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Santa got into the Docklands way of life in late November when he steamed into Victoria Harbour aboard the magnificent Chase III.

Melbourne Boat Sales' Lee Vitiello picked up Santa a fair bit south of the North Pole and delivered him safely to Harbour Town.

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Santa's transport has been turning heads since it tied up in NewQuay some months ago. The 77-foot Dyna is worth nearly \$4million and just might make the perfect gift for someone who has everything.

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Networking Lunch

The second Docklands News Networking Lunch on November 20 attracted twice as many guests as the first one in September.

Nearly 50 people attended the lunch at Berth at NewQuay and many new connections were made in the process.

Timmah Ball of Urban Reforestation gave a short presentation on her group's vision for the greening of Docklands and invited businesses to get involved with the new community garden in Victoria Harbour.

The lunch will return early next year. Look out for more news about this in our February issue.



Saphire of the Rivers Docklands fleet is loaded on a truck bound for the Gold Coast. Owner Lou Jovanovski says he is considering whether or not to remove all his boats from Docklands.

Boaties upset on parking

Charter boat operators say they are being further squeezed by a City of Melbourne decision to restrict their parking on Central Pier.

The operators say they had a working arrangement with VicUrban and Altantic Group [v] whereby each boat had two carparking spaces available.

But this was changed without consultation last month when the council wrote telling them that only one vehicle would be accommodated and that parking permits were not transferable to any other vehicle. Other vehicles would have to pay, the council said.

Melbourne Show Boat operator Jeff Gordon said it was further evidence that the council wanted to force the charter boats out of Docklands.

"We bring so many people to Docklands and add a badly needed dimension to the area but we are just not appreciated," Mr Gordon said.

Restaurateur Lou Jovanovski said the decision was "ridiculous". "Why would you do it at the busiest time of the year," he said.

"How do we service our boats and why do we need to pay Atlantic when their lease doesn't cover the western end of the pier?"

"What it shows is that no one wants the charter boats. They all talk about activating the waterfront, but no one does anything to activate it," Mr Jovanovski said.

He said Melbourne had the worst charter fleet anywhere outside the third world. Docklands offered no pump-out facilities or anywhere to maintain boats, he said.

He said half of his fleet of four was already leaving Melbourne for the Gold Coast and he had to decide in the New Year whether to pull out of Docklands altogether.

"How can we sit here with no home? We've done it for 12 years," Mr Jovanovski said.

A VicUrban spokesperson said Central Pier Docklands was allowed to charge for parking between Sheds 9 and 14. The lease provides for 10 spaces for boat operators which are exempt from any charges.

The City of Melbourne manages the parking on the pier on behalf of VicUrban.

The VicUrban spokesperson said the lease did not include the public space west of Shed 9, although Central Pier Docklands had recently requested a separate licence to allow parking in this area.

"VicUrban is currently considering this request, in context with its priority that the area be available for public events and activities," the spokesperson said.



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Car Fair owner Aaron Hockley in the empty lot which used to house his business. He says VicUrban has destroyed his dream.

It's not Car Fair, says business

By Alison Kinkade

A Docklands business has closed after being told it does not fit in with VicUrban's sustainable image.

The Car Fair traded for only five weeks at its location between Waterfront City and the Bolte Bridge.

The Car Fair, a private used-car market, began operating in early October but after one week was told that VicUrban would not renew its three-month trial licence.

The Car Fair's Managing Director, Aaron Hockley, said: "We tried to bring a business to the Docklands which, based on overseas experience, would have brought thousands of people to the area. VicUrban destroyed our dream."

VicUrban's Docklands Development Director, Simon Wilson said: "The event was inconsistent with VicUrban's focus

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on promoting sustainable development and communities that are close to public transport are pedestrian and bike friendly and encourage decreased reliance on car use."

Mr Wilson claims VicUrban had made it clear from the start that the licence was always only short-term. "As the area in question has always been intended for permanent development, temporary licences are most commonly issued," he said.

But Mr Hockley disputes this and says VicUrban had encouraged him to believe he would have its support in Docklands in the longer term.

Mr Hockley said the Car Fair invested close

to \$200,000, including more than \$100,000 in marketing, and it had attended more than 20 meetings with Docklands stakeholders to comply with what he described as VicUrban's "onerous requirements".

"Unfortunately, as discussed with VicUrban on several occasions, the Car Fair is not able to break even during its first few months of operation so, after obtaining legal advice, we had to close down operations to avoid incurring unrecoverable costs," Mr Hockley said.

Mr Wilson said: "VicUrban strongly supports efforts and events aimed at activating Docklands and works closely with the City of Melbourne and developers to promote the precinct and its attractions."

The Car Fair was operating in the area previously occupied by Cirque du Soleil and the area continues to be unused.

The Car Fair has vowed to pursue legal action if VicUrban fails to provide compensation.

Southern Star to have new design

Docklands' Southern Star Observation Wheel will return with a slightly different design.

A spokesperson said the wheel's operators were taking the opportunity to improve on the structure which failed in January this year.

"We could have rebuilt the wheel in the same configuration with the majority of the original materials. However, we made the deliberate decision to subtly alter the original configuration and build with new materials," the spokesperson said.

"As announced in May this year, only the columns, hub and wheel building will be retained. We are currently finalising design details for the new wheel, but it will still be a seven-pointed Federation Star," the spokesperson said.

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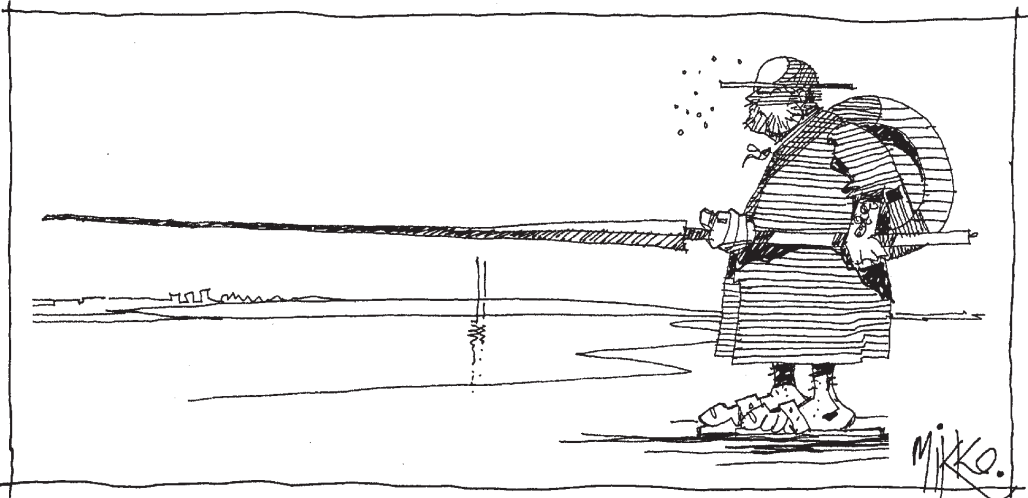
I totally support the Port of Melbourne Corporation in its aspiration to link the Dynon and Webb parts of the port.

I do not support its plan to build a low openable rail bridge adjacent to the Bolte Bridge to make this link. Such a strategy:

- Is not a logical part of an inter-modalism “ethos”;
- Will not give the port 24/7 interactivity;
- Will destroy the “buffer” between the port and Docklands. (Proposed by the port);
- Will massively compromise water craft movements in and around Docklands; and
- Will compromise residential, studio and commercial activities adjacent the rail line.

A shallow tunnel, in my view, is the best answer for the port and for Docklands.

