maris (CBD) report on the hard times today's seafarers are facing. Along with stevedores, seafarers have been frontline key workers during this pandemic. It is normal for crews to work in risky and dangerous places, but this has been complicated by the need to be vigilant for sick passengers and shipmates. Crew members can find themselves trapped in dangerous circumstances and the stresses must be great. Even if they are cleared of COVID-19, when in port, crew members are viewed as potential carriers of infection and seen to be vulnerable to infection once onshore. They are being confined to their ships by port authorities and prohibited by shipping companies from taking shore leave, due to health and safety and economic risks.

Crew rotations are curtailed and the option of flying home to care for families in danger in far-away places has become non-existent. Massive costs are incurred when ships are quarantined. Seafarers and dock workers enable the transport of medical supplies and other essential cargo and their labour is critical to the global economy, but the burdens they are facing are great.

Do keep well ●



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HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Don't let working from home compromise your health and wellbeing

We are certainly undergoing unusual times that will forever mark the year 2020.

While a pandemic wasn't what we thought the year would hold, all anyone can do is educate themselves on how the virus is spread, listen to the Department of Health and its great advice for preventing widespread infection, and most importantly, look after yourself as an individual.

As a physiotherapist, all I ask of you, is to move your body. Many people have been affected by the virus indirectly, by either becoming unemployed, or changing to enforced work from home strategies. Such a change in environment can lead to an increased sedentary lifestyle. Your body may start to feel the effects of not having those 20-minute walking commutes to the train station or tram you'd complete twice per day, or the several kilometre cycle as your method of travel to work. These small bouts of movement, taken for granted before, are now showing us (hopefully) how important it is to keep moving.

If you're a regular gym-goer, I understand the frustration of not having that physical outlet to go to. However, while self-isolation and stay at home protocols are in place, I implore you to keep your momentum going. There is no excuse to not exercise!

The following are examples of how you can incorporate general movement/exercise into your new routine. Nothing mentioned below is original or unique, but I find that constant reminders and encouragement can help with keeping the idea fresh in one's mind!

- The easiest one that comes to mind is yoga and mat pilates. All you need is a yoga mat and some blocks which can be purchased online for a very reasonable price. Here at Docklands Health, we are running virtual yoga and pilates classes, so you never have to miss a class with your favourite instructor.
- HIIT workouts. Enjoy the fast-paced blood pumping type of workout? Then HIIT is perfect for you. It stands for High-Intensity Interval Training and is an excellent way to get physically in shape while only spending 20-30 minutes on your workout. HIIT workouts are great because often they involve

purely bodyweight exercises (no equipment needed) though you can spice things up using a resistance band or light dumbbells. YouTube is a great outlet for such routines.

- Every hour, get off the couch or remove yourself from your homework desk, and complete 10-20 repetitions of any exercise. Literally anything: jumping jacks, squats, squat jumps, push-ups, core exercises, wall sits, running in place, the list goes on! There is no limit to what exercise you do, just repeat it throughout the day at small increments.
- Go for walks. Thankfully, we are not banned from being outside. Obviously if you are uncomfortable being outside, that is your choice, there are plenty of indoor activities to do. But if you're okay with being outside, I encourage you to do so for a change of scenery, natural vitamin D and fresh air. This will certainly help your mental health, and get you moving. Walking should not be underestimated as a movement tool. If you have a dog that needs to be walked, even better. Just remember those social distancing rules!

It is completely normal to feel overwhelmed, anxious, and unsure of what is going to happen in the future during these bizarre times. Therefore, rather than allowing yourself to get sucked into a spiral of poor mental health and physical deconditioning, do yourself a massive favour and get up and move! It will help with creating and maintaining a routine that's been lost, and it will keep you strong and fit for when restrictions are lifted and you return to your normal exercise routine, thus preventing injury. Thank you to everyone who has been adhering to the social distancing regulations, we will all get through this, and hopefully fitter than ever! ●



