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Let the second decade begin

Docklands got a long-awaited sneak preview of its future last month thanks to a series of announcements from the State Government, the City of Melbourne and developers.

Significantly:

- Lend Lease revealed its long-term thinking for Victoria Harbour;
- The State Government announced a

feasibility study and a proposed site at Digital Harbour for a primary school;

- The City of Melbourne and the Government announced a sharedplanning-powers deal for the precinct;
- VicUrban released a comprehensive "state-of-the-precinct" report on where Docklands is at the moment; and

The council and VicUrban launched a significant consultative process on the "Second Decade of Docklands".

The Government and the council staged a single media event to announce their various initiatives and launch the "state-ofthe-precinct" report on July 8.

This event was streamed live to the world on

www.DocklandsTV.com.au and can be watched in its entirety at http://tinyurl.com/235h6ju

In this edition of Docklands News, we report on each of these mostly disparate matters, point out the natural connections and analyse what it all means for Docklands.

Primary school site and study announced

By Alison Kinkade

Docklands may soon have a primary school with the State Government announcing a site at Digital Harbour and a feasibility study.

Planning Minister Justin Madden, Lord Mayor Robert Doyle and the Member for Melbourne Bronwyn Pike announced the study at the launch of the Second Decade of Docklands on July 8.

Mr Madden said the study would examine the projected demand from parents working in the area as well as future residents of Docklands and neighbouring developments.

"As this is a new approach to providing primary education, public consultation will take place with parents, employers and families of potential students to assess the suitability of a primary school at this location," Mr Madden said.

Ms Pike said a site in Digital Harbour had been proposed for the school.

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Mao's Last Dancer drops by

Mao's Last Dancer Li Cunxin dropped into Docklands late last month to make a short video clip. Li visited Tim Hehir, Docklands' "Video Cowboy", in Digital Harbour to make a clip to help promote the Singapore Sun Festival, where he will participate in the literary program in October.



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August Survey

It's been months coming, this "second decade of Docklands" initiative. But now that it's here, what does it mean?

And how does it make you feel? Was it worth the wait? Were you expecting more? Do you believe your opinion is genuinely sought?

These, and other questions, are awaiting your answer in our August online survey.

Have your say online at www.docklandsnews.com.au/2nd

Editorial Comment Shane Scanlan

With truckloads of fanfare and hoopla last month about Docklands' second decade, it was what wasn't said that raises concerns about our future.

Firstly, congratulations to VicUrban for the idea of consulting the community about the future. It has been sadly lacking and Docklands has been craving it.

But what is going to happen to all those weird and wonderful ideas penned to post-it notes and butchers' paper in late July?

VicUrban general manager David Young was quick to point out that the exercise was not about a master plan. So what is it about? A vibe?

We were also told last month that the Government and the council had negotiated a truce in the battle over planning powers in Docklands. The council, we are told, will be in charge of "completed" areas.

While putting on a brave face, it can't be too happy with that. VicUrban retains parenting duties, while the council becomes the babysitter.

But VicUrban seems to be in no position to

But who will lead?

lead. It's actions are tentative and neutral, as if it is unsure of itself. It appears to acknowledge that it has no legitimacy in this area because it is unaccountable.

VicUrban is damned if it does, and damned if it doesn't.

It is reluctant to admit that it has ideas about the future of Docklands. That's not its role, it would say. And this would also potentially void its credentials in attempting to consult.

And if it did come up with inspirational ideas for the future of Docklands, it would be criticised for being autocratic.

Despite presenting slides on "ideas" at a public consultation and agreeing on the night to release them to *Docklands News*, VicUrban later reneged saying: "This (what was supplied) does not include the slides on the ideas as these have no status and were purely used for workshop discussion."

One of these "ideas" with "no status" was Western Park. This proposed sporting facility under the Bolte Bridge has been discussed at length behind closed doors for months and possibly years.

Mr Young actually referred to a "debate" over this proposed facility. But late last month was the first time it had been publicly acknowledged when it appeared in his Powerpoint presentation. It's almost as if VicUrban is hoping someone else will suggest "how about we have a sporting facility under Bolte Bridge?"

By it's own actions and nature, VicUrban is poorly positioned to lead a debate on the future of Docklands. And yet it has successfully resisted that role being passed to the City of Melbourne.

The City of Melbourne may be antagonistic towards Docklands, but at least it has elected representatives and publicly accountable processes.

The "second decade" activity focuses attention on VicUrban's role. It doesn't enjoy the limelight (in fact, it bristles under public scrutiny) and will often claim to be merely a planning "referral" authority. But in the same breath it will admit that its real role is to "manage the Docklands development in partnership with private enterprise".

In performing this management function, VicUrban has no obligation or intention to involve the public. Indeed, it would claim to be bound to a series of "developer agreements" which specifically exclude the public.

So while VicUrban struggles to understand and perform its role in an environment that has changed significantly since the Docklands development started 10 years ago, the community is again asked to comment on a discussion that it hasn't been involved in.



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Council given more planning powers

By Alison Kinkade

On July 8, Planning Minister Justin Madden announced that the City of Melbourne would be given increased planning powers over Docklands.

Under the new arrangement the City of Melbourne will become responsible for the developed areas of Docklands – including parts of Harbour Town, Digital Harbour, Victoria Harbour, Waterfront City, Batman's Hill, Yarra's Edge and the Stadium Precinct.

VicUrban will continue to be the planning decision-maker for the remaining undeveloped areas and will continue to lead the further strategic development of Docklands.

Lord Mayor Robert Doyle said: "We are delighted with Minister Madden's decision to include the City of Melbourne at the table to plan for the next decade, and are confident the genuine partnership between the Brumby Government and the City of Melbourne will benefit our waterfront precinct as it moves into its second decade."

Mr Madden said the time was right for the City of Melbourne to shape the planning future of Docklands.

"VicUrban will still play a lead role in master planning development in the Docklands area. However, there is an enhanced commitment to working with the City of Melbourne in planning the expansion of this new community."

Cr Doyle said the decision strengthened the genuine partnership formed between the State Government and the City of Melbourne to ensure the best future planning outcomes for the city.



Planning Minister Justin Madden faces the media in Docklands on July 8.

Mr Madden said he looked forward to working with the council to make the next decade of Docklands even more successful.

"Six billion dollars worth of investment, 98 per cent of the developable land contracted to private developers, and the relocation of 40 major corporates to the area have all been achieved in this first ten years," he said.

Both Mr Madden and Cr Doyle agreed it was critical that future planning for the suburb married community infrastructure alongside private development.

"To ensure we get this planning right, we call on the residents, workers, investors, visitors – everyone who has a stake in Docklands – to participate in the 'Second Decade' consultation process," Cr Doyle said.

For more information on how you can contribute to Docklands' Second Decade visit http://www.docklandsseconddecade. com/consultation-events/

What's new?

Victoria Harbour

- Low-rise development only on the Victoria Harbour "peninsula";
- Collins St (complete with tram service) is to be extended all the way down the Wharf Rd "peninsula";
- Bourke St to continue through the Collins St intersection to the river;
- A community boating hub;
- A series of small public spaces; and
- Proposal for an outdoor heated swimming pool and tall ship museum.

Docklands as a whole

- Primary school site and feasibility study announced;
- Government and council happy to share planning powers – council to have power over "completed" areas;
- A Western Park to be located under the Bolte Bridge; and
- A proposal for an "openable" footbridge across the entrance to Victoria Harbour.

View the videos online

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Docklands TV also conducted an interview with Education Minister and local MP Bronwyn Pike over her announcement that a Docklands primary school site had been found and feasibility study had been commissioned. It can be viewed at **http://tinyurl.com/2crnh2n**







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Ms Pike is interviewed on Docklands TV

School site and study announced

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"What we've already done is set aside a site so that's the first important and really powerful symbol that we are serious about investigating the possibility of a school down here," she said.

Mr Madden said a recent investigation found only about 50 primary school-age children in Docklands.

However recent VicUrban figures suggest that 1500 Docklanders either had children or were children. And applying 2006 census figures to the current population results in 240 children aged between 0-14.

The Hub community centre hosts 13 playgroups catering for 130 families with toddlers.

The Hub runs new-parent groups every six weeks that result in up to 100 new families joining playgroups each year. Some 65 per cent are from Docklands.

It is understood that Docklands families move out when their children reach school age because there is no school.

Ms Pike confirmed the school would be a multi-level building and would utilise other community facilities.

The feasibility study will be conducted by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development, the Department of Planning and Community Development and VicUrban and is expected to take 12 months.

Docklands TV conducted an interview with Ms Pike at the launch of The Second Decade of Docklands. It can be viewed at http://tinyurl.com/2crnh2n

Victoria Harbour – the future revealed

Lend Lease has revealed its plans for the future development of Victoria Harbour over the next decade and has invited the Docklands community to provide feedback.

Launching the community consultation process and information sessions on July 15, Lend Lease said the sessions had been designed to give the public opportunity to view and comment on the updated plans.

The developer, which is responsible for the 30 hectare parcel of land for the next 10 years, released key ideas including:

- Dividing Victoria Harbour into two distinctive character precincts – The City Quarter and the Wharf Quarter. The City Quarter which is currently being developed will be predominantly high rise, while the Wharf Quarter will have low rise townhouses and apartments;
- Reinforcing the relationship with Melbourne CBD by continuing the tram down Collins St to the full length of the project;
- Creating a public space, called Dock Square, at the corner of Collins and Bourke streets to celebrate where the two famous streets meet. This space is also touted to include a civic centre with a health and wellness component and may also feature a floating pool in front of it on the water;
- Creating public open spaces every 200-300m throughout the site to cater to the growing calls for more open green space;
- A car parking block with 637 car spaces and 104 residential units on top;

- Creating a martime museum and a permanent berth for the tall ship Alma Doepel;
- Providing a boating hub for community organisations including the Docklands Yacht Club and local dragon boats;
- Sewer mining, blackwater recycling and precinct-wide waste recycling;
- A low foot bridge linking Victoria Harbour and NewQuay;
- It has set aside a location for a commercial boating marina; and
- Approval has been granted for a 14000 sqm hotel, to be located on the dock near the corner of Collins and Bourke streets.

Lend Lease global head of development David Hutton said: "Lend Lease secured the rights to develop Victoria Harbour in May 2001 and the precinct is now approximately 42 per cent complete."

"Lend Lease has taken the opportunity to draw on the lessons learned over the last nine years to update and further improve our plans for the next stages."

"Victoria Harbour has already set a benchmark in urban development, having the highest concentration of green buildings in Australia and, with the further proposed refinements, we aim to establish new standards in sustainable urban design and in the quality of the streets, parks, buildings, public transport and waterfront."

New Victoria Harbour residential developments Convesso and Serrata are both on their way to achieving green star ratings.

For more information see www.lendlease.com/victoriaharbour



Community Response

By Roger Gardener - President of the Docklands Community Association

The second decade will continue to be about development, but with more attention to community input and ideas and provision of infrastructure. Some would say they've left that a bit late. The launch documents I've seen are short on detail.

The Docklands development has not been problem free, especially in terms of lack of town planning.