Michael Lindell



Premier is impressed with ANZ’s progress

The Premier John Brumby and ANZ chairman Charles Goode officially opened the ANZ Centre in Docklands on November 6.

In his speech, Mr Brumby remarked at how often he had been in Docklands this year to open or launch new projects.

Mr Brumby recounted that the Bank of Australasia (as the ANZ was then known)

opened its first Melbourne branch in a small cottage in 1838.

Mr Brumby read from an historical record that the bank’s manager wrote to reassure his Sydney head office that he and his assistant slept with the cash chest between their beds for safekeeping.

According to Mr Brumby, the manager went on to say: “Progress is being made and accounts opened apace.”

Mr Brumby said the bank’s subsequent 171 years in Melbourne had continued in the

same positive vein. “The pace of progress has not slackened,” he said.

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Docklands is 50/50 on big bar

Docklanders don’t particular mind large licensed premises, according to the latest Docklands News online survey.

In the lowest response to one of our surveys, only six people responded – with half saying Docklands wants and needs a bar the size of Platform 28.

Platform 28 was recently granted a permit by Planning Minister Justin Madden. It is a tavern for 750 patrons at the Bourke St end of the historic Goods Shed North.

Platform 28 is currently seeking a liquor licence but is being opposed by the City of Melbourne.

According to a spokesperson from the Department of Justice the Platform 28 application is currently “going through the process” and it will be at least another couple of weeks before a recommendation is made.

Our online survey attraction only one comment: “The proposal to add life to that area of Docklands is fantastic, although I hope it’s more restaurant/bar that doesn’t result in too much noise out on the streets.”



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18 months later, Woolshed to win a liquor licence

After nearly a year and a half, Woolshed Pub on Central Pier is to be granted a liquor licence and will open for business.

After originally applying for a general 1 am licence for 1445 people, the pub's owners will have to operate with an on-premises licence for 675 patrons.

The Director of Liquor Licensing rejected the pub's original application in January this year. By the time the pub's appeal to the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT) started in earnest in September, it was asking for 1062 patrons until 11pm and 556 from then until closing time.

The ruling means its doors to the south and the east will be closed at 10pm and amplified music will be banned in all external areas of the pub.

Trading in the external areas to the south and east will cease at 11pm but will be permitted outside in the northern area between Shed 9 and Shed 14 until midnight.

The Woolshed's balcony at the front of the premises will close at 11pm and VCAT has ordered a tray shelf to be removed on the southern and eastern sides of the balcony.

Whilst these rulings have been made, the case is continuing. Still to be determined are:

- The impact, if any, of the Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006;
- Patron capacity numbers for the external areas;
- A proposal that patrons in the external areas be seated after 9pm;
- Whether a 1.8 metre barrier on the southern and eastern boundaries should have only have a single external opening, and the location of such an opening; and
- The finalisation of a security management plan and standard operating procedures.

It is not known when these matters will be resolved as the judge hearing the case has been promoted to the Supreme Court and is unavailable.

Opposing the Woolshed Pub in VCAT was the Director of Liquor Licensing and Docklands resident Peter Henderson.

Neither Mr Henderson nor the Woolshed Pub would comment on the outcome of the case as it has not yet concluded.

Some 13 other residents filed statements: Rod Bertram; Paul Hedley; Ronald Clarke; Glenyss Mackenzie; Pamela Pearce; Karl Berberich; Mohammad Aldeen; Helen Henderson; Jeanette Shaw; Dominic Healy; Michelle Velkovski; Dennis Ginn and Simon Delzoppo.

These residents said their amenity was currently being adversely affected by existing licensed premises in the vicinity of Dock 5.

The tribunal heard that when they purchased their apartments they were told (by Lend Lease representatives) that any future development in the area, including on Central Pier, would not disturb their amenity.

Senior Sergeant Peter Seel told VCAT that the Regional Licensing Unit was presently receiving "numerous noise and other amenity complaints from residents in the Docklands area pertaining to licensed venues".

He concluded his statement by saying: "In the current climate of patron behaviours I would seriously recommend an objection to any night club venue with patron numbers over 200 anywhere in Melbourne. Experience time and again has shown that a larger nightclub venue, rather than smaller venue, will be associated with problems in and around the venue before during and after the entertainment and migratory issues between entertainment precinct bars and clubs. Melbourne police are having difficulty coping with problems of drunkenness and anti-social behaviour now and this proposal will result in an increased drain on resources and have an adverse impact on the amenity of Melbourne."



Proud mum Marcia shows off Ruby Mary.

Baby girl for Marcia

VicUrban Community Development Director Marcia Harkins gave birth to a baby girl on Cup Day.

Ruby Mary Harkins entered the world at the Epworth Freemasons Hospital in East Melbourne at 8.20 pm on November 3.

Weighing in at 7lb 6oz (3370gms), Ruby is delighting her parents and all Docklands well-wishers.

Marcia's partner Frank has taken a couple of weeks off to help out in the early stages.

Marcia hopes to return to work next October at the latest.

Marcia experienced a relatively short, but intense labour. So will she be going back for a second?

"I don't think I'll do it again," she said. "Frank's happy with one."



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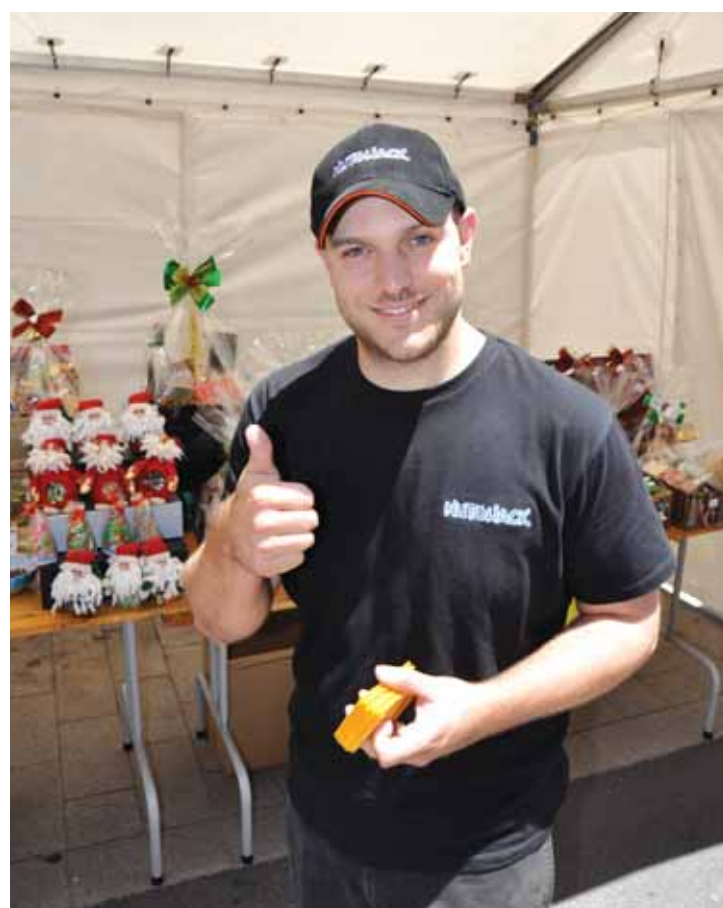
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The club's new commodore Sonya Staley certainly puts people ahead of sailing.

"If you don't want to go for a sail, then just come down for a chat," she said. "Come and sit with us on the deck and watch the setting sun reflect off Docklands and the city."

Sonya replaced Terry O'Donnell who recently retired due to ill health. It's a hard act to follow as Terry injected enormous amounts of energy and passion into the club.

