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## NewQuay liquor licence row

By Alison Kinkade

**NewQuay residents are up in arms after a liquor licence application was lodged for a new bar at 29 St Mangos Lane.**

An application for a general licence was lodged in late November by Sallypen Pty Ltd for a 70sqm bar.

The proposed bar, to be named Uber Bar & Lounge, is situated between NewQuay's Palladio and Arkley apartment buildings.

Resident and chair of the Arkley Owners' Corporation, Roger Gardner, described the proposed venue as a "serious threat to the resident amenity".

"This proposed bar would create noise in a quiet residential haven in an otherwise busy precinct. Its doors would inevitably be open with patrons spilling out onto the footpath. There is no way it would attract a mainly quiet sophisticated crowd," Mr Gardner said.

Palladio Owners Corporation chair Paul O'Halloran said he would respond officially once he had discussed it with his committee early in February.

Sallypen Pty Ltd's Chris Ellis, a former resident of the Palladio, has applied for the bar to open from 10-1am, Monday-Saturday and 10-11pm on Sunday.

St Mangos Lane residents Nick Varley and Cindy Goudie describe the application as "ridiculous".

"The bar should be placed in a retail area, or near The Woolshed, not near residents!" Ms Goudie said.

Mr Ellis, who also owns a natural therapies business in Docklands, said he had offered to speak to objectors, but they were not interested.

"People are more than welcome to make objections. That's what it's there for and then we'll go to the hearing," he said.

Melbourne City Council and the Victoria Police have also lodged objections to the venue.

A council spokesperson said: "The City of Melbourne has objected at this stage as inadequate information regarding the liquor licence has been provided by the applicant."

Mr Ellis said the objection from the council was almost resolved.

"They just needed more documentation and once we acquire it and hand over the information to them then it should be resolved, so long as it meets all their requirements," he said.

Senior Constable Adam West, from Police Media, said: "Police objected to the application on the grounds that they believed it would be detrimental to the amenity of the area."

But Mr Ellis said: "Police objected basically because it is their policy to object to every application made in the CBD and Docklands at the moment."

It is currently unknown how many patrons the bar would cater for, but Mr Ellis said, given the size of the venue, it would not be many.

A spokesperson for the Director of Liquor Licensing said a panel hearing would be held into the application but a date had not yet been set.



Matt McCullough (left) and Warren Mills - Test riding children's bicycles bound for Zambia.

## Zambia and the art of bicycle maintenance


Docklands is playing a role in a project that will greatly improve the lives of hundreds of poverty-stricken Zambians.

Local resident Warren Mills is involved in a plan to equip and train Zambians as motor mechanics. As a first step, some 350 bicycles are being sent to Africa in a few months time directly from where they are being collected in Docklands.

Thanks to VicUrban, the unrestored southern section of Docklands' historic Goods Shed No 2 is currently home to about 250 donated bicycles.


Mr Mills explained that bicycles were a perfect starting point in a culture where mechanical maintenance was a foreign concept.

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Alison Kinkade and Peter Crowley.

## Welcome new staff

**Joining Docklands News for 2010 is journalist Alison Kinkade and advertising sales manager Peter Crowley.**

Alison is a Docklands resident and a journalism graduate from LaTrobe University.

She lives with her sister and her parents in Dock 5 and did an internship with the paper late last year.

She is quickly finding her feet (although on crutches currently!) and is a great asset.

Peter actually started the *Docklands News* as a VicUrban employee in 2003. His knowledge of Docklands is vast and his enthusiasm for the precinct is unmatched.

Peter has been a great supporter of ours over the past six years and joins the paper in a sales role.

Email Alison at [alison@docklandsnews.com.au](mailto:alison@docklandsnews.com.au) or Peter on [peter@docklandsnews.com.au](mailto:peter@docklandsnews.com.au). Both can be reached on 8689 7979.



## Zambia and the art of bicycle maintenance

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“When we were in Zambia last year we realised that our plan to build a mechanical workshop and train truck and heavy equipment mechanics was just too ambitious. The concepts are just not understood,” Mr Mills said.

“Bicycles are so much more practical at this stage,” he said. “And when we got home we were introduced to Matt McCullough and his Bicycles for Humanity program.”

Mr McCullough last year sent a container of bicycles to Namibia and has now agreed to join forces with Mr Mills’ group and send the next batch to Zambia.

The bicycles are being sent to an AIDS orphanage in the Serenje-Chibobo district of Zambia where they will be repaired by locals who have already been trained both in mechanics and small business management.

Mr Mills said the bikes would not be given away. Rather, people wanting them will firstly be trained in bicycle maintenance and would then be sold a bicycle.

“The last thing we want to do is create a dependence,” Mr Mills said. “There has to be a value associated with it.”

The funds will be used to provide education for the orphans and to introduce them to technology, finance and employment.

Readers wishing to help can donate bicycles through any Bicycle Superstore or give cash via [www.bicyclesforhumanity.com](http://www.bicyclesforhumanity.com).

*Our first paper for 2010 is also a significant issue - the 50th edition of the Docklands News to be distributed in Docklands.*

Originally called the Docklands Community News, this paper was first produced in 2003 as one of a number of community development initiatives occurring at the time. The design, purpose and style of the paper was initially informed by a committee of interested local people, many of whom are still involved Docklands residents today.

The 6-page first edition Docklands News was distributed in a very different suburb to that which surrounds us today, as illustrated by the image on the first paper’s masthead. At that time only the Arkley, the Grand and 50 Lorimer Street were inhabited buildings, housing a total Docklands population of about 500 people in three remote and almost isolated precincts.

The Boyd/Palladio had just opened its doors at NewQuay and 60 Lorimer Street was under construction. The Stadium, Channel 7, the AFL, the Docklands Authority and the various construction projects were the only large employers, while work had just commenced on the NAB building.

There were a few cafes and restaurants, but only at NewQuay and the stadium. Docklands had just celebrated the first tram service into the precinct.

The boat operators on Central Pier were the suburb’s major drawcard for visitors along with the Fox Museum.

## February Survey

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Since that first issue, Docklands’ resident population has grown more than ten-fold and the worker population buy an even greater figure. In 2003 the local businesses could be counted on your fingers and toes, whereas the current business list exceeded 11 pages in our recently distributed Docklands Directory. Docklands continues to grow and evolve at a pace not witnessed in this city since the gold rush.

Throughout that seven-year period the Docklands News has been a constant – continuing to observe and report local news and each new development. The paper started with a mission to “strengthen the Docklands community through the provision of relevant community-based information in a regular newsletter”.

The Docklands News has grown like the suburb and is now a monthly publication, but our mission remains unchanged and underpins our commitment to be the true voice of Docklands.

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# More corporate heavyweights for Docklands

By Alison Kinkade

*The Australian Taxation Office will be moving to Docklands with national property developer, Walker Corporation, signing them to its 735 Collins St project.*



735 Collins Street - Future home of the ATO.

The \$250 million ATO building will form the first of four towers for the \$750 million Quattro area of the Batman's Hill precinct, which is being developed by Walker Corporation in partnership with the Kuok Group.

Billionaire property developer and executive chairman of Walker Corporation, Lang Walker, is positive that the ATO tower will provide the essential momentum needed for the rest of the development.

"To secure ATO as the anchor tenant is a great catalyst to help this new precinct take off and provide quality a-grade commercial space in Melbourne," Mr Walker said.

Located on the corner of Collins St and Batman's Hill Drive, the ATO tower will take up 38,000 square metres of the 136,000sqm precinct.

It is believed that Walker Corporation is also a front runner to attract the National Australia Bank to the precinct. NAB has signalled a need for an extra 40,000sqms of office space.

"We're in negotiations with a number of other companies for commercial space within the remaining 735 Collins St towers and the Southern Goods Shed," Mr Walker said.

Docklands is also experiencing an influx of media, with Fairfax moving into its new Collins St address late last year.

In a move that is set to strengthen Docklands' status as Melbourne's media hub, the Nine Network has sold its Richmond headquarters and is expected to move to Docklands.

717 Bourke St, which is nearing completion and sits opposite Etihad stadium, is now almost fully subscribed with energy firm BP Australia, insurance firms AIG and Marsh Australia and the Financial Ombudsman Service set to occupy the address.

It is thought that the Nine Network will occupy 8000 square metres of the building and will have to find additional studio space within Docklands to film *The Footy Show*.

It is believed that the television station will be moving into the 717 Bourke Street building later this year and will gain the signage rights.

Nine's owner, PBL Media, failed to return calls from *Docklands News*.



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# New footbridge to station

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

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

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

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

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

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



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



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## Networking Lunch returns

*The Docklands News Networking Lunch returns on Friday, March 26.*

*After the fantastic success of the last lunch in November, it's on again.*

The networking lunch, which is conducted quarterly by *Docklands News*, is a non-for-profit exercise organised to develop and strengthen business relationships within Docklands.

It will be held from 12pm at Watermark Bar, on the Victoria Harbour Promenade. Consisting of two courses plus appetizer and including drinks, the lunch costs \$60.

There will be a short presentation from VicUrban's General Manager for Project Planning and Innovation, David Young, who will outline what's ahead for Docklands in the next decade.

Many valuable relationships have been started at our lunches and, more importantly perhaps, many more connections have been renewed.

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*The newly-named "Seafarers Bridge".*

## Footbridge gets a name

*The bridge over the Yarra River at the South Wharf precinct has been officially named "Seafarers Bridge".*

Melbourne councillors formally endorsed "Seafarers Bridge" as their preferred name in December and obtained approval from the State Government to officially christen the bridge.

The council said it had a difficult task to choose from 539 proposed names.

"The name draws on the rich maritime history of the area and is a fitting connection to the nearby Mission to Seafarers centre located at the bridge's northern landing," a spokesperson said.

Mission to Seafarers chief executive Andrea Fleming said she was delighted with the decision.

"Since 1857 seafarers have strolled the banks of the Yarra River whilst taking

shore leave in the Port of Melbourne," Ms Fleming said.

"We are thrilled with the naming of the bridge which contributes to the significance of the maritime precinct, the work of the Mission to Seafarers Victoria and the seafarers whom the organisation serves."

"We hope that Seafarers Bridge will encourage visitors to explore the historic seafarers' centre at 717 Flinders Street and enjoy the hospitality provided."

The Mission to Seafarers is an international organisation which cares for the practical and spiritual welfare of seafarers of all nationalities and faiths.



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## Council yet to commit to fireworks

*The City of Melbourne is yet to commit to next year's 9.15pm New Year's Eve fireworks.*

The Lord Mayor, Cr Robert Doyle, told *Docklands News* that the council was currently "debriefing and reviewing" the event.

"Once we have fully evaluated the new event format, pre-planning phase for this year's event will begin and will include a decision as to the locations for both the 9.15pm and midnight fireworks displays for the 2010 event," Cr Doyle said.

The president of the Docklands Chamber of Commerce, Keith Rankin, said the family fireworks were a "huge success".

"I think it was the best fireworks event to date," Mr Rankin said. "There were thousands of people down here and it was terrific for the families who were able to take their kids home earlier."

"It was a fabulous, fun-filled night, and it was money very well spent," Mr Rankin said.

Mr Rankin said the Docklands Chamber of Commerce would strongly advocate for the retention of the fireworks next New Year's Eve.

The president of the Docklands Community Association, Roger Gardner, said the fireworks were well attended and a great time was had by all.

"Security was well organised, with good police presence and there were few, if any, reports of trouble," Mr Gardner said.