A handout says forums will be held to give "an opportunity for all Melburnians to explore how to strengthen the Docklands community and sense of place". Clearly with the amount of criticism levelled at Docklands for being cold and lacking soul, the authorities are anxious to get ideas to fix it. As to how much the community's ideas will be heeded in planning remains to be seen.

There has been talk of provision of amenities including a larger community centre, library, sports facilities, a primary school and dare I say parks. However another part of the same document states that "around 98 per cent of developable land is contracted to private developers".

We would like to know when and where the long-awaited facilities are to be provided. Docklands is badly in need of parkland and public open space but where will it go? Who wants to be herded under Bolte Bridge where nobody wants to build anything. Apparently developers are being asked to provide some space back but what we have seen are only token size areas. Perhaps it is possible for VicUrban to buy back some land.

Another key problem that has to be addressed are the wind tunnels caused by the high-rise buildings, which the public are highly critical of. Wind canopies and breaks have to be provided. Angled breaks can help break up the wind.

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Local business people sit down with VicUrban and City of Melbourne staff to discuss the future on July 26.

Second decade consultations

VicUrban and the City of Melbourne have embarked on a series of consultations to determine the vision for the second decade of the Docklands development.

According to VicUrban general manager David Young, the process is designed to achieve "a shared vision with a set a of clear directions and priority actions for the second decade of development".

The consultations follow the release on July 8 of a report outlining the state of the precinct as at December 2009 and the achievements of the first 10 years.

The consultation process involves three categories of participants – public, technical and strategic – and is designed to conclude in June next year when "priority actions" are launched. The public phase of the consultation involves focus groups and forums held in July and will also include: a "Docklands Speak Out" session on August 8; a "Docklands Pulse" residents and business survey running between August 9 and 26; a "vox pop" of visitors; as well as a "static display" running until August 20.

"Technical" stakeholders have enjoyed one-on-one meetings during July and will be further consulted through a series of forums on August 23.

"Strategic" stakeholders (defined as government, developers and corporates) have been written to and have been invited to a series of forums in July and August.

At the public forums, participants were asked for their views on a series of "emerging themes", which Mr Young said had been taken from an earlier series of public consultations.

These themes are: Embracing the harbour; Events and attractions; Creating character; Getting to and around Docklands; and Technology and sustainability. Mr Young said: "As part of planning for the Second Decade of Docklands we are seeking a wide range of options and ideas from people who live, work and visit Docklands about what is needed in the second decade of development. As ideas are proposed we will seek community feedback on these ideas."

"Four initial ideas that have been proposed through consultation to date are: a new Western Park at the end of NewQuay; temporary uses of the western tip of Central Pier; linking Victoria Harbour and NewQuay; and a library."

"We will be developing options for each of these ideas in the coming months which will be shared with the community to obtain input and feedback."

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Report captures Docklands at a point in time

VicUrban has prepared and released a slick report on where Docklands stands after the first 10 years of its development.

The 88-page *Docklands: The First Decade* was launched by the Minster for Planning, Justin Madden, on July 8.

While not containing any real "new" information, the book is valuable insofar as it combines data from various sources and presents it in a single volume.

Presented in a series of chapters, highlights (*as presented by VicUrban to consultation forums*) include:

Living in Docklands

- 6000 people;
- Average age 30;
- 75 per cent couples without children or singles; and
- Nearly two thirds of residents are renting.

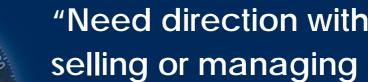
Working in Docklands

- 19,000 workers;
- Over 500,000 square metres of office space;
- 13 per cent of commercial office stock within the City of Melbourne;
- 52 per cent either 5 or 6 Green Star rating;
- Six city tram routes;
- 12,500 permanent off-street car parks;
- Four bus routes; and
- 600 metered on-street car parks.

Visiting Docklands

- 50 per cent visitors in 2008/09 first timers;
- Attractors were: newness, major events, dining and shopping;
- 100 public events held in 2008/09;
- 87 licensed venues in Docklands (79 per cent restaurants and function venues);
- 700 serviced apartments and hotel rooms;
- Four marinas 262 private / 72 public berths and four commercial pick up berths.

The report can be obtain from VicUrban reception at 710 Collin St or online at **www.docklands.com/seconddecade**





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Docklands assesses the Harbour Esplanade pain

Opinion is evenly divided on the long-term benefits of redeveloping Harbour Esplanade, according to the latest Docklands News online poll.



Nightworks on Harbour Esplanade

per cent) thought that the short-term pain would be worth enduring to achieve longterm gain. The poll attracted 14 responses.

Opinion was more polarised on the question of whether participants felt they had been consulted and had genuine input into the project. Some 78.6 per cent said they believed they had not been consulted.

And only 35.7 per cent said they thought reducing Harbour Esplanade to a single lane in both directions was a good idea.

Comments on this matter included:

- It takes me about 15 minutes longer to get home;
- Access is tough enough now without cutting down the lanes;
- The front of the stadium should be a vibrant "hub" with boat ramps and water taxi services departing from the water's edge. The stadium and AFL House should host tourism displays ... the area should not just be park land for workers who leave the precinct at 5pm;

- Only slightly more than half respondents (57.1 🛛 It is a key thoroughfare in Docklands and will not function with a single lane;
 - It is stupid. People need to start weighing up the "green" issue against the economical benefit. I am all for going green, but when you have a suburb like Docklands which needs the people traffic it is absolutely ridiculous;
 - \$50 million could be better spent improving the environment for residents and visitors at leisure, not for people merely passing through; and
 - Traffic has been a nightmare over the last two weeks. No wonder no one wants to come to Docklands.

Respondents were asked to rank VicUrban's communication effort. 42.9 per cent thought it was "tokenistic" and a further 28.6 per cent believed it was "half-hearted".

However, 21.4 per cent ranked it as "an honest effort". No one considered it "very good", but one respondent ranked the effort as "brilliant".

Award for Gowrie's Docklands centre

Gowrie Victoria was awarded a Vision Australia 2010 "Making a Difference Award" for its Victoria Harbour childcare centre in May.

Gowrie Victoria was honoured with the award, which recognises outstanding support for blind or low vision people, for The Harbour Family and Children's Centre's work with Vision Australia client, Micah.

In presenting the award, Vision Australia said the Harbour Family and Children's Centre had gone the extra mile to ensure that Micah had felt welcomed at their centre.

"They have adapted toys and equipment and ensured that all staff have received specialist training about how to communicate effectively with someone who is blind or has low vision. They are doing everything possible to ensure that Micah has everything he needs to be able to fully participate in the centre," Vision Australia said.

Gowrie Victoria's assistant manager children's program, Nicole Brunhierl, accepted the award and said she was thrilled that the team had been recognised for work undertaken to ensure they were inclusive.

Ms Brunhierl said the centre's educators had changed the way they taught, to accommodate partially blind, two-year-old Micah.

The centre worked closely with Vision Australia to learn how to accommodate and encourage Micah to learn. Staff use high contrast materials in the playground and have adapted the way they use their voices and bodies to communicate.

Reflecting on the award Ms Brunhierl said: "When we take extra time to train educators and support inclusion, we don't do it for accolades. We do it because we believe that every child has the right to high quality care and education."

Second slick in five months

On Thursday, July 8, just five months after an oil spill in Victoria Harbour raised the eyebrows and concerns of residents and workers, a second oil spill occurred in Docklands' waters.

A spokesperson for Marine Safety Victoria (MSV) said it attended a fuel spill at the NewQuay precinct.

"The MSV pollution response team acted immediately, using a boat to disperse the matter, and the fire brigade also attended as a precaution," the spokesperson said.

The spokesperson said the situation was under control by Thursday evening, and there was no risk to the safety or amenity.

He said the source of the contamination was not known, but MSV was investigating.

"The Environment Protection Authority is investigating the source," the spokesperson said.

The spill bore a striking resemblance to the first diesel spill this year, which occurred on February 9, with an unknown cause.

The February slick was only small and was said to have possibly occurred from the influx of boats to the Melbourne Boat Show on the weekend prior.





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Rose knows 'who dun it'

From Transylvania to Docklands. Now, there's got be a story there!

Docklands resident Rose Mercer has many stories to tell. Growing up an hour away from Vlad Tepes's castle is just one of them.

But the Watergate writer's genre is crime. So stories about Dracula will be left for others to write.

Rose is starting a Docklands writers' group. And all writers are welcome. The first meeting is not until October 6, between 7 and 9pm at The Hub, 80 Harbour Esplanade.

"The new group is for everyone who would like to work towards the future together, whatever their genre," Ms Mercer said. "It might lead to something absolutely wonderful."

She said she envisaged a workshop-type format where writer's analysed pieces of text to help them learn new skills and techniques.

"My imagination is so much more well tuned than my writing skills," she said.

She has had a number of short stories published and has won an award. But now

the 58-year-old is attempting a novel. As usual, it is full of bodies.

"I don't know. Dead bodies are just so much fun," she laughed.

Ms Mercer is the convenor of "Sisters in Crime Australia", a mutual support group for writers. She has arranged for two members, Phillipa Martin and Lindy Cameron, to visit the new Docklands writers' group.

She is also keen to establish a writers' competition. "It could be any genre, but has to be a bloody good read and have Docklands in it."

Rose arrived in Australia in 1963. She came to Docklands via Sydney, Alice Springs, Balwyn and Warrandyte. Now that she's here, she says she's never living anywhere else.

Interested writers can email Rose on **rose@grahammercer.com.au**

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Men's Health - Androgen Deficiency in the Ageing Male (ADAM)

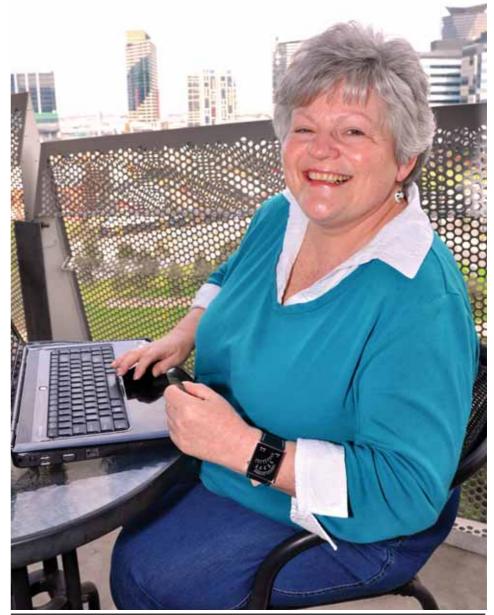
Ageing can't be halted but some of its effects are treatable. Research has identified a number of symptoms experienced by ageing men. Termed "andropause" or "male menopause", these symptoms relate to decreasing testosterone levels or increasing levels of oestrogen. Symptoms can be numerous: decreased libido, sexual dysfunction, decreased muscle mass and strength, osteoporosis, heart disease, decreased stamina, sleep disorders, mood changes (Grumpy Male Syndrome), depression and anxiety.