The Docklands Yacht Club is based at the end of North Wharf Road in Shed 2. Docklanders will recognise the club's distinctive blue and yellow shade sails on the Victoria Harbour side of the shed.

Apart from being a social hub, the club provides basic instruction and training for anyone interested in trying sailing. It offers its facilities to interested sailors every second and fourth Sundays of the month from 11am.

Commodore Staley said sailing was a great activity for families and the club's Access dinghies were perfect for beginners.

Sonya said she was honoured to be nominated as commodore and her focus for her term would be to make people feel welcome.

"I am a great socialiser. Everyone is welcome. I just want people to come down and have some fun," she said.

Sonya can be contacted on 0400 932 477 or dycsail@tpg.com.au. For more information, see www.docklands.yachting.org.au.



The new Commodore of the Docklands Yacht Club, Sonya Staley, tries out a hat from her daughter's dress-up box.

Verandah project delayed until 2010

By Alison Kinkade

Having missed its starting date, VicUrban says that the redevelopment of Harbour Esplanade will start in the first half of 2010.

The project was due to start this year but VicUrban says the change of ownership of Melbourne's tram service is to blame for the delay.

The redevelopment, known as Melbourne's Verandah, is designed to optimise the public space and transform the area into a key waterfront destination.

The project will provide a specific pedestrian pathway, a designated bicycle track, additional parkland and will realign the tram tracks to the centre of the road to create a more efficient service.

VicUrban's General Manager for Project Planning and Innovation, David Young, says the project is not only about creating a major waterfront destination, but is also about providing parks and opens spaces to Docklands residents.

"The creation of a new heart comprising open and green spaces, is also expected to better connect the areas of Docklands, while enhancing Docklands' integration with wider Melbourne," Mr Young said.

The redevelopment will be rolled out in stages, with stage one expected to take up to a year to complete.

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Gorgeous Goods Shed North



The Goods Shed North renovation lacks no creature comforts.

Docklands master developer VicUrban has moved into the sumptuously-refurbished Good Shed North building which runs between Collins and Bourke streets in Docklands.

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Community garden founder Emily Ballantyne-Brodie celebrates a good idea at the business forum on November 18.

Garden ideas are blooming

The Urban Reforestation project continues to gain momentum in Docklands with community and business meetings last month to chart future directions.

Garden founder Emily Ballantyne-Brodie said more than 15 residents had expressed interest in having their own plots. And at the business workshop on November 18, she urged

participants to think outside the box. "It's a blank canvas and we want to know what you think," she said.

One idea gaining popularity is to extend the garden onto moored barges in Victoria Harbour.

Ms Ballantyne-Brodie said this could overcome a shortage of publicly available land in Docklands and also provide an iconic identity for Melbourne.

Urban Reforestation and the Rotary Club of Docklands are currently in discussions about ways they can collaborate to benefit the local community.

Enhancing north-west Docklands

The City of Melbourne wants to know what you think of the north-west corner of the precinct.

At its last public forum in September 2009 participants told the council there was more that could be done in the north-west corner of Docklands – Waterfront City Piazza, Docklands Drive and the proposed park area west of NewQuay which could become a hub for recreation, entertainment and community living.

But the council wants more detail and more ideas from the community.

The City of Melbourne and VicUrban have invited the community to come and participate in a discussion about enhancing north-west Docklands at a workshop on Monday, December 7. Join other members of the Docklands community, along with representatives from the Docklands Co-ordination Committee and help us plan for the second decade of Docklands.

The Docklands Co-ordination Committee comprises members from the City of Melbourne and VicUrban. The outcomes from this workshop will contribute to the preparation of a new long-term strategy for Docklands, called the *Second Decade of Docklands Plan*.

Where: Digital Harbour Theatre, Innovation Building, 1010 La Trobe St, Docklands

When: Monday, December 7, 7.00pm (after the Docklands Co-ordination Committee meeting).

Space is strictly limited. Register your attendance at www.melbourne.vic.gov.au or call the City of Melbourne on 9658 9658.



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Everyone likes a little Chase

Docklands is home to many boats, but this exquisite yacht is in a class of it own.

Chase III has been docked in the NewQuay marina for the past five months and interest in the 77 ft long boat does not seem to be wavering.

Worth almost \$4 million, The Dyna 77 Laguna model owned by Melbourne Boat Sales and Dynacraft Australia is equivalent to a five-star hotel penthouse.

The stylish yacht, which requires three people to operate it, features accommodation for 10 with ensuites and has the ability to carry up to 30 people.

Yet the sophisticated features of the yacht do not impact on its speed with the boat being able to reach 28 knots.

Owner of Melbourne Boat Sales, Lee Vitiello describes the typical buyer this boat attracts:

“It may be someone who’s a little bit eccentric or may be someone who’s just very successful at what they do,” he said

Chase III is a demonstrator for Melbourne Boat Sales and buyers who view the boat can customise their own purchase.

Mr Vitiello believes that customers will thoroughly enjoy their experience with Melbourne Boat Sales. “We’re really adamant about making it a good journey. We don’t just sell you a boat in three days and that’s it. We continue to work with you and help you,” he said.

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The Brabham driving dynasty (from left), Sir Jack, Geoff and Matthew at Waterfront Venues' Moored.

Meet a family with drive

**Australian motoring icon
Sir Jack Brabham visited
Docklands last month to be
acknowledged for 50 glorious
years in racing.**

Three generations of Brabhams were "welcomed to the neighbourhood" at the function at Moored on November 24.

The function was hosted by the Docklands

Chamber of Commerce and Kangan Batman TAFE's Automotive Centre of Excellence.

Guests took advantage of the opportunity to quiz Sir Jack about highlights of his career which included three formula one world championships.

Sir Jack said taking an Australian designed and built engine to the pinnacle of motor sport was his greatest achievement.

His grandson Matthew has been named the Confederation of Australian Motor Sport (CAMS) Rising Star for 2010 and is sponsored by the ACE.



Bold plan to cut carbon emissions

VicUrban is planning to make Docklands more carbon and water neutral

In a report to the Docklands Co-ordination Committee, acting environment director Karen Keegan said VicUrban had been working since July 2008 on a Docklands Environmental Innovation Strategy.

She said the strategy aimed at implementing best environmental practice in yet-to-be constructed buildings as well as introducing a number of precinct-wide alternative energy and water supply initiatives.

It is suggested that:

- A network of tri-generation power plants could supply low carbon electricity and heated and chilled water to Docklands buildings;

- Stormwater from Dudley St could be harvested and treated for re-use in Docklands; and
- A sewerage treatment plant could be located at the north of Docklands Park, feeding off the Dudley St sewer main.

Ms Keegan told the committee that if Dockland's current use of power and water did not change, it would annually use 371 Gwh of power and and 2.1 GL of water.

However, with the suggested innovations, by the time Docklands is fully developed, water demand could be cut by up to 39 per cent and up to 26 per cent less carbon might be released into the atmosphere.



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Situated in the Victoria harbour precinct of Docklands and located directly in front of beautiful parklands and the CBD as the backdrop. The apartment that is cleverly designed ensures there is a place for everything, whilst its generous windows provide uninterrupted views. The expansive open plan living area has both a formal dining area and a modern kitchen with stone bench tops and stainless steel appliances. Featuring large main bedroom with built in robes and en-suite and a large second bedroom with adjoining bathroom including deep relaxing bath and European style laundry. The apartment also includes reverse cycle air conditioning and an undercover car space.