"We have reported this news to the City Council and Etihad Stadium management who like to get our feedback."



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## Click go the tills at the Woolshed

*The Woolshed Pub at Central Pier finally opened for business on January 22 after battling for a year and a half to get a liquor licence.*

The Victorian Civil Appeals Tribunal (VCAT) finalised conditions attached to the licence on December 18.

The venue is able to trade until 1am in its main bistro/bar area, but has to close its northern external area at midnight and must cease trading in its other out-door areas at 11pm.

It is restricted to 675 patrons – less than half what it asked for in its initial application in July 2008. It is prevented from having any amplified music, entertainment or speech in its external areas.

The Director of Liquor Licensing Sue Maclellan refused to issue a licence to the Woolshed Pub in January 2009. The venue appealed the decision to VCAT.

A spokesperson for Atlantic [v] said the public response since the Woolshed Pub opened showed that there was clearly a strong need for the venue. She said it was well supported by corporate patrons for lunch and by locals at night.

A spokesperson for Ms Maclellan said the director had yet to decide on an application for a licence for 750 patrons by Platform 28 within the Goods Shed North development in Bourke St.

She said a panel hearing had recommended Ms Maclellan try to restrict the scale of the Platform 28 operation (reduced patron numbers and stringent conditions to protect amenity for local residents) - as had been in the case in the Woolshed matter.

## Pier parking request refused

*VicUrban has refused a request from Central Pier management for permission to use the end of the pier for car parking.*

Central Pier Docklands had applied for a licence to allow parking on the public space west of Shed 9.

VicUrban said it knocked back the application so the area would be kept available for public events and activities.

VicUrban said it considered there was already enough on-street and undercover parking available in the immediate vicinity, including the 2500 spaces beneath Etihad Stadium.

Central Pier has been leased until 2015. The agreement allows Central Pier Docklands to charge fees for parking between Sheds 9 and 14.

Central Pier management chose not to comment on the decision to the *Docklands News*.



Mark Scholem (left) and John Bradshaw, the driving forces behind the new traders group.

## Harbour traders to join forces

*The call is out for the retail traders and corporate businesses of Victoria Harbour to establish an association to help promote the Victoria Harbour business community, lifestyle, and Docklands events.*

Developing as both a diverse residential community and vibrant commercial hub of Docklands, Victoria Harbour businesses are keen to promote their services whilst contributing to the uniqueness of the precinct.

New Energy Physiotherapy and Lend Lease Community Development met last November to scope potential objectives for a traders' association.

New Energy Physiotherapy co-owner Mark Scholem said: "We also believe the Victoria Harbour traders and major corporate businesses can both benefit and contribute to the broader Docklands commercial and residential communities through employee and resident participation in key events and activities."

However, not everyone is keen on the idea. The president of the Docklands Chamber of Commerce, Keith Rankin, said he hadn't yet met Mr Scholem but he thought Docklands' businesses would all be stronger if they spoke with a single voice.

"It is important to remember that the City of Melbourne recognises the chamber as the official voice of Docklands businesses," Mr Rankin said. "The chamber welcomes input and support from all Docklands businesses."

Mr Scholem said some key objectives of the proposed association included:

- Informing authorities such as Destinations Docklands marketing committee, VicUrban, the Melbourne City Council, developers, planners and event organisers regarding Victoria Harbour marketing strategies, events, and future needs;
- Developing and fostering supportive relationships between traders, corporate businesses and the broader Docklands community;
- Growing the businesses in Victoria Harbour through promotion and awareness strategies, encouraging the working and residential communities to support local business; and
- Promotion of the Victoria Harbour precinct as a place to work, shop and enjoy events and activities.

The association's first meeting will be on Monday, February 8.

For more information, contact Mark Scholem or John Bradshaw at New Energy Physiotherapy, 102 Merchant St, phone 9602 4008 or 0418 487 165.

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# East to meet west in Docklands

By Alison Kinkade

**On Sunday, February 28, Waterfront Venues will host a 400-person event as part of the annual Asia-Pacific Incentives and Meetings Expo (AIME).**

The expo, which was established 18 years ago by Melbourne Convention and Visitors Bureau (MCVB), is trade exhibition for the meeting, convention and incentive travel industry.

Waterfront Venues will host a welcome event for the fully hosted buyers and media representatives that have been specifically chosen by MCVB.

The theme of the event is *East meets West down South* and it will occupy Waterfront Venues' Waterfront Room, BMC Bar and Balcony and Moored. Guests will enjoy pre-dinner drinks at the bar before feasting on cuisine from Kobe Jones in the Waterfront Room. All food and beverages will be sourced locally to highlight the quality of Victorian food. The lounge area of Moored will also be available for guest to relax.

Events and Marketing Services Manager from MCVB, Jon Malpas, said: "The event in Docklands is essentially a welcome to Melbourne and aims to showcase Docklands and Melbourne as a business events destination."

Guests at the event will enjoy entertainment from opera singers Mary-Louise Santa and Manuel Jimenez-Navarro. Ms Santa studied under the late Luciano Pavarotti while living in Italy and has performed throughout Australia and Europe in productions such as *Carmen* and *Madama Butterfly*. Mr Jimenez-Navarro is a tenor who performs in Italy, Argentina and Spain and has performed in opera's including *Tosca* and *Madama Butterfly*. Dressed in costumes from the opera, both singers will perform one song each from *Madama Butterfly*.

Prior to the function, approximately 30-40 girls from the Qantas Choir will entertain the guests. The choir will begin performing at approximately 5.45pm at Waterfront Piazza and will sing a few traditional tunes including, *My Island Home* and *I Still Call Australia Home*.

The official exhibition will take place on March 2 and 3 and will bring together 6000 people to showcase the best destinations, products and services available within Australia and internationally.

# Fire anniversary reminder



Caption: Ross Buchanan looks on as Cameron Caine recounts the horror of February 9, 2009.

**Last year's Black Saturday disaster loomed large last month when Kinglake fire survivors Cameron Caine and Ross Buchanan addressed the Docklands Rotary Club.**

Local policeman and president of the Kinglake Football Club, Cameron told of the trauma of Black Saturday when a fire storm destroyed his community. Cameron discovered the bodies of numerous victims – many known to him personally.

Ross lost two children to the fire and the pair held the meeting spellbound as they

calmly recounted the horror of February 9, 2009 and the effects that it has had on them ever since.

The main focus of their accounts was on the mental health issues that have plagued their community and how the community has come together to help each other survive and recover.

In particular, they said the support that men have found amongst their mates had been a feature of the recovery.

"It's okay for men to cry," Cameron said.

The Rotary Club of Docklands meets every Tuesday from 6pm at James Squires Brewhouse, Waterfront City. All are welcome. Contact Leisa Wheatland on 0448 945 555.

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The exhibition will run from February 2 – 28.

The gallery is open 10am – 5pm Tuesday to Saturday and other times 'by appointment'.

Tarris and Sarrita will be painting in the gallery from 1pm to 5pm on Feb 18, 19 & 20 and will be pleased to meet those who call in to see them at work.

10 per cent of proceeds from the sale of art at the Red Desert Dreamings launch and Exhibition will be donated to the Murdoch Childrens Research Institute, Australia's largest and most prestigious child health research organisation. The Institute is dedicated to improving the health and wellbeing of all Australian kids and their families, and has Indigenous health research.

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# Are you mad enough for golf?

**All Docklanders are invited to participate in the inaugural Mad Duck Masters community golf day on March 21.**

Mad Duck Café proprietor Sam Rowe said his business was motivated to organise the event in a bid to bring the Docklands community together.

“This started as a Yarra’s Edge thing, but we want all of Docklands to be involved and feel welcome,” Mr Rowe said.

He said there was obviously a lot of golfers in Docklands but, until now, no way of bringing them all together for a fun tournament.

The event will be an Ambrose-style team event over 18 holes at St Andrews course on the Mornington Peninsula. Players will assemble for breakfast at the Mad Duck Café from 9am with a coach leaving Docklands at 10.15am.



Caption: Limbering up at Yarra’s Edge are (front to back) Sam Rowe, Debbie Pincombe, Irene Taylor, Robin Crooks, Lyn Smith, Matthew Megaw and Kathie Harris.

Numbers are restricted, so interested players are asked to ring the café on **9681 8882**. The cost is \$110 and includes breakfast and lunch. Golf carts will be supplied, so there is no need to bring a buggy.

Mr Rowe said prizes would be awarded for the tournament winners as well as male and female longest drive and nearest to the pin.

“There’s a great community feel here in Docklands, but it doesn’t hurt to give it a help along,” Mr Rowe said.

“We thought we would start the year off with a good golf day and pull everyone together,” he said.



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## NewQuay Community Update

Artist's impression of Harbour One and the new Marmion Place

### Harbour One Breaks Ground as MAB gets Ready for Construction Commencement

MAB Corporation has determined Melbourne Docklands as its development focus for 2010, with the 'breaking of ground' about to commence on the Harbour One (H1) tower along Docklands Drive with the creation of a new side street, to be known as Marmion Place.

Initial ground works have now commenced, with construction expected to be underway in the first quarter of this year.

Harbour One is the latest residential development within MAB's NewQuay precinct and follows the construction commencement of The Avenues, luxury townhouses. Taking full advantage of its aspect and views to Victoria Harbour and the city skyline, Harbour One was designed by Plus Architecture and follows the lead from the already successful Arkley, Palladio, Boyd, Sant' Elia and Conder Apartments.

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# Dalai Lama drops in



## Jazz it up

*The cool sounds of summer jazz will relax and delight visitors to Dockland's Mission to Seafarers for five consecutive Fridays.*

Starting on February 12 and finishing on March 12, John Scurry's Fine & Dandy Quartet will start their three hours session

from 5.30pm in the picturesque courtyard of the heritage listed building.

Pictured here are guitarist John Scurry and double bass player Leigh Barker.

A \$10 entrance fee will contribute to much-needed funds for one of Victoria's oldest charities.

The mission at 717 Flinders St has been a home away from home for generations of seafarers who are among the world's most exploited workers.



The Dalai Lama is presented with gifts by Kevin Winward (left), Jenny Winward (right) and their sons Lukas and Sam. Photo: Rusty Stewart/DLIAL

*The Winward family was honoured and amazed by a visit by His Holiness The Dalai Lama to their new art gallery at South Wharf late last year.*

Red Desert Dreamings gallery director Kevin Winward said the Dalai Lama came to the Hilton Hotel-based business to be interviewed by Sandra Sully for a television program.

"We were there throughout the interview and felt remarkably honoured by his presence," Mr Winward said.

"As he was leaving, we presented him with a gift - two paintings (one by Sarrita and one

by Tarrisie King as future leaders in the Aboriginal art world) and the Susan McCulloch book Contemporary Aboriginal Art."

"He was very appreciative. He really enjoyed the space - a remarkable statement about the ambience of our gallery and the peaceful spirituality of the great art on display there."

The Red Desert Dreamings Gallery officially opens this month. An exhibition of works by the King sisters, who featured in the recent television series *The Apprentice*, runs all February.

Some 10 per cent of the proceeds of all sales during February will be donated to the Murdoch Children's Research Institute to assist funding of their indigenous children's health programs.



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# Docklands latest public art previewed

*Lend Lease has previewed Docklands' latest public art which will be installed later this year at Collins Landing where Melbourne's most loved street meets the river.*

Called *The River Runs Through It*, the piece is a combination of paving, sculpture and plantings.