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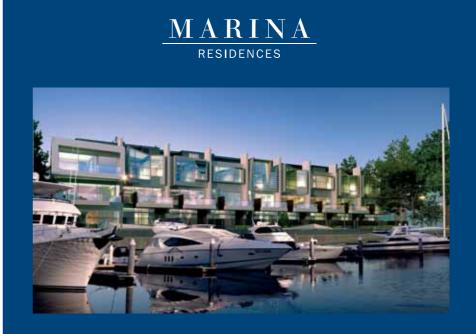
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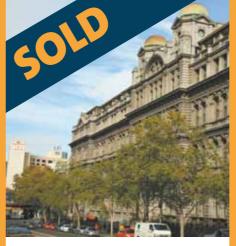
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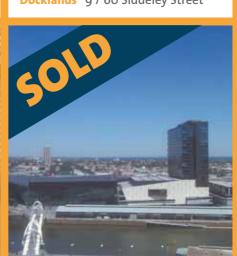
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National Broadband Network to call Docklands home

On July 2, Docklands was announced as the site for the National Operations Centre and Test Facility (NOTF) for NBN Co, the company which will deliver the National Broadband Network.

Premier John Brumby, the Minister for Broadband, Communication and the Digital Economy, Senator Stephen Conroy, and the chief executive officer of NBN Co, Mike Quigley, gathered in Docklands to make the announcement.

"When fully operational, the network operations centre will be the nerve centre of the NBN, and will employ around 425 professional and technical staff," Mr Conroy said.

Approximately 4000 sq m of office space in Digital Harbour's Innovation Building has been secured by NBN Co for the state-of-theart operations centre and testing facilities.

Mr Quigley said NBN Co was very pleased to be in Digital Harbour because it had the opportunity to interact with other technology facilities in the area.

"This facility will be the centrepiece of our network and the key interface with our customers," Mr Quigley said

Mr Brumby said Melbourne and Docklands were always going to be the best location.

"NBN Co's choice to base the Network Service Operations Centre in Melbourne is a clear affirmation of Victoria's expertise in the telecommunications and technology sectors," he said

Mr Brumby said NBN's decision to locate its NOTF in Victoria would create hundreds of jobs and demonstrate our state's role as the Australian centre of telecommunications.

"The NBN will revolutionise broadband technology in Australia and strengthen Victoria's role as the nation's technology hub," he said.

The NOTF will include the Network Services Operation Centre, Service Activation Centre and National Test facility.

"This will be the nerve centre operating the roll out of the \$43 billion national network over the next eight years," Mr Brumby said.

The Network Operations Centre would assist in making sure customers who connect to the NBN have a robust and reliable experience, Mr Conroy said.

"Design and fit-out of the Network Operations Centre has begun and the site will be redeveloped and operational by the end of this year," Mr Conroy said.



The Premier John Brumby makes a point while Senator Stephen Conroy looks on



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Holidays a shopping success

Docklands appeared to be all the rage for the July school holidays with kids and their families flocking from all over Victoria and interstate to check out what was on offer.

Harbour Town's marketing and tourism manager, Ellen Stowers, said initial reports indicated it was one of the best school holiday trading periods for Harbour Town.

One of the major hits with both kids and adults was the Mt Buller Rail Jam on July 5



Bethany - Fashion Hunter



which provided Docklands with all the thrills and spills of Mt Buller, with the ski resort's top skiers and snowboarders competing for the best trick.

Following the wintery trend, the snow works program at Harbour Town catered to the younger snow fans and provided many parents and grandparents with some happy snaps.

"The snow works was so successful with up to 600 plus kids through each day during the school holidays," Ms Stowers said.

Fans of fashion also gathered in Harbour Town for its Fashion Hunter competition, which ran from June 24 until July 18.

Fashionistas were drawn to Fashion Hunter with the chance to meet the designers, get free hair and skin consultations, free hand massages and mini hand manicures.

Fashion lovers were also able to win the chance to style an outfit that will appear in the Harbour Town spring newsletter by entering a styling competition.

Eighteen year-old Bethany, from Albury, won the competition with 1097 votes.

Bethany wore a cream trench coat from Valley Girl purchased for \$30 and a \$60 bag from Forever New with her own leggings and shoes.

The holiday events at Harbour Town were topped off with a free animal farm, which was open every day of the school holidays.

Kids, teens and adults relished the chance to get up close with the cute and cuddly farm animals.

Ms Stowers said Harbour Town and they will definitely consider running the activities again.

She also praised the City of Melbournesponsored July fireworks at Docklands and said that Friday night trading had improved.





Welcome Fynn

Docklands welcomes Fynn Nelson, baby son of Luke and Evanna Nelson, who was born at Sunshine Hospital on July 7.

Luke is well known in Docklands as pastor of local church, City on a Hill.

Fynn Cooper Nelson was 7lb 9 oz (3.6kg) and was 51cm long at birth.







'Charlie's Angels' showcase Docklands

By Alison Kinkade

The Charlie's Angels of Docklands have finally hit the small screen with J.C. Street Real Estate agents, Cheryle and Julie Street, and fellow agent Sharn Swann featuring in Channel Seven's new documentary series, Under the Hammer.

The show, which began on Monday, July 26, follows the gorgeous girls around as Cheryle tries to sell a property in South Melbourne for two clients, Mark and Damien, so that she can then help them purchase their dream apartment in Docklands.

The girls, who were picked for the reality television series by the show's researchers, said being chosen came as a complete surprise.

"They just called us up for a chat and after chatting for a while they said you guys sound really great can we come in and meet you? We said yes sure come in for a wine, and they were like... a wine? And it just went from there," Julie said with a laugh.

Deciding to do the show was an easy decision according to Cheryle, who features most prominently in the series.

"The main thing for us as agents was being able to put Docklands on the 'map' nationally, because everyone in Melbourne knows about it, but this show will go into thousands and thousands of homes nationally."

A passionate Docklands resident, Cheryle was keen to show just how beautiful the suburb is. "There is some opposition to Docklands out there, but the only people who are opposed to it are the people who don't know it or who haven't walked around here and spent some time here," she said.

Cheryle is a seasoned performer having acted in at least 70 commercials and some TV shows, including *Round the Twist*. She said she thoroughly enjoyed participating in the show and would do it again.

"It was fantastic and anything we can do to get Docklands out there we would do," she said.

Although only two shows have aired, there is speculation that another series may already be on the cards and Cheryle has already put forward a candidate.

"They've just heard Julie's doing an auction and they're interested in continuing and Julie would be fantastic," she said.

Under the Hammer is a reality television series which follows agents around as they reveal the methods they use to sell property at auction and airs on Channel Seven each Monday at 8pm.

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Cheryle and Julie Street - stars of the small screen with Channel Seven's 'Under the Hammer.'

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Meet your federal election candidates

Make an informed decision - Get to know your candidates

With the federal election just weeks away, *Docklands News* approached three candidates for the electorate of Melbourne to see what their stance was on some of the most important issues facing Docklands and Australia.

The candidates were asked to give their views on refugees; the environment; mining tax; education; health; employment; gay marriage and the rising cost of living.

They were also asked to list the three most important things they believed were concerns to Docklanders and what they would do about them.

Background

The marginal seat of Melbourne, which has been held since federation by Labor, takes in 53sq km of the inner city including Melbourne CBD, Docklands, Abbotsford, Ascot Vale, Richmond, Collingwood, Clifton Hill, Carlton, Fitzroy, North Melbourne, Flemington, Kensington, Parkville and West Melbourne.

Held since 1993 by retiring Labor MP Lindsay Tanner, the seat is vulnerable.

In the 2007 election Labor won 49.5 per cent of the vote, the Liberals 23.5 per cent and Greens 22.8 per cent. On a two-candidate preferred basis, Labor was slightly ahead of the Greens with 54.7 per cent, while the Greens held 45.3 per cent.



Cath Botwell Australian Labor Party

Cath Botwell has lived in the electorate for the past 22 years with her husband Peter and has been involved in the community through the North Melbourne Legal Service and other organisations.

A former ACTU senior industrial officer, Ms Botwell was instrumental in abolishing WorkChoices and then led negotiations in the development of the Fair Work Act.

REFUGEES

I am committed to pursuing a compassionate approach to people fleeing war and terror. Labor's approach to this complex issue is to engage our regional partners and international organisations like the UNHCR to develop a co-ordinated regional response. Inner city Melbourne is home to a diverse cultural community and this has contributed greatly to making Melbourne the fabulous place it is today.

ENVIRONMENT

Climate change is the most pressing issue facing our planet. I believe in climate change and in putting a price on carbon. My number one priority will be to push for this reform as a matter of urgency. Disappointingly, Labor's plan for a price on carbon was blocked by both the Liberals and the Greens in the Senate. The Prime Minister has announced a way forward with the establishment of a people's assembly to build consensus to progress these important reforms.

MINING TAX

Australia's natural resources are owned by all Australians and Labor's minerals resource rent tax ensures a fair return to the community. This initiative will fund an increase in superannuation from nine to 12 per cent, allowing cuts in company tax to assist business growth. Tony Abbott wants to ditch the tax entirely and increase company tax which is a step backwards economically. I support the mining tax and the benefits it will bring to the wider community.

EDUCATION

My two children attended local government schools in the Melbourne electorate and I am a passionate supporter of high quality education for all Australian children no matter where they live or how much their parents earn. I support Labor's trade cadetship program for students who want to pursue a career in the trades so that we don't experience skills shortages in the future.

HEALTH

I am proud to be a member of the party that invests in our nation's health. Labor will train 3000 new nurses and 1300 GPs over the next three years. I am particularly passionate about mental health and while the Government has already made significant investments in this important area I acknowledge that there is more to do in this space.

EMPLOYMENT

My involvement as the ACTU's lead negotiator in the Your Rights at Work campaign – which ultimately led to the abolition of WorkChoices – is something I am very proud of. Australians deserve decent working conditions and wages. Only a Labor government will protect workers rights. A strong and growing economy is the key to ensuring those Australians out of work can find employment and Labor's cuts to company tax will help business.

GAY MARRIAGE

I am on the record as a supporter of gay marriage and I will advocate as hard and as strong as I can within Labor Party forums to encourage change on this issue. Importantly, a range of reforms have been made during Labor's first term of government, including changing 80 pieces of legislation to remove Commonwealth discrimination against same-sex couples.

RISING COST OF LIVING

For many Australians financial pressure is something they face everyday. That's why I support fair wages and working conditions so Australians can enjoy a decent standard of living. I also support increases to the pension, childcare rebates and the Education Tax Refund to take some of the pressure off.

PLUS 3 ISSUES OF INTEREST TO THE DOCKLANDS COMMUNITY

CHILDCARE

This is a critical issue in every community, and Docklands is no different. Whether you are a worker doing the daily commute or a resident, the demand for affordable, quality childcare spaces is high. As a working mother I understand parents' concerns and that is why I support the Government's early childhood reforms to improve affordability and secure better staff/child ratios.



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SUSTAINABILITY

Sustainable growth has to be part of the future of our great city – including Docklands. I believe in growth that is planned and done responsibly and sustainably. We want to retain those qualities that drew us to inner city Melbourne in the first place.