Docklands 1707 / 39 Caravel Lane
EXTRAORDINARY CITY & WATER VIEWS
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Contact Glenn Donnelly

This apartment is located on the doorstep of the vibrant Docklands restaurant precinct which offers luxury living that will appeal to families and entertainers alike. Floor-to-ceiling panoramic windows bring the world inside however has the tranquility of a library. Functionality and design come together in the kitchen where the combination of generous cupboard space and quality European appliances meld with the classical stone bench tops to create a work area that is both practical and pleasing to the eye. The ample balcony overlooking the water flows from the informal living spaces, offering the perfect spot to catch up on the news of the day or relax with a drink as the setting sun retreats.



Docklands 1407 / 2 NewQuay Prom
VIEWS OVER THE WATER & BEYOND
3 Bed 2 Bath 2 Car 1 Storage
Private sale \$1.11m
Inspect By appointment
Contact Glenn Donnelly

Luxuriously appointed in the Condor, this enviable residence is a must see for those who expect the best. The gourmet kitchen is complemented with a large island stone bench top, Miele stainless steel appliances and generous storage space. The double size main bedroom includes a luxurious en-suite with twin vanities. The apartment captures over 280 degree vistas of the Yarra River and Docklands precinct. Other features include air-conditioning throughout, electric blinds, separate laundry, 2 secure car spaces and a storage cage. Also included is a membership to the exclusive health club featuring heated indoor lap pool, spa, sauna and fully equipped gymnasium.



Docklands 1204 / 80 Lorimer Street
VIEWS OVER THE WATER
3 Bed 2 Bath 2 Car 1 Storage
Private Sale \$1.11m
Inspect By appointment
Contact Glenn Donnelly

Luxuriously appointed in Mirvac's Tower 4, this enviable residence is a must see for those who expect the best. The gourmet kitchen is complemented with a large island stone bench top, Miele stainless steel appliances and generous storage space. The double size main bedroom includes a luxurious en-suite with twin vanities. The apartment captures over 180 degree vistas of the CBD, and Yarra River. Other features include air-conditioning throughout, separate laundry, 2 secure car spaces and storage cage. Also included is a membership to the exclusive health club featuring heated indoor lap pool, spa, sauna, steam room, fully equipped gymnasium and roof top decking.



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Community Weekend a huge success

The Docklands Community weekend, hosted by City on a Hill (previously Docklands Church) was a huge winner for all involved.

Kicking off Friday morning with a business breakfast at Sumac, leading economist Ian Harper (Access Economics) shared his thoughts on the GFC.

In the evening it was time to put the dancing shoes on for the Docklands Community Ball. A great number turned out on a very nice Docklands night for some fun and very funky tunes by Soul Beats. The Atlantic Group which provided the catering did an amazing job. The evening raised close to \$3000 for Many Rooms (an initiative of City on a Hill seeking to care for Melbourne's homeless).

Saturday morning in sweltering heat, a brave army turned up for the Docklands Fun Run (clearly an oxy-moron). The brave competitors battled it out and celebrated with a well-earned community breakfast.

Sunday was an absolute winner. City on a Hill hosted two main services at James Squire

where Pastor Guy talked about building a healthy and vibrant community. In between the two services, the Waterfront City piazza was filled with loads of people enjoying free activities, market stalls, jumping castles, giveaways. DJs and the Morin's were joined by local acts Preston Perche and Jess Lee.

Guy Mason, from City on a Hill said: "It was a fantastic weekend that we were excited to be part of. We want to love and bless this community as Christ has blessed us. We look forward to hosting the event in 2010."

For more info about City on a Hill visit www.cityonahill.com.au



It's payback time

Professor Ian Harper had some words of warning for Docklands' businesses when he addressed them at breakfast on October 30.

"You don't get nothing for nothing folks," he said in reference to the looming cost of paying back the national fiscal stimulus which had averted a serious recession in Australia.

Professor Harper is a member of City on a Hill (previously known as Docklands Church) and spoke at the first event which kicked off the church's community weekend.

"Interest rates will rise and taxes will have to be realigned to recoup the money which has been spent," he said. "The bill needs to be repaid."

The Access Economics director said the global financial crisis stemmed from greed and was fundamentally a moral rather than a legislative problem.

"If the basis of the problem is a moral problem, then no laws can help," he said.

He said it was time to have a conversation about the bad behaviour which had led to \$4 trillion (four times the output of the Australian economy) being wiped out.

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HE SAID WHAT?

By **Guy Mason**
City on a Hill Pastor

CITY ON A HILL

Urban legends: Fact or fable?

City on a Hill is in the midst of a provocative new teaching series called Urban Legends.

What is an urban legend? I hear you ask. An Urban Legend is “a story of obscure origin with little or no supporting evidence, that spreads spontaneously in varying forms”.

For example, it's believed that if a baby is born in flight, Qantas will give the child free air travel for the rest of his or her life. And did you know that the reason Kentucky Fried Chicken changed its name to KFC was because they don't actually serve chicken but, in fact, rabbit? And apparently the children's song “Sing a Song of Sixpence” was actually a coded message to recruit pirates!

Our city is full of Urban Legends – especially when it comes to God, spirituality and the church. Throughout the month of December we will be looking at some of the popular Urban Legends. For example: “God is a kill joy”, “Christians do more harm than good”, and “Heaven will be boring”. We will be asking: Are they fact or fable?

City on a Hill run services every Sunday at 10.30am and 6pm at James Squire Brewhouse, Waterfront City. You can also find out more and hear some of the messages free online at cityonahill.com.au.

If you have heard an urban legend and are not sure whether its fact or fable, feel free to email us at info@cityonahill.com.au.

Guy Mason is one of the pastors at City on a Hill – a church committed to making a difference for the Glory of God.



GREETING FROM THE DOCKLANDS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



Don't forget the big Christmas party is on Friday, December 11 at The Hub from 7.30pm until 10.00pm.

It will be a great night and is open to all Docklands residents. Includes door prizes and other activities. Refreshments and finger food provided. It was a big turnout the last time. We look forward to seeing you there - in the Christmas spirit.

The members' barbecue at Docklands Park was a big success on what was a beautiful sunny day. We might organise another in the New Year.

A website for the DCA has been designed and a layout chosen with a Docklands panorama in the header. It will be up and running shortly. The domain name is www.docklandscommunityassociation.com. It's a mouthful but a suitable abbreviation was not available.

Sponsor business partnerships are still available. In return for discounts, your business will be promoted as a supplier to our members. Please register your interest with Tanja on 0410 190 339.

I attended the 3AW forum on Monday, November 16 at Federation Square

which addressed how to curb violence in the city. Suggestions put forward again included fewer beer barns, extension of 1am closing, more police on the beat and stiffer sentencing. All that is needed now is action. The Premier and Leader of the Opposition were present.

Things we are pressing the City of Melbourne on include putting up “no unauthorised vehicles” or other exclusion type signs on NewQuay promenade which has become a magnet for motorbikes.

Also of course New Years Eve is fast approaching – with the fireworks, and Sensation at the dome. The early 9.15pm fireworks will be from a barge on the water.

I am always asking for more members to join the committee. It's not too onerous. If you are at all interested please call me on 0412 097 706.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everybody.

Roger Gardner, President DCA

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Docklands working dog

Working dogs in outback Queensland are blue heelers, but in Docklands they are purebred Maltese.

Meet Asher who works everyday at City Residential Real Estate at North Wharf.

The six-month terrier may not be so good at mustering cattle, but he is just great at customer relations.

Owner Glenn Donnelly explained that people came out of their way to visit and pat Asher, and that has to be good for business.