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墨尔本市长工作寄语

随着我们正在适应截然不同的生活方式，墨尔本必须保持一个充满爱心的城市，在困难时期提供帮助。我们知道，对于大多数人来说，这是一个极其紧张的情况，照顾那些面临最大风险的人从未如此重要。

各级政府都在积极地抗击COVID-19病毒，墨尔本在封锁期间，继续为社区提供必要的服务，包括垃圾收集和回收利用、为老年人提供服务、家庭和儿童的服务以及对无家可归者支持服务，这些都是我们必要的公共卫生职能。

市政府正在向600多名老年居民和残疾居民提供膳食和家庭服务；家庭暴力和咨询服务正在增加；幼托中心依然开放；妇幼保健援助通过电话和视频会议提供。我们继续提供社区的疫苗接种服务，我们的日常支持团队正在帮助露宿街头的人们寻找避难住所，并且在全市范围内加强了清洁服务。

目前的这些情况也要求我们相互帮助，度过由于突然关闭而带来的创伤性经济冲击。州政府和联邦政府提供了数十亿澳元，支持商业和已经失业的工人。地方政府也在为咖啡馆、餐馆、艺术家，以及各种其他小商业尽自己的一份力量，这些都是我们社区的

心脏和灵魂。

墨尔本市16500家企业中，约80%是小商业。他们是家庭经营商、个体经营商和小

公司，他们冒险将自己的想法转化为维持生计的生意，并为他人提供工作。这些人确实受到了影响，不仅仅是资产负债表上所显示的。

作为最接近基层民众的政府，我们地方市政议会与许多小商业经营者及其员工有直接和个人的联系。我们如何才能最好地支持他们，并确保他们在这场磨难中幸存下来？我们复苏的速度和力度将取决于我们在此期间所提供的道义支持和财政生命线的支持。

墨尔本市政最近宣布了一项500万澳元的配套支持计划，其中包括在三个月内免除某些许可证、注册和街头交易许可证的费用，为电子商务和在线活动特别拨款，将市政拥有的大楼租户的租金减半，以及制定一项市政费的困难政策。维多利亚女王市场提供基本的食品服务，其600名贸易商将在未来三个月获得100%的租金减免。

墨尔本还是艺术家和表演者之都，在这次疫情中他们受到的经济冲击最大。墨尔本市政府将提供200万澳元的专项拨款，用以帮助他们，包括那些规模较小的创意组织，计划和创作接下来的作品或者在网上展示其表演。这些文化艺术的创作和表演都是我们这个城市文化生活的支柱。在平常时期，这些文化创作表演也促进了其他行业的发展，吸引了来自世界各地的游客，尤其是每



年的这个时候。

墨尔本市政已经建立了一个商务礼宾服务，提供一对一的咨询，为获得财务支持、服务及信息。针对企业和创意团体的配套支持计划已经产生了数百个查询和数千个申请。需要帮助的人是那么多，但是没有简单的方法可以让每个人能得以满足。

我们要求物业主考虑为当地企业提供临

时租金折扣，同时我们这些能够经受住这场风暴的人应该抓住机会，通过网络或电话与当地零售商和餐馆联系消费。组织最受欢迎的饭店那儿送餐上门，或者从当地书店订购书籍。尽管这些都是不起眼的行动，但将有助于我们社区的商业心脏继续跳动。

尽管我们的市中心出奇地安静，少了数百万行人通常会在街上穿行，但是安全和保障仍然是重中之重。

许多商店关了门，成千上万的居民居家。但是墨尔本市政的合规检查工作人员每天在大街上进行检查，并且与维多利亚警方密切合作。我们的清洁服务人员利用这个机会对城市进行大清扫、擦洗和消毒。我们市政府与州政府以及社区服务提供者共同协调工作，已经帮助大多数露宿者进入临时住所，使他们得到照顾。任何人都不应被抛弃，能看到墨尔本人对此有这么深刻的感受是令人鼓舞的。

我一点也不惊讶，在维多利亚州那个可怕的夏季森林大火危机期间，我们墨尔本人的慷慨大度得到了展示，我们当时几乎没有意识到更糟糕的事情即将到来。我们墨尔本是一个以人为本的关爱社区，没有比这更好的时机来强化这一理念了。