Artist Chris Stoner said: "My principle response to this site is the notion of there being two axes. One that reflects the city grid and the built form, the other being the original flow of the site as indicated by the river. It is through the acknowledgement of the river that we can begin to understand the existence of the primary site, the alluvial mud flats of the Yarra Delta."

"I propose to create a sculptural response that borrows from the flow and timelessness of the river. The site is a confluence of physical forces, the water flowing downstream, the river, the wind blowing upstream from the west. It is a collision of water, wind and sun."

The installations will reference the alluvial mud flats, estuarine tidal zone, marshes and the impenetrable tea tree that once lined the river banks.

Sculpturally, the strategic placing of the compositions that make up the sculpture will create a dynamic and varied site that cannot be taken in by any one sight line or passage.

Lend Lease says the space will encourage exploration.

"The nature of the installation will encourage engagement from the viewer on many levels and in many ways," a spokesperson said.



## DOCKLANDS LOVE

*With Valentines Day upon us, here's a toast to Docklands Love.*

Cathie and Nicholas Bulfin got into the spirit of things when they were married on January 23.

The couple held their reception at Sketch on Central Pier following their ceremony at St Andrews, Brighton.

For all the low-down on what women want from Valentines Day, turn to Abby Crawford's February column on Page 20.



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# Hybrid pharmacy

*We've had hybrid cars for a while now. They run on petrol and electricity. And at Docklands we have a hybrid pharmacy which dispenses manufactured medicines as well as making its own.*

Visitors to St Mangos Lane would have seen into the clearly visible laboratory at Compoundia. This "open laboratory" is an innovation devised by Compoundia's owner Bert Frigo and was the first in Australia when he brought the concept from the CBD to Docklands in 2002.

"Compoundia was the very first compounding pharmacy in Australia to have open viewing laboratories for the general public to actually see what a modern and state-of-the-art compounding facility is all about," Mr Frigo said.

He said he wanted to reassure people that compounding matched the quality or consistency of the large pharmaceutical companies.

"A hybrid pharmacy is one that offers a comprehensive and complete choice of prescription healthcare. Thus, both compounding and prescriptions under the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) are dispensed," Mr Frigo said.

"Compoundia has maintained its status as a leader in the compounding of prescriptions and is continually striving to be a centre of compounding excellence."

Mr Frigo said the compounding side of the business catered for patients who were not satisfied by products made by pharmaceutical corporations.

"Thus the terms, custom, individual and personalised medicine, where the dose fits the patient rather than the patient fitting the dose, is used a lot today to describe modern compounding pharmacy" Mr Frigo said.

"But we also offer a retail pharmacy that meets the needs of those patients who respond therapeutically to generic and patented pharmaceutical medicines."

# VicUrban's Car Fair decision criticised



**VicUrban's decision to close down Docklands' Car Fair late last year was roundly criticised in our December/January online survey.**

Some 87.5 per cent (42 respondents) said the decision was wrong.

Among comments left were:

- If this was one of the "original principles", why did they let them open in the first place?
- Sounds like image over sense to me
- Destroying businesses doesn't sound very sustainable
- Absolutely not. Disgraceful.
- Why did they let Costco in but not car fair? Doesn't make sense.
- If anything, this decision will be bad for the environment.

On our follow up question, "How central to the essence of Docklands should sustainability be?" opinion was divided but overwhelmingly supportive:

<b>Paramount</b>	<b>35.7%</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Somewhat</b>	<b>47.6%</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Whatever</b>	<b>7.1%</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Not at all</b>	<b>9.5%</b>	<b>4</b>

Among comments left were:

- All government agencies should strive for sustainability in everything they do.

- It should be central to all developments regardless of who the developer is or where the location is
- The Docklands has no essence. It is an ugly, badly designed windy hole which has sucked up loads of taxpayers' dollars with no return.
- Sustainability means actually reducing carbon emissions among other things, not just getting a headline.
- Sustainability is a great idea, but some practicality needs to be brought to the table too.
- Sustainability is very important. So is the need to encourage new businesses and entrepreneurship. You cannot ban conventional cars until alternative transport is available.

In response to our question, "What is important to you in terms of sustainability?," readers offered:

- Making it easier for people to reduce their carbon footprint.
- Bringing places of living, leisure and work closer together to reduce transport costs and impacts; making culturally vibrant and safe communities; and ensuring people have meaningful and long-term employment.
- Keeping people employed which means supporting businesses not destroying them.
- Return on taxpayer money.
- Reducing pollution, developing sustainable living practices (including transport, accommodation and food production) and ensuring all stakeholders (including businesses and farmers) are working together.
- True sustainability, not ticking boxes like Rudd seems to be doing.
- Longevity and reusable products. Things that can be self sustainable, like products that can create some or all of the power needed to run them.
- Apply common sense.
- Sustainability has to be based on what is reasonably attainable.
- Finding the right mix between a business successfully trading and ability for customers to reach the Docklands.
- Practicality and reality, not trying to APPEAR to be doing the right thing for the wrong reasons.
- Opportunity for growth and then sustainability.
- Environmentally-friendly power.
- Education of the masses is all that will help in the long run.
- Efficient buildings.
- Parks, trees and green public spaces. The Docklands could have had all of these. The Car Fair site should be turned into a public park.
- A realistic and holistic approach.
- People's futures, not empty ideology and rhetoric.
- Ensuring the needs of businesses (small and large), residents and visitors are met with a range of attractions, services and facilities.
- Green buildings, progressiveness and open parks and gardens with solar-powered lighting etc.
- The statement at the top of this survey is the first mention I've heard of Docklands being a car-less precinct and I've lived and worked here for six years. It would be impractical for residents, many workers and the businesses that operate in Docklands. Promotion of public transport is important for sustainability and I think Docklands (the NewQuay/Waterfront City side anyway) is particularly well served. We have to make Docklands unique!



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# Following in the footsteps of Burke and Wills



Lara Jaillon and Sebastian Guesney on day one of their epic trip

## Departing St Kilda and travelling through Docklands late last year, French couple Sebastian Guesney and Lara Jaillon began retracing the expedition of Burke and Wills.

The Hong Kong-based couple, whose longest expedition to date is three weeks, plan to walk the journey first completed by Robert O'Hara Burke and William John Wills 150 years ago.

Walking more than 4500km unassisted, the pair hopes to complete their journey from Melbourne to the Gulf of Carpentaria in nine months.

Mr Guesney said the journey was planned in order to explore climate change and the depletion of natural resources.

"The trip isn't about sport or breaking records. It's about getting back to a human pace and meeting people. It's about making human contact," Mr Guesney said.

According to Mr Guesney and Ms Jaillon, the most difficult part of their trip will be travelling through the Strezlecki desert.

"We will have to carry about 10-12 days of water and food. It is a very critical part of the trip but if we make it through that then we are confident that we can make it through the rest of the journey," Mr Guesney said.

While travelling Mr Guesney and Ms Jaillon will document their journey and hope to later produce a book and film documentary of their experience.

Since beginning their expedition in St Kilda they have travelled more than 500 kms.

For more information on their journey and to follow their progress you can visit [www.terraincognitatrek.com](http://www.terraincognitatrek.com)

## Docklands Directory



## Directory makes a splash

*The 2010 Docklands Directory is making a splash following distribution of 10,000 copies.*

The inaugural directory has been well received with advertisers reporting positive feedback from the response.

The directory contains the most comprehensive listing of all Docklands businesses but there are still plenty of businesses which haven't taken the opportunity for a free listing.

With liberal distribution throughout Docklands-based corporations, the Docklands Directory is now being relied upon by workers new to Docklands to source goods and services.

The directory is also available online at [www.docklandsnews.com.au/directory](http://www.docklandsnews.com.au/directory). Our directory page of our website records more than twice as many visits as any other page. It's a free listing for Docklands businesses and the data will form the basis of next year's listings.

To have your business included, send your details to [news@docklandsnews.com.au](mailto:news@docklandsnews.com.au).

There is also an opportunity to be listed in this newspaper's Business Directory on pages 30 and 31. Line listings are free for Docklands businesses for three months. Following this trial period, it will cost \$100+GST for a business to remain in the newspaper Business Directory for 12 months.

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# Letters to the Editor



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## Docklands Post Shop ... What a flop

When the Docklands Post Shop opened late last year, I for one was excited that Docklands now had its own Australia Post outlet on its doorstep. However, it wasn't long before the initial excitement gave way to disappointment.

For people who work, and therefore are not at home during the day to take delivery of deliveries, a card is left stating the item can be collected from the Docklands Post Shop – between the hours of 9am – 5pm Monday to Friday. Here lies the problem. Many people, including myself, cannot make it to the post office during these hours since we work.

Prior to the opening of the Docklands Post Shop such articles would be taken to the North Melbourne postal outlet on Errol St. This shop has an out-of-hours collection service which means you can go and collect your item from 6am onwards.

Now however, if you work during the day, the only option is to phone Australia Post and get the article transferred to another outlet (such as Errol St) and collect it from there. This is frustrating. Not only is there a delay in receiving your article but it can take several days and you are not told that the article has made it to the nominated outlet.

The problem has recently been made worse by the introduction of a \$5 fee to transfer articles between postal outlets. For many Docklands residents, this is the last straw.

The opening of the Docklands Post Shop is a major inconvenience and now an additional expenditure to receive non-standard mail.

The Docklands Post Shop needs an out of hours collection service. Half a service is sometimes worse than no service at all.

**Marc Birtles**

# Year in review

By Alison Kinkade

*We may not know what 2010 holds for Docklands, but let's take a look back at the exciting year that was 2009.*

## JANUARY

As the New Year began temperatures soared and Docklanders sweltered with a record a heatwave in late January. After three days of 43-degree-plus heat not only was Connex in a meltdown, but Docklands' newest attraction, the Southern Star Observation

Wheel, was brought to a screeching halt. The \$100 million wheel had been in operation since December 20, 2008 and represented Australia's largest single tourism investment since the opening of Movie World in 1989. In a statement made in February last year, a Southern Cross spokesperson said the wheel would definitely reopen.



## FEBRUARY

February brought the patter of little feet to Victoria Harbour with the official opening of Docklands' new childcare facility, Harbour Family and Children's Centre. The state-of-the-art centre, owed by the City of Melbourne and operated by Gowrie Victoria, opened on February 9.

After the Black Saturday bushfires ravaged parts of the state, Docklands residents dug deep donating money, food, clothing and even blood to the cause. Within days of the tragedy Docklands organisations had raised almost \$15,000. The generosity continued into the following months with a cocktail event on March 18, organised by the "Dock 5 Girls Night In" book club, raising \$17,150.



## MARCH

March marked the end of an era with the "Dome" becoming the "Stadium" as Etihad took over the naming rights to the arena after Telstra hung up its sporting shoes. Etihad, the national airline of United Arab Emirates, announced their five-year arrangement in October 2008.

Also in March, Tourism Victoria got behind Docklands stakeholders announcing assistance in the form of a new marketing group. The group, Destination Docklands, is responsible for promoting the destination and investments opportunities in Docklands.

## APRIL

The month of April gave Docklands residents a green thumb with the announcement of a new community garden that would be funded by an oil spill penalty. DP World Australia was fined \$80,000 on April 16 for an oil spill that occurred in the Port of Melbourne in 2007.