The real estate agent has owned Maltese terriers for the past 14 years.

"They are just great apartment dogs," he said. "And rather than leave him at home, I bring him to work every day and he sleeps under my desk."

"He looks out the window, plays outside a bit and gets lots of attention," he said.

"Asher is a real people dog. He loves to greet people who visit the office and he loves a pat."

Mr Donnelly said Asher was low maintenance and was equally easy to take away on weekends.



From the Institute

The Institute's commission to design a general restaurant assessment code has been suspended.

This is a sorry day because there remains a clear public need for consistency across the medium of advice about food and restaurant criticism. After all, what is a Michelin Star, and how is a tyre company involving itself in such an enterprise, you might well ask?

The code system was intended to comprise all the factors commonly discussed in restaurant reviews and in this regard we have considered those in the daily newspapers, the Qantas in flight magazine and advertising brochures from power boat insurers. Many factors are important to persons considering purchasing a meal. These include ambient noise, the type, quality and price of the cuisine, the obsequiousness of service, the extent of wheel chair access, the depth of the wine list and if there is a view. Much time and effort has resulted in the development of the software algorithm which incorporates these elements and produces a number from 1 through to 9.

At the first glance, some authorities expressed surprise that information sought about such a thing as the freshness of fish can be gleaned from a mere number. The ability of the system to do this lies in reference to standard meal around which all the calculations referred to above are related. For this, the Institute chose a dish considered as a quintessentially modern Australian



and Melbourne and reflecting the post war migration and cultural benefit to the eating experience: chicken parmigiana.

However, whilst the Institute was in the process of demonstrating the utility of the codes, an unsatisfactory development occurred which has temporarily derailed the program and caused increased costs and delay. The flaw revealed itself when it was noticed that no restaurant in the Docklands pilot project precinct carried, prepared or served parmigiana whether veal or chicken or eggplant. Accordingly no scores were able to be calculated. It has to be admitted that this would be unhelpful to a person using the code to assess the suitability of a restaurant to which to take themselves or family for lunch.

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I Love the Night Life

Love Bait

Over 500 people attended Love Bait, a corporate cocktail event, on November 14.

Five friends, two of whom are Docklands residents, hosted the event at Waterfront Venues' BMC Bar & Balcony.

Organiser Justine Oh says they don't know when they'll hold their next event, but Docklands will be at the top of their venue list.

The organisers of Love Bait would like to thank BCM Bar & Balcony at Waterfront Venues, Designers' House and Ferndara Creative for their support.



"LITTLE" Louie Vega set to rock Docklands

Grammy Award-winning artist DJ Louie Vega will be the featured performer at Alumbra's Day Party on December 6.

The legendary American House DJ from America will be performing a three-hour sunset session starting at 7.30pm.

Alumbra's marketing and event manager, James Belais, expects the event to be very popular and describes Vega as one of the biggest House DJs ever.

"With the international DJ night, people come from far and wide for that sort of a gig. It's very niche driven and we have about five or six international DJs a year," he said.

Vega, who has more than 20 years experience in the industry, will be supported by local Melbourne DJs including Franky D and DJ Jori at the day party.

Tickets to the event, which kicks off at 3pm and continues till 1am, are available for \$35 at the venue or \$40 from promoters and outlets.

Alumbra will also be hosting an international DJ event at Central Pier's Peninsula on Boxing Day. DJs, Joey Negro and Dimitri From Paris, will perform at the Kings of Disco event and tickets are available for \$60.

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Joy Hofilena

LOCATION:

Waterfront City

WEARS:

Black and white halter neck dress, quilted black bag and black and white semi-patent sandals.

DESCRIBE YOUR OUTFIT:

It's a summer look.

WHAT BRINGS YOU TO DOCKLANDS?

It's my birthday today so we're here for lunch. It's actually our first time in Docklands. We've been to Costco but we've never been to this area.

WHERE ARE YOU FROM?

Hoppers Crossing

FAVOURITE PART OF SUMMER?

You don't have to wear lots of clothes and the days are longer.

WHAT MAKES A GOOD OUTFIT?

A casual look. Don't go overboard - especially with accessories. Less is better.

Jasper Jewel

LOCATION:

Harbour Town

WEARS:

Polka dot headscarf, white Jeep t-shirt, nautical striped skirt, red shoes and sun glasses.

DESCRIBE YOUR OUTFIT:

I'm wearing my work tee shirt, my skirt's from Supré but it's actually a dress and my shoes are from Cotton On.

WHAT BRINGS YOU TO DOCKLANDS?

I work at Jeep in Harbour Town

WHERE ARE YOU FROM?

Point Cook

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE PART OF SUMMER?

I'm actually not a big fan of summer. I hate it. It's hot and sticky.

WHAT MAKES A GOOD OUTFIT?

I think a piece of clothing or an accessory that is individual and loud which you can put with a simple outfit works really well.

Whitney Parwata & Jacqui Vu

LOCATION:

Harbour town

WEARS:

Whitney: Sunglasses, floral chiffon dress, tan bag and black and white high heels.

Jacqui: White dress, grey vest, tan bag and tan and yellow high heels.

DESCRIBE YOUR OUTFIT:

Jacqui: I'm wearing Kookai and Sportsgirl. Whitney: I'm wearing Forever New.

WHAT BRINGS YOU TO DOCKLANDS?

Jacqui: We work here at Pacific Magazines. Whitney: It's in the Channel 7 building.

WHERE ARE YOU FROM?

Both: We're both from Essendon.

FAVOURITE PART OF SUMMER?

Both: The beach

WHAT MAKES A GOOD OUTFIT?

Whitney: Shoes
Jacqui: Confidence. If you can pull it off it'll look good.

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF MELBOURNE'S STYLE:

Both: It's funky

Designers' House is a little touch of luxury

By Alison Kinkade

Step into Harbour Town's Designers' House and you will take a step back in time to the Parisian couturier salons of yesteryear.

Located on the top level of the shopping complex, Designers' House is the jewel in the crown of the Docklands retail precinct.

Featuring crystal chandeliers and a concierge desk, customers will be treated like celebrities with personal service from staff specifically employed to work in one designer's area.

With a range of 20 Australian and international designers, customers are spoilt for choice when it comes to the latest fashion trends at Designers' House.

Marketing co-ordinator, Izabela Taseski, describes the trend for women this season as "loose fitting, effortless glam". She says that light cottons, chiffons and kaftans will be very popular and adds that a 1950s-look in swimwear will also be in style.

For the men, she believes that denim cuffed shorts, checked suit shirts and stitched lapel suits will be trendy.

On December 13, Designers' House, in collaboration with Harbour Town, will be hosting a summer outdoor fashion parade on the ground level of the precinct. Labels participating in the show include: ML Denim Melbourne, Jets, Sissi.g, Rosemin, Modern Lovers and Gerard Darel.

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CUISINE UNDERCOVER

INDEPENDENT REVIEWS FROM DOCKLANDS' PHANTOM DINER

Left your Christmas function planning to the last minute, or just looking for an easy place to catch up with friends pre-Christmas?

Let Docklands News take the hard work out of at least one of those tasks on your To Do list, by suggesting a few spots bound to raise the Christmas spirit.

All places below spoken to in late November said they could still accommodate bookings of groups of 30, in the weeks of December 7 to 18, although some were already booked solid on the Fridays. Worth a crack I reckon.

Gold Leaf:

There's no doubt about it – Yum Cha is fun. Difficult sometimes, for people like me who prefer to have total control over their food, but sometimes – and what better time than Christmas – you've just got to let it go, and let it come! Worth it for those little coconutt chicken pies alone.