墨尔本市长
萨莉·卡普（Sally Capp）

扶助市中心的商业

墨尔本的商业是这座城市的命脉。 墨尔本市政正在提供服务来帮助支持受COVID-19疫情影响的商业。

市长萨利·卡普（Sally Capp）鼓励商家来接受墨尔本市政的支持计划。

市长说：“我们的COVID-19商务礼宾接待热线是小型商业在困难时期的实用资源。”

“我们已经启动了这条专用电话线，这样小商业就可以致电了解我们提供什么支持，以及如何获得我们服务的有关重要信息。”

“该专用线的工作人员由墨尔本市政的团队组成，他们可以直接与小商业的业主对话，并在整个过程中提供指导帮助他们申请这个支持。”

业主可以在周一至周五的上午7.30至下午6点之间以及周末的上午10点至下午4点之间拨打9658 9658 这个商务礼宾热线。

市长说，墨尔本市有超过16500家经营商，其中80%是个体经营者，家庭经营者和只有几个雇员的小商业。

她说：“确实需要帮助这些正在受到严重影响的人，因此，我们正在竭尽全力帮助商家保持经营，并保住墨尔本人的工作岗位。”

墨尔本市政正在提供许多救济和支持措施，以便在未来几周和几个月内帮助当地商业。

配套支持计划措施包括免除某些费用，减少市政拥有物业中租户的租金，制定市政费困难政策以及为艺术表演界提供200万澳元的专项资助。

中小型商业也可以申请高达500万澳元的快速响应专款，包括：

高达\$5000的投资在线和电子商务活动费用；

高达\$2000的培训和专业发展费用；

高达\$10000的基本工程项目(以一对一相应投入匹配)，以适应不断变化的条件。

各项资助现已开始申请，符合条件的商家和非营利组织可以在melbourne.vic.gov.au/business网上申请。

COVID-19商务礼宾热线

要了解您的商业活动可以获得哪些支持，请致电墨尔本市政的COVID-19商务礼宾热线9658 9658，商业咨询按1。

该热线电话拨打时间：周一至周五上午7:30至下午6:00，周末上午10:00至下午4:00。

也可点击：melbourne.vic.gov.au/business 上网了解。



网上文学之城

墨尔本市被联合国教科文组织列为文学之城，其特点之一是中央商务区(CBD)及周边的一些具有标志性和独特之处的公共图书馆，包括维多利亚州立图书馆、城市图书馆、博伊德（Boyd）图书馆和港区图书馆。

正如我们的读者所知，如今这些图书馆由于新冠病毒(COVID-19)疫情而关闭，但是墨尔本市的网上在线图书馆服务需求出现了大幅增长，因为墨尔本人都在执行社交距

离并待在家中。

在过去的一个月里，数以千计的免费电子书、电子有声读物、电子杂志、在线报纸、网上电影、视频和学习资源都被进入用过。

市长萨利·卡普说，与去年同期相比，电子图书馆的使用率上升了23%，电子书是最受欢迎的服务。

市长说：“现在人们比以往任何时候都更多地利用我们巨大而免费的图书馆资源，由

于他们不能亲自进入我们的图书馆。”

“我们记录了有史以来单月最高的在线借书次数，共有19182次，这包括8837次的电子书籍和10345次的有声读物”。

“我们的儿童图书管理员也通过YouTube频道提供在线讲故事时段。”

市长说，墨尔本市的图书馆是我国资源最丰富的图书馆之一。

通过与Beamafilm和Kanopy的合作，墨尔本市图书馆会员可以观看免费电视节目，

教育视频，艺术电影和纪录片。 会员还可以通过Freegal下载免费音乐。

上个月，通过墨尔本市图书馆服务的电影播出流量增长了54%。Beamafilm电影月平均流量增加了一倍，而Kanopy电影播血量在三月份达到了3666部，是一个月内最高的使用量。

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