NATIONAL BROADBAND NETWORK

Docklands is a truly state-of-the-art community in technology terms for business and residents. Digital Harbour is the best example of this cutting-edge style of living and working. To support its growth and to improve access to high speed broadband services for all Australians the National Broadband Network (NBN) must go ahead.



Adam Bandt – Greens

Residing and working in Melbourne, Adam Bandt finished second in the 2007 election for the seat of Melbourne and also finished second the 2008 Melbourne lord mayoral election.

Mr Bandt, a barrister, has worked as an industrial and public interest lawyer campaigning for workplace rights, fighting the exploitation of sweatshop labour and increasing the wages of our lowest paid workers. He has also been a partner at law firm, Slater and Gordon.

REFUGEES

The Greens have a long-term, practical and humanitarian approach to refugees and asylum seekers. We'd end mandatory detention, process claims quickly and end remote, offshore processing. We want an approach based on facts and law, not hysteria and fear.

ENVIRONMENT

Only the Greens have a strong record on defending the environment. We are the only ones with a plan for tackling climate change, a carbon levy originally proposed by Prof Ross Garnaut which would put a price on carbon until a fully-fledged emissions trading scheme is in place. And we need a green, urban environment too.

MINING TAX

We support a mining tax and propose that the proceeds from it should go into an independently managed sovereign fund, used for building the nation's infrastructure.

EDUCATION

Public education is a priority and funding for it should be increased so that we can have a world-class system for our kids. There should be two years funded kindergarten and an expansion of community childcare in city areas.

HEALTH

Medicare should be expanded to include "Denticare", a publicly-funded primary dental care scheme. Mental and preventative health also need a significant injection of funds.

EMPLOYMENT

I've spent my working life as an employment lawyer, protecting peoples' rights at work. I strongly believe we need a fair industrial relations system and that Labor has kept too many elements of WorkChoices.

GAY MARRIAGE

I and my party support same-sex marriage. People should not be denied the right to marry on the grounds of sexuality. While other candidates will profess support, only I can promise to vote in Parliament in favour of same-sex marriage. On this issue, the parties should be judged on their record. I am a proud advocate for full equality.

RISING COST OF LIVING

The Greens' policies would cut the cost of living. We would ban \$2 ATM fees, cut power bills through energy efficiency measures, make dental care affordable through "Denticare" and create more affordable housing.

DOCKLANDS

I've lived in Melbourne for 15 years. Docklands residents have told me that their biggest local issues are the lack of amenities like schools, childcare centres and green open spaces as well as the absence of any overarching vision and responsibility for the precinct. With plans for a road tunnel exit near the precinct, traffic concerns are also likely to increase. I strongly believe that the Federal Government must take a greater interest in planning our cities. There is no point in encouraging people to move into the inner city if there is no plan for making the surrounding areas liveable. I will be a strong voice for a green, liveable Docklands and CBD.

MY PRIORITIES

My top three priorities are: (1) Tackling climate change, by transforming Australia's economy into a clean energy powerhouse and embarking on nation-building projects, like a high speed rail link from Melbourne to Sydney; (2) Standing up for full equality for all members of our community; and (3) Making Melbourne Australia's most sustainable city, powered by renewable energy and an even better place to live.



Simon Olsen – Liberal Party

A small business owner, Simon Olsen graduated university in 1996 with a Bachelor of Commerce (Hons), majoring in Economics.

Mr Olsen began his career in the events management industry where he took up positions in Sydney, Chicago and New York.

While in the USA, Mr Olsen was involved in the 2000 US Republican Presidential Campaign.

Since returning to Australia Mr Olsen worked in a number of sales management roles within FedEx and is currently a principal consultant with Huthwaite.

Mr Olsen was contacted numerous times by *Docklands News* but declined to participate in this story.

Community association AGM

The Docklands Community Association held its Annual General Meeting on July 15 at the Lend Lease building in Victoria Harbour.

The office bearers elected for 2010-11 are:

President:	Roger Gardner
Vice president:	Allen Hartley (new)
Secretary:	Roger Gardner (shared duties)
Treasurer:	Jessie Xin Xu
Memberships:	Paige Jay
General assistance:	Jenny Mills (new)

General assistance: Jeff Slabe (new)

The meeting, attended by some 50 residents, was preceded by a presentation by Bovis Lend Lease of its next phase of development in Victoria Harbour.

After welcoming the attendees, the president provided a summary of the year's activities and achievements including the launch of the new website **docklandscommunityassociation.com** He said the focus as provided for in the DCA mission statement would continue to be on providing social activities and on taking up local community issues on behalf of residents.

Steady as she goes on the chamber

The Docklands Chamber of Commerce annual general meeting on July 20 resulted in a couple of new faces joining an established senior core on the executive.

The executive committee is now:

- Keith Rankin (*Pleasure Boat Cruises*):
 President
- Elena Tsapatolis (Spot-on Marketing):
 Vice President
- Rick Deering (Stewart, Silver, King and Burns): Treasurer
- Joh Maxwell (*Tours on Trike*): Committee Member
- Sally Hewitt (Quest Explorations): Committee Member
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Docklands TV CONTINUES TO BUILD MOMENTUM

TV GUIDE

Docklands TV continues to grow with a number of new programs added and more to come in August.

Business development manager Linh Nguyen says a critical mass is growing and that early adopters were reaping the benefits.

"The statistics are up on last month and we are confident that this trend will continue," she said.

Businesses or community groups interested in being on Docklands TV should email Linh at **linh@docklandstv.com.au** or call **0424 155 160**. New shows include:

 Jewish Community Centre: Rabbi Shlomo Nathanson on Mondays at 2pm

Rabbi Shlomo Nathanson welcomes you to tune into his weekly updates concerning the Jewish Community. Chabad of Docklands provides an all-inone centre for Jews in the area.

 Docklands Pets Corner on Wednesdays at 3pm

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Docklands YMCA on Fridays at 11am

High energy TV with Billy and Nadia as they present weekly tips to keep fit and active.

The YMCA is more than a Health Club, it is also THE destination for community fitness.

TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
09:00					
10:00	This Week Tune into Linh to find out what's ahead on DocklandsTV for the week.	Docklands Media Centre Kris will show you how you can improve your marketing with graphic design.			Docklands News Update Join Alison for a news update on a few Docklands news stories from the week.
11:00	The FONE GuyMatt will talk to you about the latest tren and technology in communication.	ds Squires Best Match Jane shows you how you can best match beer with fine cuisine.	The Trike Man COMING SOON Docklands very own Alan Maxwell takes us on unique tours.		YMCABilly and Nadia take you through fitness and health tips for wellbeing.
12:00					
13:00					
14:00	Jewish Community Centr Rabbi Shlomo welcomes everyone to the Jewish community.	e			
15:00		Docklands Waterways An exciting syndicate of passionate Docklands operators talking all things great about what can be done on our waterways.	part of your family!	Chamber of Commerce Keith and others will update the business community.	Urban Goes Green Emily will help you bring out your green thumb.
16:00					
17:00					
18:00					The Nixon Paul will get you ready for your weekend.
19:00					
20:00					





New life for community garden

Urban Reforestation will be staying on in Docklands after being granted a new piece of land for its community garden.

A successful pilot project on the Victoria Harbour waterside concludes at the end of next month at which time, the garden is expected to be moved to a new 1000 sq m site between Victoria Green and the Myer building.

Urban Reforestation will be moving out of its temporary shop in Merchant St also.

VicUrban has advised Urban Reforestation it is welcome to use the land for the next three years, but can be given three months notice to vacate.

Urban Reforestation founder Emily Ballantyne-Brodie said she was delighted with the decision.

She said the new site would be home to a new sustainable living centre, with the transplanted garden only part of the offering.

"The lessons we learned from the prototype will allow us to facilitate a sustainable urban community in our new home," Ms Ballantyne-Brodie said.

"We are looking for a new board, new partners and sponsors," she said. "It's a new beginning for us and for Docklands."

Ms Ballantyne-Brodie said the business community could achieve many of its sustainability objectives by participating in the new centre's activities.

A fundraising dinner is scheduled for Saturday, August 21 and two "co-design" workshops will be held to determine the form of the new centre. A workshop for residents will be held on Sunday, August 22 from 2pm until 4pm and a workshop for business will be held on Thursday, August 26 between 5.30pm and 7.30pm.

All events will be held at 71 Merchant St, Victoria Harbour. For further information, see www.urbanreforestation.com



All eyes on Peter Kelly

I'm not sure whether you would remember what you were doing on July 10, but for local business owner and identity, Peter Kelly, it was a day he will never forget.

Spending a small fortune at a Geelong fundraising dinner on June 26, Peter bought himself the privilege of tossing the coin to the start the Cats versus Hawks AFL game at the MCG as well as the opportunity to meet both captains and view the warm up.

Well worth the money according to Peter, the package also included advertising his business on the back of the team's "run through" banner, super screen advertising in front of 70,000 fans and the chance to nominate a mascot to run out with the team.

Peter said the banner looked fantastic and when his granddaughter Madeline and Jimmy Bartel ran through it and did a lap it was simply the best experience they have witnessed from their little granddaughter.

Representing his serviced apartment

business, Docklands Private Collection, as well as Docklands itself, Peter said the advertising on the large scoreboards (prepared by local business Mediation Communications) was great.

"It was seen at least a dozen times throughout the game by the 70,000 crowd," Peter said.

Thoroughly enjoying his time in the spotlight, Peter's coin toss was made even sweeter when his team, Geelong, won the toss and he didn't even need to part with a further \$100.

"When I was introduced to the umpire when he came over to me and told me what I had to do, he said you obviously barrack for the cats which I said I did. He said he barracked for the Hawks as a kid ... I said I had a \$100 in my pocket if it would help, he laughed and said no," Peter said.

Call for more security at station

The Transport Users Association has called for more security and policing at Southern Cross Station following a brawl after the EJ Whitten Legends game on July 6.

The association's president, Daniel Bowen, said big events needed to have enough staff and police to discourage such a fight from starting and to intervene quickly if it does.

The brawl is understood to have involved about 15 people and broke out on platform 11 of Southern Cross Station at 10.10pm on Tuesday, July 6.

"Obviously the station is staffed fulltime, but numbers of staff need to be looked at after these types of events to ensure the crowd is handled well and everybody is safe," Mr Bowen said.

A police spokeswoman said police were in the vicinity of the station and arrived shortly after the fight started.

She said no arrests were made and no one was seriously injured.

"It's disappointing that police haven't been able to act and, while we can be thankful that apparently nobody was seriously injured, it is of great concern that a fight like this can break out on a crowded platform," Mr Bowen said.

It is understood that the station supplied CCT footage to police.

Metro spokesperson Chris Whitefield said the 10.16pm Frankston-bound train was delayed by about nine minutes and other trains were diverted due to the incident.

Docklands Community Association president, Roger Gardner, said he couldn't comment on the adequacy of security at Southern Cross Station as he doesn't use the use the train much, especially not at night, but believes that security in Docklands is working well.

Southern Cross Station Pty Ltd declined to comment on the incident.



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Yacht Club growth continues

By Terence O'Donnell

The Docklands Yacht Club Committee Team, led by Commodore Sonya Staley, is concentrating on the Club's growth plans, to service the exciting developments proposed for Victoria Harbour.