After losing track of courses, beers and Rieslings that all seemed to keep on coming – I still can't believe how cheap the end result was. Also specialises in seafood and vegetarian dishes. See if you can get the guys from accounts to eat Chicken Feet.

Of course, I'd also recommend any of the places I've reviewed this year as extremely worthy contenders, although availability may be limited. Check out docklands.news.com for previous reviews if still stuck for choice!

Harbour Town Hotel:

You've probably spent all year meaning to go, but with Christmas approaching, isn't it time you finally checked out Harbour Town? Did you even know that there was a hotel right down the back – just head towards the giant... oh, well, never mind.

Harbour Town Hotel is a classic "pub" pub. It does a decent parma and also has a \$15 lunch special. Be warned – if you're still there at five, happy hour kicks in.

Please note – you are not advised to drink and shop, although given the year Harbour Town's

had, maybe you could afford to spread a little of that Christmas cheer around ...

James Squire Brewhouse:

Nothing says "It's holiday time!" more than blazing sunshine sparkling off the water and views of it abound from Squire's Brewhouse. The casual but substantial pub grub and extensive beer list provides a fun, low-key place to wind down with work mates. A touch of Australian is scattered throughout the menu, with a Ploughman's Lunch, Lemon Myrtle Squid Salad and a Macadamia Encrusted Ocean Trout vying for space alongside your parmas and fish and chips. Located right at the western tip of Waterfront City's promenade, you can also walk it all off on the long walk back to the office.

Man Mo:

For something a little different and slightly upmarket yet with minimum fuss, convince the office to share one of the banquets at Man Mo. Normally, I hate to share, but each and every morsel of this Chinese / Malaysian spread surprises and satisfies. A Tasmanian

eye fillet in black peppercorn sauce even makes an appearance in the Christmas banquet, which also sees Green Crayfish Tails, Prawns in a Spicy Creamy Pumpkin Sauce and Peking Duck Pancakes on offer. Somehow, it all seems a quintessentially and delightfully Australian experience ...



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How quickly did that go? Before we've even blinked, decorations are out, supermarkets are blaring tacky 60s versions of carols or, worse still, Christmas carols as sung by those annoying chipmunk characters that sound like they're sucking on helium ...

But take a deep breath, and let's remember what it's like to BE a kid! That's right, this year embrace all that Christmas has to offer and look forward to the hope and promise of the New Year. These are truly things to be celebrated, so don't be a Christmas Scrooge.

Relax and think of all the things, however small, that you can celebrate. Decorate a Christmas tree with a child ... actually that is completely over-rated and trust me, it takes HOURS to untangle the fairy lights that somehow wrapped around the little

munchkin. Much better to decorate the tree yourself and sit back and admire your cheerful handiwork with a well-earned glass of French champers. Even better if your partner notices you've done the tree, and pours you the champagne as you flick the switch to 1000s of dancing fairy lights – and a collective sigh of relief when it doesn't burst into flames!

So we've got the tree up, the mistletoe hung and we're ready for an awesome Christmas. What could go wrong? Well guys, here's a few tips for Christmas: Gifts are important. Yep, you can underline that. Now I'm going to tell you WHY.

It's not the value of the gift (although some real bling is hard to get wrong!) but the fact that you not only thought of giving a present to that special someone – and this includes your mum – but that you actually got it too!

So whether it's a serious spoiling present, or a charity card that donates funds to poverty-stricken villagers in remote countries, get something!

Another great tip – write in the card before you're standing in front of the person you're giving it to. Seriously.

Appreciation is not just for Christmas, but it is an especially good time to really thank the people who are important to you for being in your life.

Hey, why not really go all out and tell them all the wonderful things they do mean to you, and maybe even let them know how beautiful they are in that dress (substitute "hot in that shirt" where required!).

Admittedly, this is slightly easier to do after a couple of egg-nogs, but you get my drift. We're talking about generosity of spirit and maybe making up for all the times we should have said "thanks for being there" and didn't quite get round to it.

Tokens of our love wrapped up in garish reindeer paper are fantastic, but equally important is just honestly telling someone how wonderful they are to you.

Like all things, the difference between a Christmas and New Year to be remembered,

and one that is just plain cringe-worthy, is you. How you feel inside, how you shine, how you smile, will lead all those around you to enjoy this precious time with you, and will help everyone find something to celebrate – even if it's as simple as realising we actually did survive the stresses of the last 12 months.

So relax, enjoy the simple pleasure of a glass of wine with friends by a startlingly sparkly plastic tree, and spoil all those around you with your presence.

What a Woman Wants is to be surrounded by loved ones, to feel appreciated and special, and to be relaxed and happy amidst the festivities ... oh, and for there to be a really special present under that tree!

Have a great Christmas and New Years Eve, may there be lots of passionate smooching under the mistletoe.

Abby x

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FACES OF DOCKLANDS



KIKI TJIA, 26
Sport and Event Coordinator
Melbourne City Sports

Kiki has only experienced Docklands for two months since moving from Sydney. His key objective is to get some interaction between Melbourne City Sports and the residential and business community. "Come outside and play," he said.



TRISH MARKHAM
Director, Cumberland Kent

Trish and her husband Peter have made a "tree change" and commute by rail to their Docklands event management business from Mt Egerton, near Ballarat. "Docklands is a very exciting development but, like Mt Egerton, it's a very well-kept secret," Trish said.



SHARN SWANN, 42
Sales and Real Estate for J.C.Street Real Estate

Sharn started at J.C.Street Real Estate three months ago. She says Docklands is an exciting place which successfully mixes business with living and leisure. "Its contemporary design masterfully marries the land with the local waterways making it a 'hip part of town' to be immersed in."



KIMBERLY ROSE, 22
Duty Manager at Safeway,
Merchant Street

Kimberly has been working at Safeway since it open in May 2008. She describes Docklands as a really awesome up-and-coming place and says she loves the nightlife in the area, especially at NewQuay.



HELEN PENTARIS
Director of Marketing and Sales at Fruit For You ... And Flowers Too

Helen just recently opened her corporate gift shop at Docklands. She believes people need to understand and embrace Docklands. "I think we are so lucky to have something like this right now," she said. The only thing missing is a ferry connecting Docklands to other waterfront suburbs, she said.



NIKKI TAYLOR, 23
2IC of the DFO Williams Outlet,
South Wharf

Originally from NSW, Nikki has been working in Docklands for just over a year. She says its very nice for waterfront dining and very new and modern compared to the rest of Melbourne. "I live in the city but spend most of my time in Docklands," she said.

New award for Gauge

Lend Lease's Victorian head office, The Gauge, in Victoria Harbour, has been recognised for excellence in interior design.

The building received the award for Excellence in Interior Design of a Major Commercial Building at the (inside) IDEA Awards held in Sydney last month. The IDEA Awards judges said the Gauge represented an exemplary balance between innovation and respect for convention.

The interior design nurtures a sense of ownership and pride in a workplace with generous desk areas, personalised lighting and storage, chill out zones, a fireplace, an outdoor deck with barbecue areas overlooking the adjacent park and a living green wall that greets visitors upon entry. The Gauge has received a number of awards since it was completed in April 2008, including the Sustainable Architecture Award at the 2009 Australian Institute of Architects Victorian Chapter Awards, the Built Environment Award at the 2009 Premier's Sustainability Awards and the Boral National Environment and Energy Efficiency Award at the MBA 2009 National Excellence in Building and Construction Awards.