## MAY

The environment was in the news again as Former US president Bill Clinton announced Victoria Harbour as one of 16 projects worldwide to be included in the Clinton Climate Change Initiative (CCI) global Climate Positive Development Program. Mr Clinton made the announcement at the C40 Summit in Seoul, South Korea, on May 19.

The honours kept rolling in during May with Docklands' Melbourne Convention Exhibition Centre (MCEC) claiming "the world's first and one-and-only" 6 Star Green Star convention centre. Premier John Brumby officially opened the MCEC on June 5.

May continued with the extension of the City Circle Tram to Waterfront City on May 30. The extension provided much needed help to the retailers hit hard by the closure of the Southern Star Observation Wheel.



## JUNE

VicUrban launched a Docklands outdoor advertising campaign in June in order to increase visitation to the area and support retail, hospitality and tourism sectors. The campaign focused specifically on the reasons to visit Docklands and how to get here. A television campaign, sponsored by ING Real Estate, MAB Corporation and VicUrban, was launch soon after.

June continued to be a busy month for VicUrban Docklands with David Young appointed as general manger. Former General Manger, Michael Hynes, moved to a newly-created division within VicUrban dealing with economic centres and regions.

## JULY

The launch of Safe Climate Australia, a non-government safe climate organization, brought celebrity climate change crusader, Al Gore, to Docklands on July 13. The organisation is formed and steered by scientists, community leaders and business leaders who have a shared understanding of the scientific and moral imperatives for emergency action to restore a safe climate. Gore launched the group at a breakfast in front of 1000 guests at Central Pier.

## AUGUST

On August 17 at 7.45am hundreds rushed through the doors of Costco for their grand opening. The Costco store, which occupies

14,000 square metres of Docklands, is the first out of 557 stores worldwide to be built in Australia.

## SEPTEMBER

In what seems to be becoming a Docklands tradition, September saw another building recognised for its environmental efficiency. The 1889 historic Rail Goods Shed No 2 achieved a 5-star Green Star rating for environmental efficiency, becoming the first Victorian heritage-listed building to do so. Docklands now has the highest number of 5-star green Star accredited office developments within an Australian commercial precinct.

A \$1 billion plan to complete the NewQuay precinct over the next decade was unveiled by MAB in September. The project plans show that that the NewQuay Parkland precinct will feature 1000 new homes, become home to 2500 Docklanders and will include more than four hectares of parkland and open space. Premier John Brumby spoke at the project launch saying that Docklands would be twice the size of the existing CBD by 2020.

## OCTOBER

Victoria Harbour became home to an urban garden on October 18 when Urban Reforestation, a non-for-profit organisation, unveiled its community garden project.

After three years of closure due to the construction of South Wharf, Capital City Trail, was reopened on October 15 following a Yarra's Edge resident-led campaign. The campaign began after suggestions earlier in the year that the trail would remain closed for a further three years to allow for the Main Melbourne Sewer Replacement project.

South Wharf, was unveiled in October as the latest commercial, residential and retail precinct on the doorstep of Docklands.

Lead Lease continued to be acknowledged for its environmental achievements in October, being awarded the first 4 Star Green Star – Multi-Unit Residential PILOT rating for Convesso.

## NOVEMBER

The Premier John Brumby, along with ANZ chairman Charles Goode, officially opened the ANZ centre in Docklands on November 6. While opening the centre, Mr Brumby remarked at how often he had opened or launched new projects in Docklands that year.

After almost a year and a half, a liquor licence was flagged for Central Pier's Woolshed Pub. The pub, which originally applied for a general 1 am licence for 1445 patrons was finally granted an on-premises licence for 675 people.

## DECEMBER

Docklanders were delighted to have the New Year's Eve family fireworks, after they were initially cancelled. City of Melbourne councillors who voted against fireworks in late August reinstated the fireworks in October claiming to have not known the significance of the vote.





# I LOVE THE NIGHT LIFE

## You'll never never know, if you never ever go

By Alison Kinkade

*Some Yarra's Edge residents have concerns about the proximity of Melbourne's newest mega nightclub, Neverland. So the Docklands News decided to check it out.*

Arriving at the nightclub on Friday, January 22 at 9.30pm, the first thing we checked out was the parking facilities. We counted about 100 car spaces (with only 10 taken at that stage of the night), a small number for a club that's licensed to hold 1500, we thought.

The club's website says it opens at 9pm but when we rounded the corner to Neverland's entry we were surprised to find a line of approximately 30 people and a club that hadn't yet opened – luckily for us it was a fairly balmy night to be standing in line.

After waiting in line for half an hour the nightclub's entrance was opened and the patrons began to filter through. Impressively, every individual, including females, had both their body and drivers licence scanned before being able to proceed to the counter to pay for entry. Being our first impression of the staff, we found that the security, though in high supply, were very friendly.

The entry fee was another error which the venue encountered on their website. Advertised on their site as \$15 guest-list and \$20 for non-guests, the venue only charge \$10 and \$15 respectively – not that we're complaining about a discount.

As we entered the nightclub we found the hexagonal dance floor, reminiscent of the venue's past life as a SAAB car yard. Though no one was dancing, it didn't take long before the floor was packed with revellers who began breaking moves to the popular commercial house music. From a balcony



The Neverland nightclub... within a stone's throw of Docklands.

above the floor the DJ looked down upon the dancers controlling them like puppets with every change of a song.

A quick run to the bar and I was disappointed to find that my drink of choice, a Malibu and pineapple, was overpriced at \$9.50 and, due to the amount of ice in the glass, it only took two sips to drink. Other drinks were fairly standard with Corona priced at \$9, Pure Blonde at \$6.50 and Japanese Asahi at \$11.50.

After drinking my overpriced beverage, I decided it was time to head home at 12pm.

At that stage of the night the club would have been lucky to have 400 patrons – well under the 1500 patrons it is licensed for. Leaving the venue, I was generously handed a free pass to the nightclub for the following week, which I'm sure would have left many customers smiling.

On my way out I enquired about the venue's shuttle bus. According to staff, the bus runs from the start of the night and drops off to Crown Casino, Flinders St Station, Southern Cross Station and a few other places in the city – an option which I'm sure Docklands residents hope revellers will take.

Upon entering the car park at 12pm we found security doing a check of the area, with only five parking places left available. Outside the venue there was very little noise from the partying going on inside the venue, although there was a hotdog van for any customers with the late night munchies from all their partying.

Overall we had a great night at the nightclub. Although the drinks were overpriced, the music was fantastic, the venue was stylish and its staff were all very helpful. I'm sure we'll be back.

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Perfectly located on the North bank of the Yarra is this impressive 14th floor apartment which is spacious, light filled and has an extremely functional floor plan. Consisting of a modern and stylish kitchen with stainless steel appliances, glass splash back, granite bench tops and plenty of storage. The lounge and the two bedrooms have built in robes, perfect for entertaining family and friends before heading into the City for a night of fun. You have the option to use the impressive facilities which include a fully equipped gymnasium, steam and sauna rooms, spa and swimming pools. Close to public transport, Crown Casino, Docklands Precinct and all that exciting Melbourne has to offer.

**Docklands** 1408 / 60 Siddeley Street  
ON THE WATER  
2 Bed 2 Bath 1 Car  
**Private Sale** \$610,000  
**Inspect** By appointment  
**Contact** Glenn Donnelly



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** 38 / 801 Bourke Street  
MOSAIC IT'S HERE  
2 Bed 2 Bath 1 Car  
**Private sale** \$699,000  
**Inspect** By appointment  
**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** 1707 / 39 Caravel Lane  
EXTRAORDINARY CITY & WATER VIEWS  
2 Bed 1 Bath 1 Car  
**Private Sale** \$560,000  
**Inspect** By appointment  
**Contact** Glenn Donnelly



Presentation perfect with unrivalled panoramic views over the City, this impressive 2 bedroom and 1 bathroom apartment on the 17th floor is the epitome of Docklands living. Capturing glorious eastern sun, this immaculate apartment enjoys open plan entertaining with balcony terrace, designer kitchen/ meals and a hotel style main bedroom. Finished with marble bench tops, zoned heating/cooling, over 80 sqm of space, video intercom & 1 security undercover car space. It's pure excellence with its flawless presentation that is complete with lift access, and use of the pool and gym.

**Docklands** 1706 / 18 Waterview Walk  
WHAT A FANTASTIC PRICE  
2 Bed 1 Bath 1 Car  
**Private sale** \$510,000  
**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.

**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



Located on the 1st level, this apartment includes Modern kitchen fittings, generous stainless steel appliances including cook-top, oven, range-hood and dishwasher. This near new apartment has two generous size bedrooms with BIR in master bedroom and second bedroom. Additional features include blinds to all windows, laundry facilities located in the bathroom, video intercom and resort style facilities. The building is situated within walking distance to Melbourne CBD, Southbank Promenade and its famous Restaurants, The Arts Centre, Melbourne Exhibition Centre as well as the well known Crown Casino & Entertainment Complex.

**Docklands** 102 / 18 Waterview Walk  
VIEWS OVER THE PARK  
2 Bed 1 Bath 1 Car  
**Private Sale** \$550,000  
**Inspect** By appointment  
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# GREETINGS FROM THE DOCKLANDS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



## Hope you all had a great Christmas and holiday break and welcome to the New Year.

Our membership keeps growing and welcome to our new members. If you would like to join please contact Paige Jay at [andypaige@optusnet.com.au](mailto:andypaige@optusnet.com.au).

The Christmas party at The Hub on December 11 was a big success. Some 70 odd people (not too odd!) from all parts of Docklands attended and there was good music, prizes, food and wine. Our local member Bronwyn Pike came along and joined in the festivities.

The New Year celebrations and fireworks were well attended and a great time was had by all. Security was well organised, with good police presence and there were few, if any, reports of trouble. We have reported this news to the City Council and Etihad Stadium management who like to get our feedback.

Our DCA website is continuing to be developed, with various layouts under consideration and will be ready soon.

Council has finally agreed to erect signs on the NewQuay Promenade prohibiting vehicles including motorbikes except for commercial or event purposes. Signs are due to be erected in early March.

We will be deciding on social activities for the New Year at our first 2010 committee meeting in early February. Any suggestions are welcome. Please email to Paige Jay at the email address above.

We queried VicUrban regarding plans for the vacant block in Bourke Street opposite the NAB. Their reply is that one third in the middle will be public open space connecting to the Village Green and the remainder will be built on, with no date set as yet.

We have raised with council the lack of off street and on street car parking for The Hub community centre, which is indicative of the severe lack of parking in Docklands generally. We have asked them to review The Hub problem. To add insult to injury they have got no standing signs on bays behind The Hub which clearly serve no purpose other than revenue traps. We have requested these be changed to parking.

We have recommended to VicUrban that the vacant end of Central Pier, which is a vantage point for sightseeing, be converted to public open space possibly with a maritime sculpture. They have given a non-committal reply saying nothing has been decided yet.

We continue to push for the provision of more public open space and parkland, which is very limited, particularly at the busy northern end of Docklands. VicUrban continues to talk about learning, recreational and public boating hubs but there is still nothing concrete.

I attended the regular Police and Community Consultative Committee (PCCC) in January which reviews local issues and I also attended the council-run Events Co-ordination Committee which reviews forthcoming promotional events in Docklands, in order to look after residential amenity.