In particular of course, the proposal for the Docklands Community Boating Hub on North Wharf.

There is now a steady stream of adventurers visiting and 'Trying Sailing' at DYC. And our membership continues to grow.

The DYC's fleet of nine Access dinghys, supported by our four powered patrol vessels, provides a most popular and comfortable outing - especially for those who have not tried sailing before.

Our training program introduces club members and officials to ongoing special courses run by Yachting Victoria. We have a very healthy increase in credentials amongst our coaches, instructors, safety supervisors and race officers.

A significant step in development of Docklands Yacht Club is our most recent appointment as an official Yachting Australia training centre.



Trainees are taught how to right a capsized yacht.

This is a major new asset for the Docklands precinct.

The club's training school principal, senior instructor Ray Allen (a most highlyrespected past Bayside Club Commodore) is delighted to open the first Get Into Small Boat Sailing (GISB Level 1) 'Learn To Sail' courses for both adults and juniors separately.

For more information about the GISB courses, see www.docklands.yachting. org.au. Mr Allen welcomes enquiries and bookings on 0429 868 304 or via email to dyctraining.yatc@gmail.com

Better still, visit The Docklands Yacht Club Community Sailing Program. We operate all year round every second and fourth Sunday from 11am until 4pm.



After much anticipation from the business community, we are pleased to announce that the next Docklands News Networking Lunch will be held on Friday, September 17.

From 12 noon (for 12.30pm) Docklands stakeholders are invited to attend the networking event of the season at Waterfront Venues, Waterfront City.

The lunch costs \$60 and includes drinks, two courses and antipastos on arrival.

With numbers continuing to grow with each lunch, we've decided to book for 80. So the first to book with Alison Kinkade (alison@ docklands.com.au) will attend.

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Yoga with Young Children

6 September, 9.30am - 3.15pm

This is an introduction to yoga philosophy as well as a practical workshop of basic yoga principles and strategies to integrate yoga into children's daily lives. Cost \$170 Venue: The Harbour Family and Children's Centre, Docklands.

Anaphylaxis/Epipen Training

9 September, 5.00pm - 7.30pm This session outlines current best practice Anaphylaxis management as detailed in the



Department of Education & Early Childhood Development's Model Anaphylaxis Policy (Anaphylaxis Management Act 2008). Cost \$85

Emergency Asthma Management A must for all parents of babies and young children with Asthma. Cost \$85

14 September, 5.00pm - 7.30pm

Guiding Behaviour for Children Under Three 20 September, 9.30am - 3.15pm Play and interactions are often shaped by children's level of cognitive understanding and emotional maturity. Revisit the development of children under three. Cost \$170

Cooking for Children at Risk of Anaphylaxis 23 September, 5.00pm - 7.30pm This session looks at the preparation of food for a child at risk of anaphylaxis, and how to incorporate the child's requirements into meals. Cost \$85

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"Save our Park" campaign over Serrata

Mosaic and Montage residents have launched a "Save our Park" campaign in an attempt to stop the Serrata development in Bourke St.

To spearhead the campaign, they have developed a website, www.saveourpark.com. au which features an online petition.

Montage Owners Corporation chair Jeff Slabe said residents felt that if they were to be denied a community building for the land then they would prefer it to be a park.

The land, between the Gauge and the Montage/Mosaic apartments, has always been earmarked for development.

However, a dispute between Lend Lease and some residents erupted recently when the developer announced a 15-storey lowdensity building for the site. The residents claim they were told when purchasing that the site was reserved for "community use". Lend Lease denies this claim.

Serrata will have 144 apartments and 68 car spaces. Most apartments are 50 sq m, single-bedroom units without car parking.

Mr Slabe said he believed it was not too late to prevent Serrata being built, despite it being 50 per cent sold on the first weekend of sales in June.

He said the "Save our Park" campaign was designed to get the attention of politicians,

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Docklands corporations and residents. He said corporations particularly made full use of the currently vacant land as their staff played ball games there during lunch time.

"We need this green lung in the area, otherwise the area becomes less conducive and attractive to families with children and others," he said.

He said Victoria Green, the existing park behind the development site was a "prison exercise yard" which would be "hemmed in by a concrete jungle".

A Lend Lease spokesperson said: "Lend Lease has acted in accordance with its Development Agreement obligations and has sought all required approvals from VicUrban and consent authorities in relation to development on this particular site."

"The Victoria Harbour Masterplan identifies this site as a development site. The site was grassed by Lend Lease to provide temporary amenity for its residents and workers and was sign-posted by VicUrban for future development following the removal of the construction hoardings along Bourke St in 2008."

"The adjoining Victoria Green will remain a public park and has been set aside as a City of Melbourne-owned reserve."



Designers market for Docklands

Independent design and art market Finders Keepers has announced dates for its Melbourne debut at Docklands, expanding to its third Australian state in less than three years.

The collaborative market event started in Sydney in 2007, expanded to Brisbane in 2009 and will launch in Melbourne on Saturday, October 9 and Sunday, October 10 at Shed 4 Victoria Harbour.

Co-founders Sarah Thornton and Brooke Johnston plan to hold the market in Docklands twice a year.

The pair started the markets in 2007 after being frustrated with weekly markets.

"We wanted to bridge the gap between local weekend markets and expensive trade fairs," Ms Johnston said.

The Docklands event will be the largest yet, showcasing designs from up to 150 best emerging and innovative designers of fashion, jewellery, accessories, homewares, children's wear, stationery, art and object design – all of which will be hand selected to be involved.

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Heating up the winter

Winter in Docklands heated up every Friday night in July with an amazing show of fireworks put on by the City of Melbourne.

The sky above Victoria Harbour lit up for 10 minutes at 7pm each Friday night and left many football revellers and visitors scratching their heads as to the reason for them.

The fireworks were part of the Fire, Ice & Lights Festival which saw lanterns and lights illuminate NewQuay, Waterfront City and Harbour Town.

Fire twirlers also showed off their skills along the water's edge of Waterfront City.

Many businesses made the most of the spectacular views, in particular Pleasure Boat Cruises with its spontaneous decision to run four fantastic fireworks cruises, which were a hit for all who attended.

A light and lantern display along NewQuay and Waterfront City impressed locals and visitors alike. This display will continue until the end of August.



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Docklands lit up with fireworks every Friday night during July

Swan Lake sneak preview

On Tuesday, July 22 the Icehouse invited its VIPs and subscribers to a one-off free rehearsal of 'Swan Lake on Ice' by the Imperial Ice Stars.

Gathering at the Icehouse at 5pm, special guests were treated to a 25-minute preview of the Imperial Ice Stars' new interpretation of their award-winning Swan Lake on Ice.

The preview was a rehearsal for the production, which opened at The State Theatre, Arts Centre on August 3.

Swan Lake on Ice is currently performing throughout Australia as part of a two-year, 22-country world tour.

The 26 world, European and national championship skaters are under the direction from choreographer Tony Mercer.

Mr Mercer said he was inspired by his research into Tchaikovsky's original score and intentions for the story and wanted to create a more realistic interpretation of the much-loved tale and transpose it onto ice. creating a new art form in the process - ice dance in a full theatrical setting.

The Imperial Ice Stars have nine shows in Melbourne then move on to Perth, Sydney and Canberra, before travelling to the UK. Five lucky preview audience members left with a double pass to the opening night.





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UK Docklands is like here

By Shane Scanlan

Docklands News visited London Docklands last month and was struck by the many similarities.

For starters, it's windy!

And the "fine grain" urban character that Lord Mayor Robert Doyle is seeking for Melbourne Docklands is not apparent, even 12 years after its completion.

Even more so than our Docklands, its redeveloped public spaces are large scale, uninviting and exposed.

And speaking of scale, it's huge – some ten times the size of Melbourne's version.

Interestingly, the more inviting outdoor dining areas are away from the waterfront and take advantage of old tall warehouses which surround internal man-made waterways.

Like Melbourne's Docklands, it was the containerisation of sea freight that caused the area to lose its economic viability in the 1960s and 70s. But unlike Melbourne, London's old docks had an entrenched resident working class population.

This human dimension is one of the stark differences between the two developments.

The development became a battleground for class warfare as the old communities



The contrast between old and new is pronounced in London Docklands.

were pushed out and the "yuppies" moved in. This tension still exists where new apartments sit next to run-down public housing estates.

Like our Docklands, the London version is a major financial centre and now rivals the "City" for dominance in this sector.

But unlike Melbourne Docklands, the London version is quite a distance away from central London. The old city can be seen in the distance upstream on the River Thames.

London Docklands was developed over 17 years by the London Docklands Development Corporation, a powerful government organisation which operated an "enterprise zone" offering various inducements to businesses, including tax breaks.

Despite this assistance, the largest commercial development, Canary Wharf had a difficult birth with bankruptcy in 1992 and another take over in 2004.

In 1998, the LDDC was wound up and control was handed back to three London borough councils.

The use of the term "Docklands" is more informal in London. The area covers numerous suburbs and spans both sides of the river.

Free Sunday entertainment

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August 8 - Sparklies

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August 15 - Sofa Nova

Sofa Nova performs the beautiful bossa nova songs of Brazil. They love the sensuous, seductive, swaying rhythms and smooth vocals of this music, giving the band a mod sound suited to the mid-1960s aesthetic.

August 22 - Tarantella

Tarantella performs the music of Italy covering a vast repertoire that ranges from the Tarantella of Calabria to the mountain songs of the north to the romance of Naples.

August 29 - Leo and Girish

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The Steakhouse

When you choose to dine at an establishment called "The Steakhouse" you expect the steaks to be of a high standard. And Steakhouse at Docklands has been correctly named.

When my companion and I walked into The Steakhouse, noticing the welcoming decor and two glass doors (one automatic door to keep out our Docklands wind and the other "push-style" door which gives you the feeling of arriving), our concierge was on the phone.

But a passing waiter who had a full tray of drinks as well as a full smile said "Hi! Table for two?". The concierge finished his call without rushing the booking and gave us another genuine "hi". A double greeting always puts me in a good mood to dine.

And we were there to dine!

So we were off to a great start and were ready to start planning our meal as soon as we sat down, from entree, main, sides to dessert ...

CUISINE UNDERCOVER Independent reviews from docklands' phantom diner

if only they would give us a menu and some water to start the juices flowing.

Instead we got a wine menu to share. But what food do we match it with? OK, that's fine, sometimes it gets busy. I was still overjoyed with my double "hi". Sorry to go on about this, but you don't get that often these days – even in fine dining restaurants.

Our entrees came out quickly, though we were forced to use our bread and butter plates to share after our request for entrée plates was ignored – half a dozen overcooked oysters Kilpatrick, though very tasty, and a calamari salad to share. It looked almost too good to eat. I said almost!

I cut into the calamari. It had just the right amount of seasoned batter and was cooked to perfection (that's right get used to that word, I'll use it a bit in this review). Perfect calamari to me is when it hasn't been cooked so long that it's chewy or too little when you can still smell the sea in it. There was also just the right amount of cucumber, rocket, lettuce, tomato, radish and a sauce I could not place. All I could think was, "they got this so right". Nothing was left on our plates.