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COFFEE & MUFFIN REVIEW

We love our coffee and muffins here at the Docklands News, so each month we review a selection to find the best. We visit a store once and buy a selection of different coffees and muffins. The staff then judge them across a range of criteria including service, price, taste and quality - with moistness, freshness, taste, texture, variety and uniqueness of muffin all factors. Here are the results from November. We'll continue our quest for the best muffin and barista experience so you'll know where to head for that perfect coffee.



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| Espresso Alto | Muffins - Great variety, freshness and taste. Coffee and price excellent. | ☆☆☆☆ |
| Broadcast Café | Muffins and coffee very good, although limited variety/uniqueness of muffins. | ☆☆☆ |
| Café Banc | Good Coffee. Best muffins so far, but limited choice when we visited. Service needs improvement. | ☆☆☆ |

Rating is out of 5 stars



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DECEMBER



New Years Eve

Waterfront City Piazza and Promenade

31 December 2009 (6pm – 1am)

Cost: FREE

Be part of the exciting New Years Eve celebrations and entertainment on the waterfront, including 'Gee Whiz Kidz' live and fun music for kids, 10 piece live band Alchemy and headline act 'Nudist Funk Orchestra', one of Australia's most impressive funk dance bands. Relax with the family or grab a bite with friends at one of the many restaurants or cafes on the waterfront and marvel at the magnificent fireworks displays over Victoria Harbour. www.waterfrontcity.com.au

JANUARY



Mr. Sandman Sand Sculpture

Waterfront City Promenade

11 January to Sunday 31 January 2010 (All day)

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What do you bring to the relationship and what gifts does your partner bring to you?



Jane, 47

Mars in Cancer
August 31, 1962
Birth time unknown

Pat, 51

Venus in Aquarius
March 5, 1958
Birth time unknown

This is a serious relationship with a powerful sexual energy. You are in tune with each other and often share each others dreams. This relationship will be challenging and can become a love/hate relationship. Accept the gifts you have to offer each other and the relationship will be all that you both need and want.

Jane:

In order to feel complete and fulfilled Jane will need to feel the energy of TAKING RISKS and living life with excitement and involvement. Jane can at times become emotionally aloof, having little time for confrontations.

Jane, you are better to make choices with your heart not your head and to live in the moment passionately rather than in your head.

The special gift that this relationship brings Jane is: Helping her to grow spiritually and experience love on a whole new level. Pat will have a healing, soothing effect on Jane, and supports her in following her dreams.

Pat:

In order to feel complete and fulfilled Pat will need to remember that HE CAN TRUST another and it is perfectly okay to release self interest.

Pat can sometimes be narcissistic and needs to be mindful of his partner's needs.

Pat, you are better to allow your partner to take control at times in order for you to feed another the energy they need to succeed and shine.

The special gift that this relationship brings Pat is: To awaken Pat to the positive possibilities of change and encourage him to make choices that adds excitement to his life. This relationship is the catalyst that can create energizing change by supporting his uniqueness.

Featured terminology

Mars - The planet of energy, sex drive and anger. In women it determines the qualities you look for in a man.

Venus - The planet that generally attracts love, money, creative activity. In a man it determines the type of women he seeks.

Dockwords

How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters in this grid?

All words must contain the centre letter. No proper nouns, foreign words or plurals ending in 's'.

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Target: 42 words - Excellent
55 words - Very Good
65 words - Good

Solution to be supplied in next issue

Solution from last edition

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DOCKLANDS FENG SHUI

November
(Nov. 7-Dec 7)
Month of the Pig



Monthly Element: Fire
Polarity: Yang
Favourable Colours: Deep shades of red, crimson, purple, blood orange.

Tip of the Month: This promises to be a very hectic, yet rewarding month with plenty of favourable opportunities if you are quick to seize them. Financial agenda will become your highest priority, as you will have the tendency to be more prudent with money than usual.

This is an excellent time to organise your finances and start planning for the year ahead.

When doing your Christmas shopping, choose items based on their quality rather than price to avoid possible disappointment. With your popularity on the rise, you are most likely to have a jam-packed social calendar. The best advice is not to spread your energy too thin. Prioritise your tasks and try not to accomplish everything at once and you will be able to breeze through this festive season!

Feng Shui: Free your space from clutter this month. Now it is the perfect time to sort out all your paperwork and take care of any unpaid bills or other fiscal matters. For additional financial stability in December, use the water element in the northeast. While blue and black are regarded as "water colours", the actual body of water will be more effective. The water fountain is the ultimate wealth remedy, as clear moving water helps to generate prosperity.

Place some metal in the east and north-west to protect your health this month. However, avoid any sharp or pointed metallic objects and opt for rounded and circular shapes instead. Have a wonderful Christmas!

Forecast by Elena Mishina - www.fengshui-star.com

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DOCKLANDS COMMUNITY CALENDAR