Sincerely  
Roger Gardner  
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# Nathan is the



Possible caption: Anna Burgdorf General Manager of Corporate Communications, Audi Australia with the King of the Docklands winner Nathan Outteridge. Photo: Andrea Francolini/Audi



**Young Australian Sailing Team sailor Nathan Outteridge came ashore at Waterfront City, on January 22 with an ear splitting smile – and why not, he had just won the Audi King of the Docklands and in doing so, will drive home to the NSW Central Coast in a brand new Audi A4 Avant, courtesy of Audi.**

Outteridge and his crew of gun Moth sailors Scott Babbage and John Harris, who is also an 18ft skiff world champion, helped the 2008 and 2009 49er world champion who finished second at the Worlds in the Bahamas earlier last month.

“I couldn’t have done it without John and Scott – I couldn’t have picked two better guys

– guys who are friends. I’ll be shouting them to dinner tonight,” said Outteridge. “It’s awesome the support that Audi gives to sailing.”

“Congratulations to a great crew, you raced in difficult conditions. We are happy to be supporting such a great event and we thank Rod Jones and Oceanburo and Royal Geelong

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# King of Docklands



Yacht Club for their support," said Audi's general manager, corporate communications, Anna Burgdorf, as she presented Nathan with the keys to his brand new silver Audi A4 Avant valued at \$54,800.

As part of his prize, Rod Jones from Oceanburo donated the use of an SB3 to the winner's home club to use for two years.

Nathan won both his heats to progress to the six boat final, which kept spectators holding their breath. The two semi-finals were exceptionally aggressive, reminiscent of an America's Cup action with plenty of pre-race tactics being played out on the course.

ABC's Ian Cover and around the world sailor Nick Moloney gave blow-by-blow coverage

from Waterfront City in breezes that were up and down, keeping all competitors on their toes until the final race in which the best six crews competed.

By the time the six teams hit the water, the breeze had faded to almost nothing and it was touch and go as to whether to abandon the race or not, but in the little breeze there was, the six moved at snail's pace on the Victoria Harbour course with a crowd cheering them on.

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# CUISINE UNDERCOVER

INDEPENDENT REVIEWS FROM DOCKLANDS' PHANTOM DINER

## Kobe Jones

*I don't mean to over simplify things, but really, there are only two types of Japanese food - cheap, and expensive.*

The challenge Japanese food faces however is that, unlike Chinese food, where the cheap stuff is rotten and the Flower Drum kind of stuff is divine, cheap Japanese food is usually always good. Again, I don't mean to over-simplify and, yes I know there's more to Japanese food than this, but let's face it - it's hard to go wrong with sushi.

So it's not like Kobe Jones doesn't have its challenges. Not only has it chosen to go hard and strong on the fine dining Japanese angle, it's chosen to do so in Docklands (riiiight down the other end of the promenade) - not to mention it now has the even flashier Robert Deneiro endorsed Nobu across the waterways to contend with.

All credit to it though. With boldly painted red walls guiding you up a stairwell and

onto the often overlooked "second level" of the Waterfront City promenade, Kobe Jones stands proudly and almost defiant amongst its contemporaries. Though rarely full (or even close to crowded) on a weekday, it hardly gives the impression of caring ("Don't want to visit? Don't care - don't need ya!") and has never felt the need to downgrade its standards.

My companion and I visit on an exceptionally hot day, and welcomed the cavernous cool space gratefully as we enter. Obviously, but unfortunately, given aforementioned circumstances, staff are few on the ground and despite there only being a handful of tables occupied, it takes us some time to be seated and equipped with menus and a beverage.

The menu, when it comes, is impressive, if not a touch overwhelming. Divided into a number of categories, there is almost too much to choose from and with the "small plates" boasting similar prices to the "large plates" we weren't quite sure what to do! An (unnecessarily) harried waitress still making great effort to be polite, helpfully points out most people often choose six meals to share, however after working out I'd have to remortgage my house to do so, we settle on choosing four dishes, listening politely as she

offers some alternative selections, pointing out everything we've ordered is deep fried.

She's not to know my guest is pregnant and the deep fried thing was a choice. And pregnancy aside, I refused to contemplate paying \$27 for a California roll.

Our choices in the end encompassed the Crab Croquette (\$28), King Crab Gyoza (\$28), Chicken Teriyaki Roulade (\$36) and the Mixed Vegetable Tempura (\$16 - bargain!)

And here is where I do point out that jolly good Japanese food is worth the money. Those crab croquettes with a crisp, crumbly crumbly exterior, almost exploded before melting smoothly in the mouth. Those Spaniards could learn a few things from the Japanese when it comes to croquettes, I tell you.

The dumplings (sorry, "Gyoza") were beautifully brown and sticky on one side, fresh and chewy with flavours that went zing.

The chicken, tender and smoky chunks lightly bathed, not downing in a teriyaki sauce (the one dish where my guest allowed herself to be swayed on the "must be deep fried" stipulation) was a far cry from similar versions of this dish I've tried under the \$15 mark. And the tempura - wow.

You could actually taste the charred and fresh vegetables through the light batter (always a bonus), although a touch too heavily coated.

A glass of Leo Buring Riesling helped cut through enforced fried factor for me, as did the delightful distraction of the never disappointing view of Docklands on a summer's day.

There is no denying Kobe Jones is the "expensive" kind of Japanese food, but it also delivers the quality atmosphere and environs befitting of such prices. The food is excellent - while I shall always struggle to say such food is "worth it" while I can still pick up two California rolls for six bucks down the road, Kobe Jones delivers what you'd expect from such an establishment and if you've got the dough, it's a very pleasant experience.

**Overall rating** ★★☆☆☆

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# PET'S CORNER



## Bella just blends in

*According to Cheryle Street, her dog Bella blends in well around office and not just in temperament.*

"She goes with the furniture, everything in here is white and silver and she's white and grey," Cheryle laughs.

Bella the poodle-shihtzu cross wasn't a planned arrival for her owner Cheryle, of JC Street Real Estate.

Cheryle was actually on her way to buy a coffee and came back with the pup.

Now, seven years later, Bella enjoys the sun and views from her owner's real estate office on Harbour Esplanade.

"Of an afternoon she often sunbakes in front of the window because we get the afternoon sun," Cheryle said.

Bella, who attracts a lot of attention, initially began travelling to work with her owner during the hot days of summer last year.

But now the gorgeous dog cannot stay home without being missed by the team at JC Street Real Estate.

"They find her quite calming. It feels like home coming into work," Cheryle said.

And as for Bella, she doesn't plan on going anywhere either.

"She's use to it. If I leave home without her she starts crying at the door."



By Guy Mason  
City on a Hill Pastor

## Australians are the worst sinners in the world

*In a study of 35 countries, Australians come up as the most likely to commit one of the biblical seven deadly sins. An article in Focus, a UK magazine produced by the BBC, states Australians rank first for envy and third for lust and gluttony.*

The authors used a points system to determine which countries most committed the seven deadly sins – lust, gluttony, greed, sloth, wrath, envy and pride.

The response to the research has been varied. Political and religious leaders have sought to call the research into question, arguing Aussies are not sinful but instead a generous and humble people.

For others, the finding is a badge of honor that we should hold up like the Ashes trophy. I was tuned into a Melbourne radio station where listener after listener phoned in to declare their love of sin and how proud they were to be in a nation of sinners.

Personally, I love this country. I was born in Melbourne and choose to live in Australia because I see an amazing land filled with diversity, culture and opportunity. I am however not proud of our "sinfulness". I am not saying I don't sin, far from it, but I think we're so immersed in it we have lost sight of its devastating reality. Sin impacts us at social, global, relational, physiological, emotional and spiritual level.

But what is sin? Sin at its heart is a turning away from God. Its more than a fleeting pleasure, or self-seeking moment, it's giving our Heavenly Father the bird and saying I don't need or want you.

That being said, I believe Jesus loves us Aussies. I say that because when he lived on earth he was known as a "friend of sinners".

Jesus was often criticised for spending time with people who drank, slept around and dodged their taxes.

Jesus's love for sinners however goes far beyond the social connection and friendship he offered. History records that in his early thirties he was arrested and executed on a Roman cross. Brutal and bloody as it was, Scripture reveals his death was all part of God's work in rescuing our world.

One of Jesus' followers puts it like this: "Christ died, the righteous for the unrighteous that we might be brought home to God." What he means is that on the cross Jesus, the perfect God-man, died in our place – as a substitute for our sin and rebellion against each other, this world and our God. Jesus did this so that through faith we might be forgiven and reconciled to our father in heaven forever.

Martin Luther, the 16th century reformer called this the great exchange – where Jesus was given death, and we received life – a life received when we entrust ourselves to Jesus. It's not something you earn, or are born into – it's a gift. A gift he proved he had the power to give by rising to new life.

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# What *With* Women *Abby* Want *Crawford*

***So how did yours go? Was Santa kind to you – even if you were naughty AND nice throughout the year? Was your New Years Eve a celebration of all things wonderful that took place in 2009 – or just a celebration that it was over?***

Whatever the underlying reason, I hope you have had plenty of chance to celebrate this festive season.

And as the heat lingers on (and on), so too does this time of overindulgence in all things good – food and wine! We had only just recovered from the Christmas/ New Years period, to head into another national celebration for Australia Day - with flags flying, beers chilling and barbecues on high, we embraced the opportunity to proudly “get stuck in”.

Surely, surely now, we are done. But not quite ... we have one more opportunity to be decadent, to hold off our plans of purified water and steamed vegie diet and finally pay off our credit card ... Valentine’s Day!

Now before you groan and think of fat velvet maroon hearts stuck to a stunned looking teddy bear, or tacky cards that drop their consonants for an “I wuv you” from the mouth of a ridiculous cartoon version of a

normally stately animal – let’s think about what Valentine’s Day is really about.

Legend has it that Saint Valentine was put to death by the Roman Emperor Claudius II in AD269 – just why is uncertain, with one version suggesting that he was marrying young men to the ladies they loved at a time when the emperor dictated all men of his army would remain single.

In another story it was because Valentine would not convert to Roman paganism to save his life. Either way, the “romantic” aspect came about because the day before he was executed, he handed a note to his jailer’s daughter he had befriended and apparently cured of blindness, signed “from your Valentine”.

The true tradition was born of hand written notes, to express love, admiration and appreciation of someone who may become your “beloved” – or who you may never see again in the case of our executed Valentine!

It is the simple and pure tokens of effort – the little note for her to find, the small token of hand-selected candy, or flowers (ok, and I’m also putting in a vote for Moet!) that are the things that count, not mass-produced and over-worked gifts that scream of “I’m too scared NOT to give you a present than to truly think of something to meaningfully tell you!”

So why does all this matter? Because all too often we don’t have a chance to tell someone we love them. Sadly, sometimes we wish we had and we no longer can.

So let’s just embrace one day each year to let the person we want to be (or is) our Valentine know it.

It can make hearts sing, and pulses race – and it can actually cause more spectacular fireworks than any you would have seen on New Year’s Eve. So don’t write this day off as just one too many celebration to get caught up in – get caught up in it, but do it your way!

Have the confidence to write a little note to someone you have admired from a distance – it could just make for the best start to this new decade!

If you do have a partner, freshen things up and let them know they are your Valentine – cook him a top quality steak with a really good red and see where things lead!

Guys, do grab some flowers and if you can’t pour a champagne, squeeze some lemon over some fresh prawns and finish with fresh strawberries and cream then maybe you could stretch to a short (but lovely!) note – and reservations!

Come on, I know you have one more celebration in you – and who can go past the excitement of the most romantic day of the year? What a Woman Wants never changes – to be appreciated, loved and respected – what an opportunity to show her – but please, keep it real!