After sitting without water for a good 20 minutes, the waiter finally offered to bring us sparkling, to which we declined and said we would prefer normal – big mistake. We should have specified tap, because without giving us the option that came to the table with an opened \$4 bottle of water and proceeded to pour.

Mains were more of a dilemma than entrée. Should we just order steak? Or really test them and order something else? Our friendly waiter helped us and suggested they were just as good with their seafood. As it turned out, this was not particularly good advice. I ordered the T-bone steak and my companion went for the seafood spaghetti.

T-bone by definition is in a T-shaped bone with the larger side being porterhouse and the smaller being tenderloin. It is little pricier because of the fact that it contains meat from two of the most prized cuts of beef.

When it was presented to our table I could see both the tables next to us eyeing my plate complete with collective nods to each other. The meat was a perfectly seared on the outside and when I cut into the small side it had the right amount of pink – a perfect medium-rare steak. It was a melt in your mouth piece of meat.

On the other side of the T, again perfect. I wondered how they did it. But look up, and you can see the meat being cooked on a TV screen. Turnaround, and you can see a camera facing the grill. Now that's reality TV! The meat was so good, I didn't need the Danish blue cheese sauce I had ordered nor extra salt or pepper. But the sauce did come in handy for the side of chips. It was perfectly smooth, creamy and not too rich or overpowering, which was surprising for a blue cheese sauce. The potato gratin which came with the steak was, however, too dry and I hardly ate any of this.

The seafood spaghetti left a lot to be desired. It might as well have been called garlic pasta with a pinch of seafood. The pasta was al dente and the flavour magnificent with just the right amount of garlic, chilli and olive oil as the basis of this main meal.

The small amount of seafood in the dish was, however, mostly cooked to perfection but it was placed on top and none appeared to be mixed through the spaghetti.

The moral of this story? Be adventurous when trying a new place but, for the mains, stick to what is advertised in the name even if they do claim to be good at something else.

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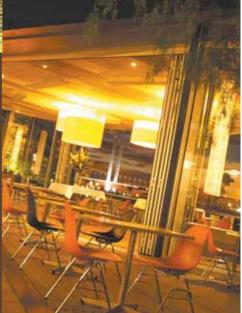
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Why I date my daughter

Three years ago my wife gave birth to our first child - a beautiful baby girl we named Summer.

On most days I feel completely out of my depth as a dad, yet take great comfort in knowing that God is not only the creator of this world, but also a loving father who is personally involved in the life of his children.

As a family (now with two children) we try to do life together as much as possible. We play games, explore our neighbourhood, pray, visit friends, sing, read the bible, paint pictures and, of course, dance to the Wiggles!

I've also found a growing love for what we call "daddydaughter dates". Every week Summer and I head out for some quality time together. It's an opportunity to have fun and learn more about each other. Some of our favourite dates involve sipping baby-cinos at a local café, feeding ducks, shopping, and enjoying all the free activities at Harbour Town.

As Summer grows up, its likely that her love for feeding ducks and baby-cinos will change, but I'm confident our daddy-daughter dates will continue. There are a number of reasons why.

First, we live in an increasingly busy and demanding society where the song "Cats in the Cradle" is dangerously close to becoming a reality. The Australian Institute of Family Studies revealed recently that many children spend as little as 30 minutes a day with their dads during the week.

In ancient paganism it was not uncommon for people to go to a temple and literally sacrifice their child to appease the god of their day. The god of our day is performance, success, career – a god so demanding that many dads are willing to sacrifice their children to appease.

Children are a valuable gift from God. To lead and love them well, we need to not just be around them, but with them and for them, i.e., in touch with their challenges, hopes, dreams, questions, prayers, etc. I learn so much about my daughter in our dates, which is not only joyful, but provides insight to help my parenting.

Second, taking your daughter on a date is fun. As a grown up, this may sound odd – but there is something really enjoyable about hanging with a three-year-old. Simple things like feeding ducks and buying a lolly from the milk bar with 10 cents is surprisingly therapeutic. Not only that, watching your child light up when she goes to the movies for the first time, or discovers how to use the swing at the park is really special. Exploring the world with fresh eyes, gives us a new appreciation for God's creation.

Third, as her dad, it's my role to provide my daughter with a picture of how men are to relate to women. The day will come (not for a very, very, very long time!) that Summer will meet and perhaps marry a man. My hope is that through our time together she will see that a man who genuinely loves her will look out for her, protect her, have fun with her,



listen to her, value her, pray with her, serve her, discuss life, understand her needs, etc.

I am not a perfect dad, but I want to do my best to I give her a model that will prepare her for life and the journey ahead. Ultimately, I do this by showing her my life, but also pointing her to the perfect example, namely Christ. In Jesus she discovers not only that she is loved and cared for, but also what it means to walk in his purpose and promise.

Guy Mason is the pastor of City on a Hill, a church that is committed to making a difference in Melbourne for the glory of God. The services are on Sundays at 10am (Hoyts, Melbourne Central) and 6pm (James Squire Brewhouse, Docklands).

Next edition - Why I date my wife



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WEARS: C: White top, silvery-black vest, silver belt, jeans, metallic-silver shoes. M: Purple turtleneck top, puffer-jacket and tartan skirt, black tights, patent-black boots.

LOCATION:

WEARS:

Digital Harbour.

black flat-shoes.

DESCRIPTION:

fashion conscious.

the past eight years.

ABOUT WINTER?

in wearing

Winter cap, black and white scarf,

black jacket, white top black jeans,

I'm wearing my yoga clothes. I would

describe them as being functional and

WHAT BRINGS YOU TO DOCKLANDS?

I am a pioneer. I've lived in Docklands for

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE THING

The winter hats and also saunas.

Something that suits a person's

WHAT MAKES A GOOD OUTFIT?

personality and that they are confident

DESCRIBE YOUR OUTFIT? C: It's chic casual. I am wearing one of our lovely scoop tops from Dzyna Black with Guess jeans and a Cavalli vest. M: Top, skirt and jacket, from "Benetton" and Armani boots.

WHAT BRING YOU TO DOCKLANDS?

Both: Work at Cosmo Couture at The Designers' House.

WHERE ARE YOU FROM?

C: Brighton East. M: Latvia, but now living in Australia for the last three years.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE THING

ABOUT WINTER? C: My favourite thing about winter is the fashions! I love big scarves, warm coats and lots of cozy lavers on really cold days. M: I don't like winter too much.

WHAT DO YOU THINK MAKES A GOOD OUTFIT? C: I like well-

co-ordinated outfits that have been thought out and chosen with care, right down to the little details like earrings, shoes and handbag. M: Feeling of style, good taste and nice mood.

on the Streets of Docklands

Emily Ballantyne-Brodie

LOCATION:

Victoria Harbour.

WEARS:

Turqouise scarf, emerald-green top, suit jacket, below the knee suit skirt, black tights, flower-pattern tote bag.

DESCRIPTION:

I would describe it as funky chic.

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WHAT BRINGS YOU TO DOCKLANDS?

Harbour BABY WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE THING

ABOUT WINTER? Mulled (spiced) wine and cuddles.

WHAT MAKE A GOOD OUTFIT?

Probably colour and something that makes a person feels comfortable and good in themselves.

Interview with **Natalie Dempsey**

Owner of Oxygen Skin Centre

Before creating Oxygen Skin Centre, Natalie worked as a business development manager for Dermalogica. After successful owning and operating an Oxygen Skin Centre in Port Melbourne since 2004, Ms Dempsey decided to expand the business and open up a shop in Harbour Town earlier this year. Here, Natalie shares her thoughts on skin care.

What is the Oxygen Skin Centre and what does it offer? Oxygen is a Skin and Body Centre specialising in skin revision. The focus of the centre is to deliver superior treatments with our expertise, knowledge and respect for each client.

Take us through the process that a new client goes through? All treatments are customised to the individual's needs, including specific products that are required for particular results, concerns and time frames, and they're performed in comfort.

How can someone achieve perfect skin? Healthy skin is beautiful skin and our treatments are designed to work on many levels - from pure relaxation; to working muscles for lift, firmness and toning; to resurfacing to brighten plus lighten; and plasmatic masques that flush the skin bringing new life to complexions.

Are there any trends in skincare? Trends come and go because they do not deliver lasting results. DMK is our paramedical product range that works with your body's chemistry and we must match that chemistry as closely as possible to provide the ideal environment for healthy skin.

Does the only way to have truly beautiful skin involve drastic measures such as surgery or botox? We do not condemn surgery or botox as choices. We work very closely with surgeon's pre and post-op because our DMK treatments work on blood flow so, as a result, we can reduce swelling and bruising and help botox to last longer.

What are some things we can do at home to make a start on having beautiful skin? We recommend living life to the fullest. Some things may have to be in moderation but generally skin health is achievable for all.

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For the dog's sake

Mediation Communications graphic designer Krisztina Strzebonski is so in love with her dog Ben (right) that she selflessly lets him live at her in-laws with their dog BJ (Ben Junior - left).

After purchasing Ben, a boxer, seven years ago when he was just 12 weeks old Krisztina and her husband Luke were forced to give him to Luke's parents a year later.

"We were moving out of our house and couldn't take Ben with us for a short period of time. Luke's parents were kind enough to look after him and they fell in love with him."

Having spent time looking after Ben, and falling in love with him and the breed, Krisztina's in-laws decided to purchase a boxer of their own.

"Luke's parents purchased BJ, who is now six years old, and Ben and BJ have been inseparable ever since," Kris said.

Krisztina, who is a huge dog lover, said that after Ben had spent so much time with her in-laws and BJ she couldn't possibly bring herself to separate them.

"I miss Ben a lot, but Ben and BJ are best friends and they have a big backyard to play in, which I can't offer them. They're extremely spoilt by Luke's parents and are in good hands," Kris said.

Krisztina said that Ben and BJ were so close and in-tune with each other that Ben had even saved BJ's life.

"BJ got stung in the mouth by a bee a few years ago and it was Ben that kept nagging and hounding at Bart (Krisztina's brother-inlaw) trying to get his attention to alert him to BJ who was lying helplessly on a bed at the back of the house. If wasn't for Ben, BJ may not be around today" she said.

Extremely smart and playful, it is clear to see why so many people love Ben and BJ.

GREETINGS FROM THE DOCKLANDS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Our AGM was held on July 15 with an attendance of about 50. A committee of six was elected with three new members. Welcome to the new members and we will be holding our first committee meeting in August. Social activity planning will be included.

Many thanks to Bovis Lend Lease for providing the venue for the AGM and for giving a presentation on their plans for future development of Victoria Harbour.

Our website www.docklandscommunityassociation. com is up and running with plenty of content. Please check it out and any comments are welcome.

At the invitation of VicUrban I attended the launch of Docklands The Second Decade officiated by Minister Justin Madden, Lord Mayor Robert Doyle and VicUrban, which I have commented on separately. The presentation talked about further development with the inclusion of infrastructure. They are looking for community input and ideas. We will prepare a submission from the DCA and refer a draft to members for comment.

I was part of a small deputation of CoRBA members [combined resident groups] who met with Minister Madden on July 13, requesting more consultation on urban planning matters.