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| <p>MR SANDMAN</p> <p>January 11 to 31</p> <p>Waterfront City</p> <p>Cost: Free. Soak up the sun and sand at the Sand Sculpture display. Kids aged 4-12 can also participate in a 30 minute workshop and create their own sculpture. Bookings essential. Ring 9658 9658.</p> |  | <p>AUSTRALIA DAY COMEDY DEBATE</p> <p>Monday, January 25</p> <p>Waterfront City</p> <p>Gather your friends and family and kick start your Australia Day weekend on Australia Day Eve at Waterfront City.</p> <p>Cost: Free. There will be music and lots of laughter.</p> | <p>MUM AND BUBS YOGA</p> <p>Every Wednesday, 10.30am to 11.30am</p> <p>The Hub, 17 Waterview Walk</p> <p>Heal your body, build strength and learn to relax in a peaceful and rejuvenating way while bonding with your baby! Call Nadine on 0450 634 589 or visit nadinefawell.net</p> |
| <p>DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY</p> <p>Saturday, February 6 and Saturday, February 13 - 5pm-7.30pm</p> <p>Waterfront City Piazza</p> <p>Dance like a star this February and come down to the Movie Moves at Waterfront City Piazza. Learn some dance moves inspired by your favourite dance movies including Dirty Dancing and Saturday Night Fever.</p> | <p>AUDI VICTORIA WEEK</p> <p>January 21-22</p> <p>Waterfront City</p> <p>Witness the Docklands Invitational and the King of the Docklands competitions. Come and hone your sailing skills on dry land with radio-controlled yachts in the International One Metre Challenge which kicks off at 4pm daily.</p> | <p>MEDITATION</p> <p>Tuesdays 6-7pm, Fridays 5-6pm</p> <p>Long Room, The Hub, 17 Waterview Walk</p> <p>Try meditation and check out the benefits. Call Carey Rohrlach on 0438 371 488 for more information.</p> | <p>CAROLS AT VICTORIA GREEN</p> <p>Thursday, December 10</p> <p>Enjoy contemporary gospel music with the Gospel Sunday band and join the Docklands Church for some fun carol singing.</p> <p>At the same time, Melbourne City Sports is hosting a Christmas-themed outdoor movie, while Safeway is cooking up a sausage sizzle.</p> |
| <p>TOASTMASTERS</p> <p>Second and fourth Mondays (except public holidays), 7pm</p> <p>The Hub, 17 Waterview Walk</p> <p>E-mail docklandstoastmasters@yahoo.com.au if you wish to speak to someone about coming, otherwise feel free just to turn up on the night.</p> | <p>DOCKLANDS DINNER BOOK GROUP</p> <p>First Wednesday of the month</p> <p>The Hub, 17 Waterview Walk</p> <p>Sample a variety of restaurants in Docklands whilst discussing books with like-minded people. Contact CAE Book Groups at 9652 0620 or email bookgroups@cae.edu.au</p> | <p>HATHA YOGA</p> <p>Every Friday, 12.30pm to 1.30pm Every Tues & Thurs, 7.30am to 8.30am & 7.30pm to 8.30pm</p> <p>The Hub, 17 Waterview Walk</p> <p>Breath-centred hatha yoga class. Suitable for all ages and levels of ability. Call Nadine on 0450 634 589 or visit nadinefawell.net for more details.</p> |  |
| <p>TRY SAILING DAY FOR THE COMMUNITY</p> <p>Second and fourth Sundays of the month, 11am to 3.30pm</p> <p>Docklands Yacht Club, Shed No. 2 North Wharf Rd</p> <p>Suitable for all ages and abilities and no booking required. Contact Terence O'Donnell 0425 737 389 or visit www.docklands.yachting.org.au</p> |  | <p>WOODEN BOAT FESTIVAL</p> <p>Saturday, February 20 and Sunday, February 21</p> <p>10am - 6pm Victoria Harbour "plaza" area</p> <p>Up to 10,000 people are expected to witness 70 - 100 wooden boats on water and on land. You can walk around see of boats being built. Cost: \$10 children \$15 adults.</p> | <p>LUNCHTIME WALKS</p> <p>Every Wednesday, 1pm to 1.30pm</p> <p>The Hub, 17 Waterview Walk</p> <p>For more information contact: Forecast Pty</p> <p>Harbour Town - 9607 7482 Anita at The Hub on 8622 4822 or Fiona Burnes at YMCA on 9347 3677.</p> |
| <p>STORYTIME</p> <p>Every Monday at 11am</p> <p>The Hub, 17 Waterview Walk</p> <p>Storytime is a special time for children (aged 2-5 years) and their care-givers to share time together enjoying stories, songs, rhymes and simple craft. No bookings required.</p> | <p>DOCKLANDS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION CHRISTMAS FUNCTION</p> <p>Friday, December 11, 7pm to 10.30pm</p> <p>The Hub, 17 Waterview Walk</p> <p>Door prizes and a prize for the best Christmas attire.</p> <p>Contact Tanja on 0410 190 339</p> | <p>PUBLIC FORUM – NORTH WEST DOCKLANDS</p> <p>Monday, December 7 at 7pm</p> <p>Digital Harbour Theatre, Innovation Building, 1010 LaTrobe St.</p> <p>Space is strictly limited. Register your attendance by calling the City of Melbourne on 9658 9658 or visit www.melbourne.vic.gov.au</p> | <p>DOCKLANDS SUNDAY MARKET</p> <p>Every Sunday, 10am to 4pm</p> <p>Waterfront City Docklands Drive</p> <p>Discover treasures from the hoards of some of Melbourne's finest antique and pre-loved specialists, including art, jewellery, retro clothing, vintage books and car boot sales.</p> |
| <p>DOCKLANDS ROTARY</p> <p>Every Tuesday, 6.00pm</p> <p>James Squires, Waterfront City</p> <p>First Tuesday of the month is happy hour. Regular meetings on other Tuesdays. All welcome. RSVP to Peter Blainey by noon on meeting day for catering purposes: 0408 319 695.</p> | <p>SALSA DANCING</p> <p>Every Sunday, 5pm</p> <p>Yarra's Edge Bar / Café</p> <p>Free. Bring the family, the kids, the dog! All welcome.</p> | <p>ACTION ZONE</p> <p>Every Saturday & Sunday, 10am to 5pm</p> <p>Pavilion, Waterfront City Piazza</p> <p>Action Zone is where it's at for the latest in inflatable fun. Bring those legs of steel and dive into the inflatable challenges. Call 8628 6000 or visit waterfrontcity.com.au for details.</p> | <p>PRAM WALKERS</p> <p>Every Wednesday, 10am</p> <p>The Hub, 17 Waterview Walk</p> <p>For more information contact Anita at The Hub on 8622 4822 or Fiona Burnes at YMCA on 9347 3677.</p> |

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Docklands Dash on the 2010 sports agenda

Next year's Super Sunset Series of fun runs is coming to Docklands.

On Wednesday, March 10, up to 1000 athletes will wind their way around a picturesque 4km Docklands course.

Participants will walk/run along the waters edge, through Victoria Harbour, Harbour Esplanade and NewQuay.

Hosted by the Melbourne City Sports, the Super Sunset Series is a number of twilight fun run/walks held around inner-city Melbourne. This series there are four venues that offer unique four and eight kilometre courses – through Princes Park, the Tan Track within Royal Botanic Gardens, Melbourne Zoo and Docklands.

The event encourages participants of all ages and ability to enter. Adult, Junior, Family and Team Entries are available for participation in a single event or for the entire series.

Participation for the 2009 Super Sunset Series was in excess of over 2800 runners and walkers and the organisers anticipate for the forthcoming series, we expect an increase in participants with the exciting addition of the Docklands events as the series finale. In addition, all series participants (i.e. those that register for the first three events) will receive a complimentary event shirt and all runners will receive a timing chip for each race where their race times will be accurately timed.

Dates and locations:

- Event 1: Thursday, January 28 - Royal Botanic Gardens: Tan Track (4km and 8km course);
- Event 2: Wednesday, February 10 - Princes Park (4km and 8 km course);
- Event 3: Wednesday, February 24 - Melbourne Zoo (4km and 8km course); and
- Event 4: Wednesday, March 10 - Docklands Dash (4km course only).

In partnership with the City of Melbourne and YMCA Victoria, Melbourne City Sports provides professionally developed and innovative sports activity programs for residents and workers which increases participation in physical activity amongst employees.

For further information contact Kiki Tjia, Sport and Event Co-ordinator, Melbourne City Sports, Shop 15, Level 4/477 Bourke St, Docklands. Ph: **9604 8600**. Email: kiki.tjia@ymca.org.au

Top yachts to compete at Docklands

Top rated international yachts will stopover at Waterfront City, Docklands in January for two days of racing as part of an "invitation only" series.

The Docklands Invitational is an annual competition which features Australia's best racing yachts who will compete in a five race series staged on Port Phillip Bay.

Members of the public will have the opportunity to wander the docks at Waterfront City, talk to visiting crews, try sailing with the "Go Sailing" program, and participate in the Audi One Metre Challenge with radio controlled yachts.

In addition to the big boats, there will also be high impact twilight racing within Victoria Harbour with the King of the Docklands. Competing for one of the richest prizes ever offered in Australian sailing, crews will battle it out in identical SB3 yachts to determine just who is the King of the Docklands.

Spectators will enjoy live commentary explaining the unfolding tactical side of things from a purpose built marquee catered by the Melbourne Yacht Club Hotel. Rivaling cricket's

20/20, the event is guaranteed to test the skills of competitors who will have to endure fluky winds and a pressure cooker environment.

Docklands Invitational event co-ordinator Doug Jarvis said: "The Docklands program aims to bring sailing into the heart of a major city, allowing the general public to experience sailing first hand in a free environment."

Activities will commence from 4pm - 8.30pm on both Thursday, January 21 and Friday, January 22. For further information please visit www.victoriaweek.com

The events form part of Audi Victoria Week, which is Australia's largest sailing regatta and Victoria's oldest sporting event.

The six-day program will start in Melbourne with the Docklands Invitational and the King of the Docklands before the fleet of yachts compete in the traditional passage race from Melbourne to Geelong, which is scheduled for Saturday, January 23 and the program will conclude on Australia Day, Tuesday, January 26.

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