**Abby x**

Don’t forget you can email me at [life@docklandsnews.com.au](mailto:life@docklandsnews.com.au)

## Council business grants

***The City of Melbourne is encouraging Docklands businesses and community organisations to apply for grants and sponsorships.***

Applications for the City of Melbourne Event Partnership Program, Business Event Sponsorship and Small Business Grants will open on Monday, February 15.

The grants and sponsorship are intended to support the community by facilitating the delivery of quality programs, events, products and services that will bring significant social and economic returns to Melbourne.

The funding aims to promote Melbourne as Australia’s event capital, create interstate and international business relationships and increase diversity by supporting creative emerging businesses.

An information seminar will be held for those seeking to apply for a small business grant in the supper room at Melbourne Town Hall from 5.30-6.30pm on February 15. To book, phone the City of Melbourne on **9658 9658**.

Applications for the funding close Monday, March 12.

No Docklands businesses were successful in the last round of business grants.

Grant applications for the arts, community services, and Active Melbourne Sports and Recreation will open Monday, May 17.

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# DOCKLANDS FASHION



## Fashion on the streets of Docklands

### Karen-Ann Salt

**LOCATION?**

Harbour Town

**WEARS?**

Black tee shirt with metallic design, orange belt, winter three-quarter length pants, gold-studded black ballet flats and a metallic handbag.

**DESCRIBE YOUR OUTFIT?**

Smart Casual.

**WHAT BRINGS YOU TO DOCKLANDS?**

I read about it in a local rag in New Zealand and I have some friends here in Melbourne.

**WHERE ARE YOU FROM?**

New Zealand, but I am currently staying in Yarraville for five days.

**WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE THING ABOUT SUMMER?**

Being at the beach.

**WHAT MAKES A GOOD OUTFIT?**

Something that is put together well will look good.

**WHAT DO YOU THINK OF DOCKLANDS?**

I think it's probably more for younger people. But I like it because it's different and new.

### Suraj Khati

**LOCATION?**

Harbour Town

**WEARS?**

Grey cap with checked pattern, Black tee shirt with blue worn print, light distressed-denim shorts and gladiator sandals.

**DESCRIBE YOUR OUTFIT?**

I would say its pretty casual.

**WHAT BRINGS YOU TO DOCKLANDS?**

We're in Docklands for the shopping and the landmarks.

**WHERE ARE YOU FROM?**

Rockdale in Sydney.

**WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE THING ABOUT SUMMER?**

It would definitely be the beaches.

**WHAT MAKES A GOOD OUTFIT?**

I think suits look good on guys. That for me makes a good outfit.

**WHAT DO YOU THINK OF DOCKLANDS?**

The shopping is great.

### Katherine Danischewski

**LOCATION?**

Harbour Town

**WEARS?**

Aviator-style sunglasses, cream shirt, high-waisted canary-yellow skirt, tan handbag and tan flat shoes.

**DESCRIBE YOUR OUTFIT?**

It's my work wear.

**WHAT BRINGS YOU TO DOCKLANDS?**

I'm on my lunch break from work. I work in Docklands.

**WHERE ARE YOU FROM?**

I live in Maribyrnong, next to High Point.

**WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE THING ABOUT SUMMER?**

Sunday drinks in the sun with the girls.

**WHAT MAKES A GOOD OUTFIT?**

A good outfit would be one that resembles your personality.

## Fashion Profile

By Alison Kinkade

*Interview with Manuela Kelly – Sisco's national designer and buyer*

After starting with Sisco as a store manager eight years ago, Manuela Kelly graduated to the position of national designer and buyer 18 months ago. With 20 years experience in retail and having studied merchandising and fashion design, Manuela offers her advice for this seasons fashion.

**Describe this season's summer fashion?**

"We are seeing lots of colour this season and the main trends seem to be bubble gum pink, white and off-white, coral blue and purple."

**Are there any trends in terms of fabric?** "In terms of fabric there's a lot of white and light blue denim, distressed denim, chiffon prints, nautical styles and lace."

**What would you say would be a key item for women this summer?**

"A key item to watch out for this season is the maxi dress. It's been around for a few seasons but we're seeing more of it this season. Though, there are also a lot of mini dresses around too."

**In terms of dressing, what would be your tip to women this summer?**

"My tip for the season would be colour and lots of it. The brighter the better. Also match your outfit with accessories and maybe try wood accessories as they are quite in this season. Also, jewellery makes a huge difference to any outfit."

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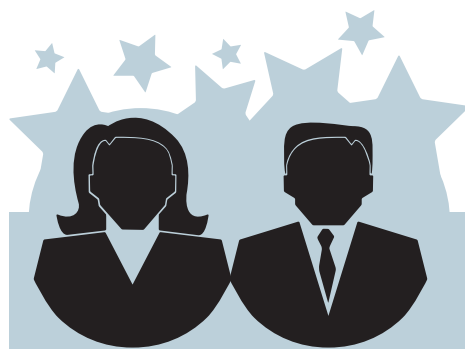
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How compatible are you and your partner?

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What communication gift do you both bring to the relationship?



### CLAUDIA

Moon in Aries

December 27, 1960

Birth time unknown

### MARK

Mercury in Gemini

June 20, 1962

Birth time unknown

## Mark and Claudia - Mercury and Moon

Claudia's Mercury connects with your seventh house. This is the house of partnerships which means that, almost instantly, you knew you wanted to get to know Claudia better and saw her as a serious long-term partner. Your conversations are lively. It seems that both of you can't resist a debate with each other and, whilst you both have different methods of processing information, generally you both arrive at the same conclusion. Claudia takes a special interest in Mark's career and reputation and it's likely that Claudia will promote, lead or inspire Mark to make the most of his talents.

Mark encourages Claudia's creative talents, and both of you are inspired to undertake joint creative projects. If you share a similar interest then you certainly will work together and inspire each other tremendously. You really enjoy each other's company and love to play games together.

Mark loves to discuss very personal issues with Claudia which promotes a very close, inner tie between you.

### CLAUDIA

The special gift that this relationship brings Claudia:

Mark provides Claudia with clarity to see a situation as it is, not how she would like it to be. It allows Claudia a new way of seeing things or perceiving things which instantly help her to clarify her own thoughts and unconscious patterns.

This interaction is a brilliant - almost telepathic - connection which ensures the two of you are able to solve problems quickly and effectively. Mark takes care of many of the things Claudia prefers to avoid.

### MARK

The special gift that this relationship brings Mark:

Claudia provides a sense of emotional awareness and security, which aids the rational thinking of Mark so that he doesn't get stuck in his thoughts.

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# DOCKLANDS FACES OF



**MARIE MERLATEAU**  
*Life Scientist - Compoundia*

Originally from Champagne in France, Marie has been working in Docklands for five years. Marie also lived in Docklands for three years and found love with a fellow resident. "It's a great place to start when you're living in a place where you don't know many people," she said.



**ADRIANA VALENCIA, 35**  
*Owner of Cartridge Bay*

Adriana and her husband recently opened their cartridge store in Harbour Town. Adriana says she loves the restaurants in Docklands and the entertainment for the kids. She's also picked out a couple of shops that she hopes to check out soon. "Docklands is the place to be," she said.



**IZABELA TASESKI, 22**  
*Marketing co-ordinator at the Designers' House*

Izabela has been working at the Designers' House since December 2008 and for the past six months has been living in the Condor. She says she loves Docklands and the ability to walk to work. "The food, view and shopping is great," she said.



**KRISZTINA STRZEBONSKI, 34**  
*General Manager/ Graphic Designer at Mediation Communications*

Krisztina has been working for Mediation Communications for the last four years and has enjoyed the company's move from its Bourke St address. She says she loves being able to look at the view from her office. "It's great that it's so close to the CBD, yet so peaceful," she said.



**LUKE NELSON, 30**  
*Associate Pastor for City on a Hill*

Luke, who has been working in Docklands for the past two years, loves a lot of things about the suburb, including the mochas from the Ten Ten Café. "I love how Docklands people care about community and I think this means we can make it a great place," he said.



**BELINDA KELLY, 23**  
*Functions Coordinator - Watermark Bar*

Belinda, who has been working at Watermark Bar for the past two years, says she enjoys the relaxed atmosphere of Docklands and its waterfront setting. "I enjoy working in Docklands because the businesses along here are like a family rather than like rival businesses," she said.

## Spotlight on Docklands' garden

*Docklands' community garden will be in the spotlight during this month's Sustainable Living Festival.*

Urban Reforestation founder Emily Ballantyne-Brodie said the community garden in Victoria Harbour would be one of the festival's highlights.

"Our open day on February 13 will be a showcase to the rest of the world on what we are achieving here in Docklands," Ms Ballantyne-Brodie said.

She invited the Docklands community to come down to the garden on Saturday, February 13 to participate in kitchen garden workshops.

Topics to be covered include an introduction to organic gardening; composting and worms; and organic gardening and permaculture design.

Urban Reforestation has opened a shop in Merchant St, Victoria Harbour, where it is selling materials ideal for apartment balcony gardens.

In particular, it is offering a \$49.95 beginners pack which includes a planter box, Diggers organic seeds and a planting spade.

Ms Ballantyne-Brodie is currently seeking corporate sponsors for the project.

The harbour-side garden is to feature in an upcoming episode of Paul Mercurio's cooking television show on Channel 7 - *Mercurio's Menu*.

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Not only will the Icehouse be the place to have fun but it will also be home to the Olympic Winter Institute of Australia and an official Olympic training centre.

So if you're into having fun and being active then come down to the Icehouse, conveniently located at 105 Pearl River Road, Docklands.

To find out more about session times and upcoming events visit [icehouse.com.au](http://icehouse.com.au) or telephone 03 8628 6000.

**Icehouse** 



# WHAT'S ON AT WATERFRONT CITY FEBRUARY



Waterfront City shines in summer, and February is no exception. Enjoy Victoria's largest outdoor festival, followed by some dance move workshops that will make your friends jealous, as well as the Variety Splash event, which raises money for children in need. Grab your kids, friends and family and make the most of the fabulous weather, great activities and exciting events on offer at Waterfront City.



## Melbourne International Boat & Lifestyle Festival

**Waterfront City Piazza and Promenade**

**5 – 7 February (10am – 8pm)**

**Cost: See [www.mibls.com.au](http://www.mibls.com.au) for details**

The 2010 Melbourne International Boat & Lifestyle Festival is the largest outdoor lifestyle event to take place in Victoria this summer. Sprawling from Docklands' NewQuay right down to the festive piazza at Waterfront City, the event has something for everyone – with gourmet food, wine, fashion, travel/holiday information and luxury boats on the water. Children and adults will be kept entertained with free interactive activities such as 'come try' sailing and canoeing, boat rides, live music, stage activities, giveaways, information clinics and talks from leading identities in their fields.



## Movie Moves Dance Workshops

**Waterfront City Piazza**

**6 February: Dirty Dancing, Michael Jackson's Thriller and Slumdog Millionaire**

**13 February: Muriel's Wedding, Saturday Night Fever and Slumdog Millionaire**

**5pm – 7.30pm**

**Cost: FREE**

Impress your friends in these FREE dance workshops! Learn some dance moves inspired by your favourite movies. Turn it on like John Travolta, help Muriel face her Waterloo, do the Bollywood thing with Jai Ho, or just try and put your Baby in the corner!

Make a night of it and have a night out at one of the many waterfront restaurants at Docklands.