We have also been invited by the City of Melbourne to make a submission regarding their Municipal Strategic Statement (MSS). Its release document includes a statement that the development of new buildings (city wide) will be co-ordinated with welldeveloped public space. We look forward to that applying to Docklands. Obviously council's plan has to be tied in with the Government's Second Decade.

Following a number of enquiries, I asked VicUrban what is planned for the concrete area between the Esplanade and the water stretching from the NAB to NewQuay and was told there is no plan yet but they fully expect to have one for comment next year.

We keep circulating updates to members on the current redevelopment as received from VicUrban.

If any member or reader for that matter has any suggestions they wish to put forward to the DCA with respect to activities or issues to take up on their behalf you are welcome to do so by contacting us on the email address above.

Welcome to our new members who have recently joined. Anybody else wishing to join is encouraged to contact Paige Jay on andypaige@optusnet.com.au who will be happy to assist.

Good to talk with you again and we will continue to keep in touch.

Sincerely Roger Gardner President DCA

Experts to get down and dirty at MCEC

World attention will be focussed on South Wharf in September as experts tackle issues surrounding polluted development sites.

This year the annual Sustainable Risk Rationalisation Conference is being held at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre (MCEC) from September 2-3.

The conference, which is in its third year, will see 29 leading experts from Australia,

China and the USA present to delegates on reducing the risks created by the redevelopment of "brownfield" sites.

Former secretary of the Californian EPA and chief environmental policy advisor to Governor Schwarzenegger, Terry Tamminen, is presenting at the conference.

For online registration and more information see **www.srr-otek.com.au**.





Slow Sundays.

Let the afternoon drift away at Docklands with a meal and drink for just \$15. Enjoy a languid Sunday afternoon with family and friends this winter at Docklands. Slow Sundays is the perfect opportunity to unwind, with twenty restaurants across Waterfront City, NewQuay, Harbour Town and Central Pier offering a meal matched with a glass of wine or beer for just \$15. There's also free live entertainment at Waterfront City Piazza, so you really can stretch out the weekend. Slow Sundays at Docklands, every Sunday between 2pm and 6pm until 29 August. Check thatsmelbourne.com.au for details.



THE NIGHT LIFE Alumbra turns eight





Docklands bar Alumbra turned eight on Saturday July 3 and celebrations were anything but low key.

A glamorous crowd attended the Brazilian themed party, which was transformed into a colourful carnivale. Brazilian DJ Meme played tunes all night and Brazilian percussionists the Samba Queens made sure no one was standing still.

Alumbra director Simon Digby said that the night was a true representation of the Alumbra vibe.

"From our early days at South Wharf, Alumbra has set the bench mark for Melbourne night life. We have a strong following within Melbourne and it's great to see that people still have a real connection with the bar," he said.

The extravagant birthday celebrations were not unusual for Alumbra, which has a history of glamorous parties at Central Pier. Arriving in 2007, Alumbra is part of the \$31 million redevelopment of Central Pier by Atlantic Group [v].

Alumbra's 360 degrees waterfront views and alluring vibe ensure that Docklands workers aren't seen anywhere but Central Pier on a Friday evening. Proof that Alumbra's charm continues to work its magic, eight years after its humble beginnings.

Party and pamper all in one By Alison Kinkade

Whether you're planning a hens' night or just looking to have a get together with the girls, look no further than Waterfront Venues.

With a pampering package and a cocktail master-class to choose from, you'll be sure to have a great night.

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Waterfront Venues' events and marketing manager, Photini Drivas, said the pampering package was very popular for hens' nights.

"We've hosted hundreds of hens' nights since we started running them a year and a half ago," Ms Drivas said.

Massage therapist Michelle said she believed the hens' nights were very popular because they catered to a range of people. She said she often had new mums commenting to her on how great it was to be able to have a private room where they could breastfeed. But, if you're looking for something that gives you a little less pampering and a little more partying, then try the cocktail master-class.

At \$25 a head you and your friends will have lots of fun learning how to mix and shake a cocktail.

The class is very reasonably priced and includes two cocktails per person and prizes for the best cocktail on the night.

A cocktail master-class is great for any occasion including birthdays, hens' and bucks' nights, engagements and teambuilding functions.

So next time you're planning a big night out, consider Waterfront Venues for a one-stop-shop.

"You can't fault it. The massage, masterclass, finger food and the fact that you can remain here after the package finishes and stay on and continue drinking and partying with your friends," Ms Drivas said.

Ms Drivas can be contacted on 9329 2360 or **photinid@waterfrontvenues.com.au**

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Paul Roper (left) and staff at the South Wharf Good Guys store



Good Guy asks you to have your say

Giving back locally is what Paul Roper, proprietor of The Good Guys South Wharf has sought since opening his doors last year. His Local Giving Token Box Program is helping worthy causes, enabling customers to play a fundamental role in the process.

Paul has raised over \$5000 since last December when his store introduced the Token Box Program which enables locals to have their say. The two programs directly receiving benefits are Urban Seed and Open Family Australia.

Paul said: "We are delighted with how much our customers have embraced the program. The concept of giving is fundamental in all communities, and South Wharf is no exception. Our cause partners play a vital role in supporting those in need who live in our neighbourhood."

He went on to say: "Donations allow Urban Seed to run Credo Café, which provides food to disadvantaged people, and Open Family Australia to employ an outreach worker in the Docklands area. Keeping it local is what our customers want." Paul's Local Giving Program also partners with Jamie Oliver's Ministry of Food Australia, educating the community about healthy eating. The Good Foundation has just announced this project with funds being raised via the Token Box Program.

The Good Guys Local Giving Program is run in partnership with The Good Guys Foundation, a not-for-profit organisation which will see a percentage of every transaction donated to charity.

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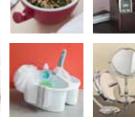
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With With Women Abby Want Crawford

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What do you do? You brush off your dreams and put a plan in place. First up, you look at every possible option on realestate.com.au! Check it all out, see what you can afford to buy that has a little bit of a paddock for the chickens you swear you've always wanted (interesting how they've never featured in "the dream" until now), something that has some land (although you wouldn't even know how to get a lawn mower working), maybe a stable (for the horses you don't have) and definitely room for a cow (for fresh milk. Hey you could even turn your hand to boutique cheese making. I'm sure that's not hard!). Can you imagine the hysterics of your neighbours as you run shrieking because the cow moo-ed at you when you grabbed its teat? Then your confusion over how revolting warm full fat milk actually is when you've lived on skim lattes for a decade?

But don't stray from your new plan just yet. It's important to work out the details of the "new you". Like how you're going to make money now you've completely removed yourself from the population. But you don't need to worry too much because you don't need to spend too much in your new simple life. How much can a chicken be? And it produces eggs, so it's an INVESTMENT. Hmm. Besides there's a million little hobby businesses you could start. You could make things. Ok, forget that. Maybe you could work your existing role entirely online (note to self: check prices of really big satellite dishes). Who needs meetings when you have a little camera attached to the top of your laptop. It's just as good as face to face, right?

Well, before you write your proposal to your boss outlining the new strategy of you "only being in the office for a meeting once a month but it not affecting profitability", check if you are following a dream – or if you are running away. If you are running away, whatever you're running away from will find its way into your packing boxes and appear right beside you in the new place. Which kind of defeats the purpose. So, this is the part where you grab a nice glass of wine, sit down, take a breath, cry a little, and say goodbye to the bastard that let you down so badly you thought your heart would break. Book a mini-vacation instead of an all out exit strategy. Just trust me on this. And realise that there doesn't need to be a "new you", the you that you are is beautiful, you have great friends and a great life and heaps of reasons to stay exactly where you are.

By the second glass of wine, you're even starting to believe yourself. And you have to. You have to look deep inside and remember that just as quickly as things change for the worse, they can change for the better. Stick to your path, and calmly revise your plans to suit your new situation. When you have really freshened up your goals and you know where you're heading, you will start to feel like you again.

Stay strong, stay calm, and figure out your own path in this world. If someone wants to join you on your path, that's great – let them work hard to show you how they deserve to be part of your life and make them earn your trust. You're worth it.

Abby x



Australia Post complaint

I am a resident of Docklands, at NewQuay just above Harbour Town and have been repeatedly forced to pick up my packages from the post office as a result of Australia Post's incompetency in its delivery services.

I thought this might be of interest to you because many others in Docklands might also be facing the same problem.

Below is a summary of the complaint:

I have experienced three separate instances where Australia Post has utterly and I suspect, intentionally, failed to perform the services in which it had promised to me.

I shop online a lot, often opting to pay a higher price for an item that could have been bought in stores cheaper, mainly because I enjoy the convenience of having the goods delivered to my doorstep. This means I also have to pay a charge for shipping which saves me much time and effort.

But what is the point of me going through the whole process of shopping online, paying higher prices and shipping charges, and then waiting days and weeks waiting for my items to arrive, when I always end up having to go out and collect it myself?

On each and every one of those days that Australia Post claimed to have attempted to deliver the items, I was at home with at least one other person with me, and on none of these occasions did we receive a ring on our intercom system. The moment I receive communication of my parcel being shipped, I ensure that I am home and alert in order to receive it. And last of all, Australia Post has wasted the time that I have had to spend, and will have to further spend in weeks to come, writing complaint letters and awaiting a response.

I do not appreciate being cheated and lied to, then simply turned away as if none of my inconveniences were of any significance.

Colin Lim

Lend Lease complaint

I read with interest your interview with Hugh Martin of Lend Lease regarding the changes to the Victoria Harbour masterplan incorporating the privatisation of the site to be occupied by an apartment building known as Serrata.

My family purchased a number of apartments in Mosaic off the plan and continues to hold a majority of them. During the purchase phase we were shown the masterplan several times and took keen interest in the neighboring plan for the Bourke St site on which Serrata is to be constructed.

It was designated as a site for a community building and the 3D model that has been on display for over three years in the Lend Lease sales offices and, until recently, showed a low rise building that Lend Lease personnel (who I am prepared to name in a statutory declaration) positively nominated as a 'community facility'. appears to have been no consultation whatsoever. Yet the Serrata apartments are now being openly marketed and appear to be a fait accompli.

I contend that purchasers of apartments in Mosaic and Montage on upper levels had a reasonable expectation that they would not have their view obstructed to the west given the proposal for a low rise building. Therefore, these owners have a case for damages against the developer.

This is not the first brush that Lend Lease has had with owners post-settlement of apartments. I understand that residents of Dock 5 were presented with a similar scenario in the planning phases of The Merchant and the height of the building was subsequently reduced in recognition of a view obstruction.

Sadly, it seems that the second and third developments of Lend Lease have the same problems with the interests of clients being disregarded after they have purchased and settled.

We trusted that Lend Lease, being a Sydneybased developer with its first residential development in Melbourne, would be ethical in their dealings and that establishing a good reputation would be seen as important. In fact, sales personnel stressed this point during the selling phase of Mosaic.