## Variety Splash

**Victoria Harbour, Docklands**

**25 – 27 February**

The Variety Splash is a three day and two night rally on Port Phillip Bay and is open to power and sail boats. The event aims to raise money for children in our community with a wide range of special needs. By taking part in this wonderful social event, not only will you have the time of your life but you will be instrumental in helping bring sunshine into the lives of many very special children. Visit [www.varietysplash.org.au](http://www.varietysplash.org.au) for more information.



## Japanese Summer Festival

**Waterfront City Piazza**

**27 February (4pm – 8pm)**

**Cost: FREE**

Soak up the atmosphere at the Japanese Summer Festival at Docklands. Enjoy free performances such as Japanese Drumming ((Wadaiko Rindo), Japanese Summer Dances (Bon Odori), Start (Performance) Taiko & Singing (Huntingdale Bilingual School) and more.



## EJ Whitten 'Stick it up Prostate Cancer' ride

**Waterfront City Piazza**

**28 February (11am)**

The "Stick it up Prostate Cancer" Motorcycle Ride is an opportunity for those who love to motorbike to join a great day and raise funds for a disease that effects over 20,000 males per year with 3,300 men dying from the disease. Visit [www.tjwhittenfoundation.com.au](http://www.tjwhittenfoundation.com.au) for more information.

For further information visit [www.waterfrontcity.com.au](http://www.waterfrontcity.com.au) or call 03 8628 6000  
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# From the Institute

*At last we learn the details of the project for the use of the site of the Southern Star Observation Wheel during its delayed reconstruction phase. We applaud the achievement that it was to find a temporary attraction capable of using the small footprint of the location and maintain its landmark interest.*

It is to be a sort of bistro, conducted underneath a sail-cloth marquee held up by a tightrope strung from the height of the hub structure to triangular pieces that are at the minute lying up against a wall to the south. The sail tent is to flap broadly in the wind and will be seen catching light from many miles around. Food will be served from a restaurant-equipped mobile shipping container. The menu is to feature fresh and frozen marine products.

Ice is to be scraped up by the zamboni from the new ice rink and shored up into an embankment so that a decorative seafood montage thereon will appeal to diners.

The gimmick that should attract hordes of the people is that the diners will sit at only half tables, the other half being large HD TV screens, which are to be connected in real time to an identical outfit in Osaka. This, we are told, will enable the diners to sit next to, in a virtual reality sense, diners in the Osaka restaurant and speak with and confer intimately with them so they will share the experience as they are served similar dishes.

The attractions of the short time zone difference and the high number of Australian friends and relatives that visit each city are expected to fertilise the notoriety of the venue.

The Institute is considering a copy of the projected bill of fare:

Namagaki 1/2 doz
Zensai moriawase
Hotate misoyaki
Gutakusann chawan mushi
Tenagaebi Osuimono
Ebi tempura maki
Sakana teriyaki
Kujira Karaage (Osaka side only)
Chicken Parmigianino (Melbourne side only)
Red bean pancake with white sesame honey ice cream



## DOCKLANDS FENG SHUI

**FEBRUARY**  
(Feb. 5 - Mar. 7)  
**Month of the Tiger**



**Monthly Element:** Earth

**Polarity:** Yang

**Favourable Colours:** Yellow, white and all metallic colours, including golden, silver and copper shades.

**Tip of the Month:** "Renewal" and "transformation" will be the two key aspects of this month. Coinciding with beginning of the year of the Metal Tiger, February is likely to be the most dynamic and exhilarating time, favourable for all new beginnings.

If you have been longing to change something in your life or to embark on a new project, now is the time to take initiative in your own hands.

This month will be especially rewarding for all those with audacious personality and original ideas. A healthy dose of ambition will help to bring even the most daring plans to life. If you are determined and ready to "face up to the challenge", this will be your lucky month!

**Feng Shui:** The New Year brings auspicious "wealth star" to the centre of your dwelling. It symbolises success and prosperity and will continue bringing good fortune for the next 12 months. It is also associated with number 8 and the earth element. To reinforce favourable aspects of this star, use earthenware, ceramic or glass items in the centre. Strategically place eight stones or eight crystals for decoration in this area, and it will create a strong foundation for this year's luck.

This month, use some wind chimes or any other "moving metal" to dispel negative energies in the north-east.

Western sector holds favourable potential for creativity and romance. Spending time in this area during February will be advantageous for those in creative professions, as it will help to unleash your artistic talents and ingenuity.

**Forecast by Elena Mishina -**  
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## HELEN'S FLIGHT FROM THE WIGGLES

*Helen Pentatis's journey from being a discontented stay-at-home mum some years ago has ended up in a gorgeous new shop under the ANZ Centre in Victoria Harbour.*

Helen and her friend and business partner Jenny Kontoudis opened Fruit for You and Flowers Too in late November.

Discerning Docklanders have already discovered a rich and inspired range of special gift ideas and gourmet foods as well as the shop's staples of corporate fruit hampers and floral arrangements.

The business is nearly 10 years old and was born out of the despair that the energetic Helen felt when she started her family.

"Two years of the Wiggles was doing my head in," she laughed. "I needed a hobby and found something that took full advantage of my husband's position as a supplier of fine fruit and vegetables to Melbourne's most renowned restaurants."

"It was an extension of what we already did and it took off because there was nowhere where you could get a good hamper," Helen said. "It was a great opportunity to express my passion for life as well as apply the sales and marketing skills I had learned in the corporate world."

The business is underpinned by a rigid adherence to the finest quality and strict attention to detail.

"We never compromise our quality or integrity. Our brand connects with people who expect and demand the highest standards."

In 2003 Helen added flowers to her offering and began steering and navigating her way into supplying the corporate world.

As a preferred supplier to ANZ, she was last year invited to relocate her business from Hawthorn to Docklands.

"We've embraced the opportunity and we see a big future being down here in Docklands," she said.

"We love the integration of the corporate with the residential and we're giving it all we've got."

Fruit for You and Flowers Too can be found at **Shop 11P, 833 Collins St** and can be reached on **1300 669 421**.

Photo: (from left) Helen, Jenny and Victoria.



## MEDICI TAKES OVER THE LOUNGE

*The father and daughter team that runs NewQuay restaurant and Docklands institution, Medici, has taken over the management of The Lounge Hotel and will soon own the venue.*



Medici owner and long-time entrepreneur, Lee Moussi, took control of the venue with his daughter on December 1 and the duo will become joint-owners on March 1.

Lee says his daughter Monique, who has managed Medici for the past seven years, pushed him to buy the hotel after the current owner approached him for a second time.

"I'll help her out, but she's running both The Lounge Hotel and Medici," Mr Moussi said.

Since taking over the management of the hotel Mr Moussi says they're already implementing improvements in food, service and stock, but says there's still a lot to be done.

Mr Moussi believes Docklands is one of the best places to own a restaurant. "I'm not moving from here. It's the best promenade in Australia," he said.

The restaurateur says it's always busy in Docklands and credits his success to the local community.

"I'd like to thank all the community, like Michele Anderson and Paul O'Halloran for giving me great support," he said.

## VIRTUAL HARDWARE WILL DELIVER

*HardwareFast is an ambitious new online hardware store based in Melbourne.*

It can be hard to find time to get to a decent hardware store when living in Docklands so often those little jobs will take a long time to get done.

The business aims to make lives easier by offering a comprehensive range of more than 6000 hardware and home improvement products at competitive prices.

HardwareFast delivers to Docklands and says customers can generally expect next business day delivery.

"Our genuinely huge variety of products includes general hardware, hand tools, power tools, garden and lawn products, painting, plumbing, electrical, housewares and much more," a spokesperson said.

"Whether you want to hang a painting, change a tap washer or buy a power drill, do it from your desktop. We're always open."

Visit [www.hardwarefast.com.au](http://www.hardwarefast.com.au)

## 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.



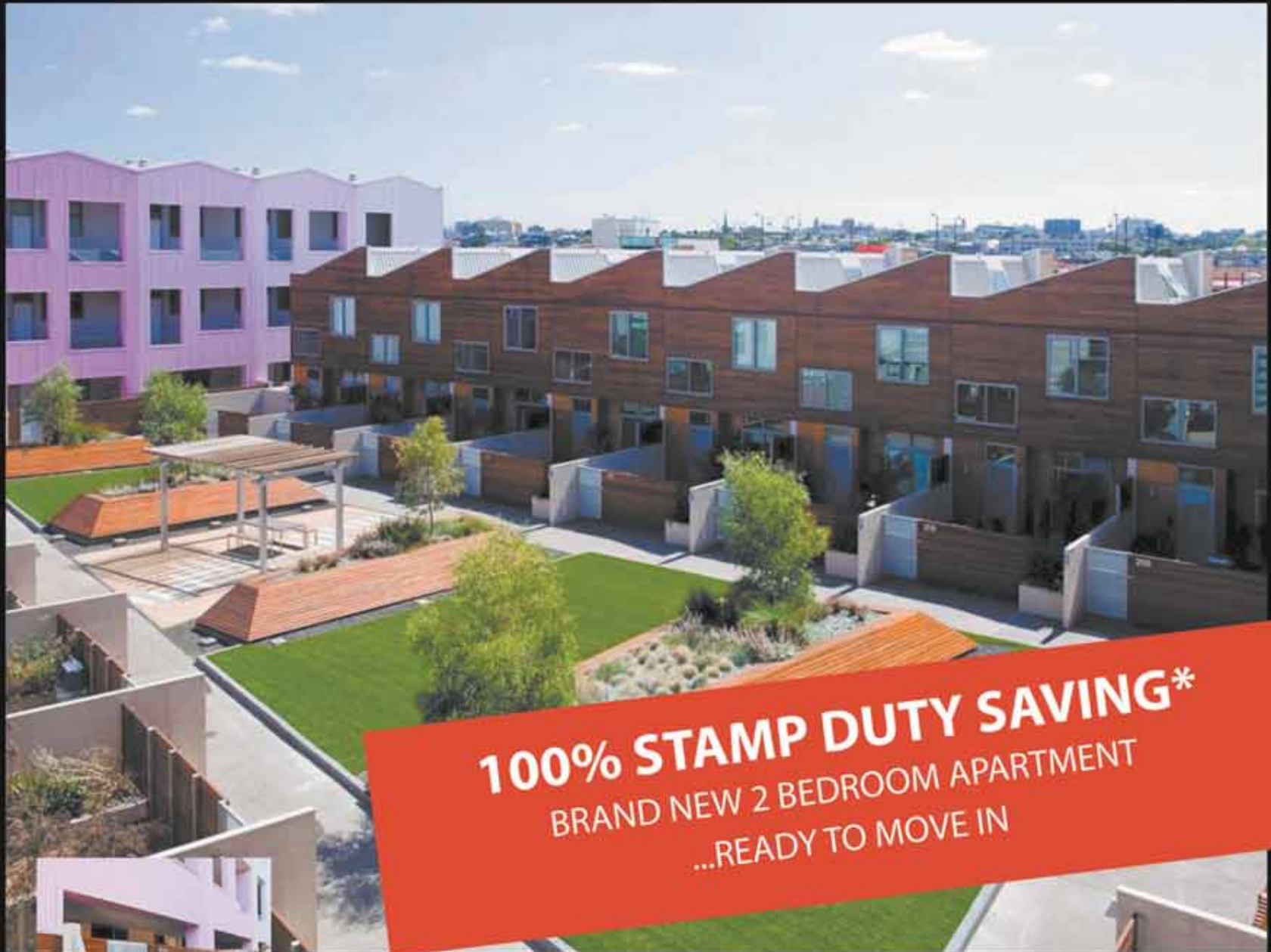
<b>Embankment Café</b> - Victoria Harbour	The coffee and service were good, but the muffins need attention.	☆☆☆
<b>Gloria Jeans</b> - Watergate	The muffins could be fresher, though the variety is good. Coffee needs work too.	☆☆☆
<b>Coffee Club</b> - Harbour Town	Taste, texture and freshness of the muffins all scored well. But they come at a price. Coffee could be better.	☆☆☆

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# DOCKLANDS COMMUNITY CALENDAR



<p><b>KAYAK DOCKLANDS TOURS</b>  <b>January 31 - February 15, 9am-9pm</b>  <i>Waterfront City Marina, 425 Docklands Dr</i>                  Cost: Three-hour tours range from \$60-\$80, two-hour tours cost \$55 each.                  Grab a kayak and take a tour around Docklands. For more details visit phone <b>8415 0997</b>.</p>	<p><b>THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (QUAKERS)</b>  <b>Every Sunday - starts January 31, 10.30am-11.30am</b>  <i>The Hub, 17 Waterview Walk</i>                  Meet for worship and enjoy a tea or coffee afterwards.</p>	<p><b>FREE FOOD FOR KIDS</b>  <b>February and March</b>                  Taking the kids out for meal will be cheaper than ever. Valid at participating restaurants, families will be able to receive one free kids meal per paying adult for a child up to the age of 12. For more information visit <b>www.rivers.net.au</b></p>	<p><b>BRIGHTSTARS</b>  <b>Starting from February 1</b>  <i>The Hub, 17 Waterview Walk</i>                  Brightstars will teach children aged 3-17 years old how to sing, dance and act. For more information visit <b>www.brightstars.com.au</b> or call <b>1300 588 590</b>.</p>
<p><b>STORYTIME</b>  <b>Every Monday at 11am</b>  <i>The Hub, 17 Waterview Walk</i>                  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><b>MINI MAESTROS</b>  <b>Every Tuesday morning</b>  <i>The Hub, 17 Waterview Walk</i>                  Mini Maestros encourages children aged six months to five years to sing, dance and play percussion and musical games to stimulate their minds. Classes for a variety of ages are held. For more information phone <b>9387 1500</b>.</p>	<p><b>DOCKLANDS ROTARY</b>  <b>Every Tuesday, 6.00pm</b>  <i>James Squires, Waterfront City</i>                  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: <b>0408 319 695</b>.</p>
<p><b>HATHA YOGA</b>  <b>Tuesday 7.15 to 8.45pm, Wednesday 12 to 12.50pm Thursday 7.30 to 8.30am &amp; 7.30 to 8.30pm</b>  <i>The Hub, 17 Waterview Walk</i>                  Breath-centred hatha yoga class. Suitable for all ages and levels of ability. Call Nadine on <b>0450 634 589</b> or visit <b>nadinefawell.net</b> for more details.</p>	<p><b>BELLY DANCING</b>  <b>Every Wed - starts February 3, 8pm-9pm</b>  <i>The Hub, 17 Waterview Walk</i>                  Cost: \$120 for eight classes or \$17 per casual class. Learn how to belly dance and improve your fitness, strength, posture and flexibility. Enjoy the classes with your mother, daughter, sister or friend.</p>	<p><b>MUM AND BUBS YOGA</b>  <b>Every Wednesday, 10.30am to 11.30am</b>  <i>The Hub, 17 Waterview Walk</i>                  Heal your body, build strength and learn to relax in a peaceful and rejuvenating way while bonding with your baby! Call Nadine on <b>0450 634 589</b> or visit <b>nadinefawell.net</b></p>	<p><b>JOIN THE CAE BOOK CLUB</b>  <b>Every 1st Wed of the Month, 7-8.30pm</b>  <i>The Hub, 17 Waterview Walk</i>                  Cost: \$90 includes nine books and reading group guides on loan. Wine and dine while enjoying books with new friends. Members will meet at The Hub to collect/swap their books before heading out for dinner. (Dinner at own cost.)</p>
<p><b>COMMUNITY WALK</b>  <b>Every Wed at 5.30pm and Fri 12.30pm</b>  <i>YMCA Docklands, Level 4, 100 Harbour Esplanade</i>                  In conjunction with the Heart Foundation, a great opportunity to meet new people, walk and talk.</p>	<p><b>MUMS WITH PRAMS</b>  <b>February</b>                  A new walking group has formed for mums who would like to get fit and meet people at the same time. For more information or to register your spot: Contact The Hub on <b>8622 4822</b> or <b>docklandshub@melbourne.vic.gov.au</b></p>	<p><b>DOCKLANDS INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS COMMUNITY (DISC)</b>  <b>Every Friday - starts February 5, 6.30pm</b>  <i>The Hub, 17 Waterview Walk</i>                  Ever Friday international students from Docklands and Melbourne CBD can meet up, share food, enjoy English conversation and study the bible. For more details phone Kitty Cheng on <b>0411 838 966</b>.</p>	<p><b>DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY</b>  <b>Saturday, February 6 and Saturday, February 13 - 5pm-7.30pm</b>  <i>Waterfront City Piazza</i>                  Dance like a star this February and come down to the Movie Moves. Learn some dance moves inspired by your favourite dance movies including Dirty Dancing and Saturday Night Fever.</p>
<p><b>DOCKLANDS SUNDAY MARKET</b>  <b>Every Sunday, 10am to 4pm</b>  <i>Waterfront City Docklands Drive</i>                  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><b>SALSA DANCING</b>  <b>Every Sunday, 5pm</b>  <i>Yarra's Edge Bar / Café</i>                  Free. Bring the family, the kids, the dog! All welcome.</p>	<p><b>CHECK YOUR HEARING</b>  <b>Every 2nd Thursday of every month</b>  <i>The Hub, 17 Waterview Walk</i>                  Free adult hearing checks at The Hub every second Thursday of the month. For more information contact The Hub on <b>8622 4822</b>. Appointments are necessary.</p>
<p><b>KABBALAH 101</b>  <b>Thursday, February 18, 8pm</b>  <i>The Hub, 17 Waterview Walk</i>                  Attend a free class held by Rabbi Shlomo Nathanson to learn more about the kabbalah. The class is open to everyone, but bookings are essential. Phone <b>9078 1221</b> or email <b>jewishmelbourne@gmail.com</b>.</p>	<p><b>TRY SAILING DAY FOR THE COMMUNITY</b>  <b>Second and fourth Sundays of the month, 11am to 3.30pm</b>  <i>Docklands Yacht Club, Shed No. 2 North Wharf Rd</i>                  Suitable for all ages and abilities and no booking required. Contact Terence O'Donnell <b>0425 737 389</b> or visit <b>www.docklands.yachting.org.au</b></p>	<p><b>LINUX USERS OF VICTORIA</b>  <b>Every 3rd Saturday of the month</b>  <i>Cinema Room, The Hub, 17 Waterview Walk</i>                  Newcomers to Free and Open Source Software (FOSS) are invited to develop their skills and knowledge at an informal hands-on workshop. Must bring your own computer. For more details contact Donna on <b>0418 310 414</b>.</p>	<p><b>MEDITATION HAPPINESS</b>  <b>Sunday, February 21 OR Monday, February 22, 12pm-6pm</b>  <i>The Hub, 17 Waterview Walk</i>                  Join author and meditation teacher Sunirmalya Symons for a day and be taken through guided meditations and interactive workshops. Call <b>07 4156 6765</b> or visit <b>meditation.org.au</b>.</p>
<p><b>VARIETY SPLASH</b>  <b>Thursday, February 25 and Saturday, February 27</b>                  Docklands will play host to the Variety Splash to raise money for children with special needs. There will be free berthing provided to participants by Waterfront City Marina and it is expected that the event will raise \$200,000.</p>	<p><b>MELBOURNE MOOMBA WATERFEST</b>  <b>March 6 to 9</b>                  The Moomba Waterfest takes place over the Labour Day weekend and is a celebration of water-based fun. For those who get hungry an Around the World in 80 dishes extravaganza will be put on by 50 local restaurants in Docklands.</p>		<p><b>ICE WONDERLAND FASHION PARADE</b>  <b>Friday, March 19, 7.30pm</b>  <i>Designers House, Harbour Town</i>                  Enjoy a cutting edge fashion parade showcasing a range of fashionable clothing, swimwear, jewellery and accessories. For more information email <b>info@thedesignershouse.com.au</b> or call <b>9670 8118</b>.</p>

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## Scarlet wins Audi Invitational



Scarlet Runner. Photo: Andrea Francolini / Audi.

### Victorian yacht Scarlet Runner won the Audi Docklands Invitational on January 22.

Rob Date's Reichel Pugh 52 eventually snared the overall win in the Grand Prix division after scoring consistently throughout the series finishing just one point ahead of Sandringham Yacht Club mate Alan Whiteley's TP52 Cougar II, which was leading on points going into the decider.

"We are happy chappies. You don't get many wins so you have to enjoy them", a smiling owner/skipper Rob Date said at Docklands after the event.

Scarlet Runner's day wasn't without incident though. A broken runner caused them to spear off downwind in race four while they recovered it. Amazingly they clawed back

lost time, rounding the top mark in very good shape and in the company of the TP52s.

In the final shortened race, a diminished fleet elected to keep kites in their bags for the last downhill slide to the finish gate but even without their spinnaker, Scarlet Runner managed 21 knots of boat speed.

Scarlet Runner's tactician Graeme Taylor admitted that this was "the best big boat racing I've done in Australia. All the boats have got different personalities, it was just awesome fun."

"One little mistake and you lose three places. It's like one design racing," Date added in reference to the quality fleet of 50 footers racing at Audi Victoria Week.

## Global event focuses on Docklands

**Live Earth last month announced that the Docklands has been selected as the Australian venue for the Dow Live Earth Run for Water, which will take place on April 18.**

The Dow Live Earth Run for Water is intended to inspire the world's citizens to come together on one day to help solve the planet's water crisis.

Melbourne has been awarded a Live Earth "Showcase Event", as part of a global series of 6km run/walks (the average distance women and children in the developing world can walk everyday to secure water).



Taking place in hundreds of countries around the world, over the course of 24 hours, the event features a participation run or walk, followed by a concert and water education activities, igniting a massive global movement - all aimed

at helping solve local and global water issues.

Thousands of runners, walkers, celebrities and musicians, will result in millions of people reached, and funds raised to bring clean, safe drinking water to those in need.

The run signifies the second global Live Earth event, following on from the hugely successful Live Earth concert series held around the globe on 07.07.07.

The Melbourne Run for Water will encourage people to start solving the problem today, address the water crisis in Victoria, give money to support water projects, and learn how to save water in homes and communities throughout Melbourne and Victoria.

As part of the mass participation event, Live Earth will create a Water Village, to be set up

with water education activities to help raise awareness of the world's water crisis, and local water scarcity issues.

As a added attraction, well known musical acts will perform at the Water Village, keeping in with Live Earth's tradition of delivering major concert entertainment. Details of the acts and artists performing will be revealed in the coming months.

All donations raised by the Dow Live Earth Run for Water will fund sustainable water programs and support a global network of NGO partners. The International Riverfoundation is a leading advocate for the protection and restoration of the world's rivers and has been selected as the NGO in Australia.

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