Of course Mr Martin would make a predictable

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Australia Post has wasted my money and effort shopping and waiting for the goods. It has wasted my time that I spent waiting at home, postponing important appointments. It forced me to travel at my own expense to the post office to pick up and then bring the goods back, something which I had already paid to get done in the first place! One would think that if consultation had been made on a masterplan during the period when Mosaic and Montage were selling, then it should follow that community consultation ought take place before Lend Lease publicly displayed and sold the changed concept now known as Serrata.

Residents of Mosaic and Montage have purportedly been told by Lend Lease that the change to usage of the site was an initiative of VicUrban. If this was the case, then there response regarding representations from his own team, and his comments regarding this are nothing but self-serving.

I suggest that Lend Lease now needs to come clean as to who initiated the change to usage, and listen to those in Mosaic and Montage who are detrimentally affected by the proposed Serrata rather than fobbing them off.

To blame the "system" is frankly unhelpful and unprofessional, and not accepting responsibility and in complete contrast to Mr Martin's comment "... doing the right thing by the community".

Peter Volk

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Ali's version of **Singapore noodles**

Each month Docklands News will be bringing you a recipe of the month.

Docklands News encourages readers to submit a recipe of no more than 500 words and an image of their fabulous creation. The recipe chosen to be featured for the month will win a Sunday roast dinner for two at Mad Duck Café in Yarra's Edge.

Ali's version of Singapore noodles. - Serves six main serves

There's no need to rush off to your local Chinese takeaway shop or restaurant for your hit of this family favourite when it's so easy to make.

Singapore noodles is a delicious meal that will have kids and adults enjoying their vegies and begging for more.

It's perfect for an after school/work snack, main meal or accompaniment and the best thing is you can have a play with it and add or take out things you don't like. Don't be put off by the length of the ingredients list, it is very simple and once you have the staples you can make it over and over again.

INGREDIENTS

- 250 grams rice vermicelli noodles (usually one packet at Woolworths or Coles)
- 700 grams beef, chicken, prawn or pork (or a mixture of all) cut into slices.
- ¼ cup chicken stock or water
- \blacksquare 3¹/₂ tbsp soy sauce
- 3 tbsp oyster sauce
- 2 tbsp coriander
- 2tbsp curry powder
- 2tbsp fish sauce
- 1 or 2 diced small chillies depending on how hot you like your food
- 2½ tbsp extra virgin olive oil
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 3 tsp minced ginger
- 1 large onion, peeled and sliced
- 1 red capsicum, deseeded and finely sliced
- 2 medium carrots peeled and sliced
- 2 handfuls of snow peas with the end cut off
- 1 bunch of broccoli cut into bite size pieces
- 1 tin baby corn cuts and tips
- 3 eggs
- Salt, pepper or brown sugar to taste



METHOD

Place the noodles in a large, heatproof bowl and pour over boiling water. Allow the noodles to soak completely covered in water for 5-10 mins until soft. Once soft, drain the noodles in a colander, rinse and set aside.

In a small bowl, mix the chicken stock/water, soy sauce, oyster sauce and fish sauce. Set aside.

Heat a large wok to a high heat. Add half the oil and half the amount of garlic, ginger, onion, curry powder, chilli and sauce. Stir-fry briefly until fragrant before adding the meat. Cook the meat until tender then transfer the meat to a plate.

Add the remaining oil, ginger, garlic, chilli, curry powder and onion to the wok and stirfry briefly before adding the vegetables.

Toss the vegetables until tender and then add the meat, noodles and coriander to the mixture.

Stir in the remaining sauce making sure it completely coats the dish.

Whisk eggs and fry in separate non-stick pan as an omelette. When cooked, chop the omelette into small pieces and add to the noodles.

Taste test and then add salt, black pepper, sugar, soy sauce or curry powder if desired.

Plate up the dish and garnish with coriander if any is left over and voila, you have the perfect Singapore noodles.

Note: This is a great and tasty dish if you are a vegetarian - Just leave out the meat and add a few extra vegies.

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Some asymmetry to come

It is of overwhelming agreement, which is, in and of itself, so suffocating as to stultify all argument, that the Docklands precinct was not designed as it should have been. The question therefore now for consideration is, what to do about it?

Not enough laneways and alcoves, but these criticisms are peripheral. Upon our

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analyses, the first principal is that Docklands bears the burden of too much symmetry. Simplistically expressed, and for the purpose of this discussion (ignoring the architecture of the buildings and the crucial importance of street sculptures) we have numerous towers and an oblong harbour.

How to defeat this fearful symmetry? You might well ask. And the answer is that we might have been beaten to the punch by the drunken robot school of architecture. Gehry Partners is to design a landmark building for the University of Technology, Sydney.

But wait, the Institute has made a careful analysis of those proposals. Last week, Frank Gehry was asked reasonable questions. "What is the new building going to look like and what are the approximate dimensions?" The answers are paraphrased from several sources including INDESIGNLIVE (28/07/10).

"It is a trajectory. It is premature to discuss plans. The goal is sensitivity to the surrounds and the campus. We want to understand the building and the light and the sun, a lot of it is intuitive. What we have at the moment is the boxes and the spaces and it would be misleading and cause inappropriate responses to disclose any more."

The Gehry project has been approved and it will be later on that they will add the flair and the beauty that attract people to Bilbao, Seattle and Los Angeles. It looks like it will take them only 20 minutes to do so.

We have applied this logic to Docklands, where what we have is boxes and spaces. The Institute proposes to add flamboyance and asymmetry to Docklands, but unlike UTS, we are prepared to put the design on display for community comment.

A partially transparent and delicate woven skirt of steel wire mesh appearing to blow in the wind forming shapes of a complementary aesthetic with the waves, the sails, the hulls, the spars as it drapes

above the paths and walkaways, linking the buildings in ribbons of filigree as they wear endless crinolines, wrapping them all up like filaments of Christo to join the shops, restaurants, the pier, Icehouse, car parks and pedestrians until it adds a disjunctive but mobile sense of togetherness.

To get ahead of the UTS project, a unique building technique will be used by which the works will be installed discreetly over two weeks and completed over a weekend. First, the spars and tension pulleys will be erected, followed by the shaping of the mesh. This will be rapidly suspended, twisted and pushed into position. Lastly, high pressure hoses will spray atomized concrete into the mesh.

Boorish critics have said that the proposal will leave the area looking like some sort of set left over from The Planet of the Apes, and we counter with our vision of perambulating people dancing around may poles (Led Zeppelin version).



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WHAT'S ON AT WATERFRONT CITY IN AUGUST

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This August celebrate Melbourne Day with the kids at Wonderland Fun Park, strap your skates on for some fun at Icehouse and make sure to visit the Amazing Bodies Exhibition on until the end of the month.

Waterfront City is the place to be on Sundays. Browse the Docklands Sunday Market then enjoy a delicious Slow Sunday lunch at one of the participating eateries in Waterfront City.



Celebrate Melbourne Day at Wonderland Fun Park! Wonderland Fun Park will offer all patrons 2 for 1 unlimited ride wristbands, or a special \$10 per child for school groups. Wonderland Fun Park offers family favourites like Dodgem Cars; The Grand Carousel; Jurassic Adventure; Bungee Trampoline; The Dragon Flyer; Tea Cups and more.

Date: August 30 (also open weekends, school and public holidays)

Time: 11am – 5pm

Venue: Wonderland Fun Park

Cost: Unlimited wristbands shop and ride all day \$27.50 per person. Standard rides take multiple coupons and cost from \$2 to \$10 a ride.



Amazing Bodies Exhibition

The Exhibition is designed to vividly display where we came from, the intricacies of the animal and human body and teaches us about health and diseases – all in a captivating display of science and art.

Date: Everyday until August 31

Time: Everyday (except Friday): 10am - 5pm last entry 4:15pm.

Fridays (open til late): 10am - 8pm *last entry 7:15pm*

Venue: Waterfront City Pavilion **Cost:** Adult \$25 · Child \$16 · Family \$75 · Concession \$23



Ice Hockey

Ice Hockey is a fast-paced, action-packed sport that attracts millions of people world-wide, and has been a part of the Victorian sporting scene for over 100 years. The 'Melbourne Ice' - Victoria's team in the Australian Ice Hockey League - currently sit at number two in the league and continue to wow spectators at sell-out Icehouse home games. To enhance player participation and development of Melbourne's fastest growing ice sport, the Icehouse's Hockey School program has been set up to cater to people of any age and ability. From 12 - week beginner hockey development programs, to developmental leagues and specialised camps, our qualified coaches help first timers and experienced players excel in the sport in a fun and challenging environment. For details on the Icehouse Hockey School, visit: icehouse.com.au or call 8631 3997.

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Date: Everyday **Time:** See icehouse.com.au for details

Venue: Icehouse,105 Pearl River Rd, Docklands



Docklands Sunday Market

The Docklands Sunday Market offers Australian beauty products, Bonsai trees, handmade flowers, reclaimed wood furniture, second hand books, candles and much more from the talented craftspeople of Melbourne. The Docklands Sunday Market is located on the Waterfront City promenade at Docklands.

Date: Every Sunday Time: 10am – 5pm Venue: Waterfront City



Slow Sundays

Slow Sundays provide the perfect opportunity to discover new eateries at Waterfront City, or just catch

up with friends over a lazy Sunday afternoon. The best part about it is that it won't break the bank! From 20 June to 29 August every Sunday from 2pm to 6pm, enjoy a delicious light meal matched with a glass of wine or beer for just \$15.

Enjoy free live entertainment Sunday afternoons at the Waterfront City Piazza. Music styles will be eclectic and varied over the eleven weeks of the programme and is sure to get your toes tapping as you peruse the Sunday Markets, sip on a hot chocolate, or drift on by to the next stop on your Slow Sundays journey.

Date: Every Sunday until August 29

Time: 2pm – 6pm **Venue:** Waterfront City and other Docklands precincts

For further information visit **www.waterfrontcity.com.au** Waterfront City, Docklands Drive, Melbourne Docklands. MEL REF 2E D4

MADE IN HEAVEN **********

How compatible are you and your partner?

Check the astrological charts by emailing yours and your partners' birthdate and time to heaven@docklandsnews.com.au Sparks fly when you come into contact with one another! Strong feelings of love, attraction, warmth, mutual admiration, and appreciation bring you together, and you are able to express your love feelings openly and fully to one another. You can be great friends and companions as well as lovers.

The two of you may have been brought together by forces beyond your control, in a way that feels particularly "karmic" or fated. Long term commitment/marriage is the likely outcome.

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you also feel good about yourself. The love

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The special gift that this relationship

Catherine:

North node in Aquarius Venus in Aquarius.

The special gift that this relationship brings Catherine:

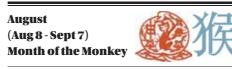
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Featured terminology

North node - The most profound issues each of us is working on in this lifetime. *Venus* - The planet of love romance and money. (Not sex or lust – this is found in mars.)



Monthly Element: Wood

Polarity: Yang

Favourable Colours: Beige, yellow, all green hues.

Tip of the Month: Ruled by the wood element, August symbolises knowledge, growth and development, creating an ideal platform for some constructive changes in your daily life and allowing you to make a fresh new start. This is the best opportunity to acquire a new set of skills, which will help to take your career to the next level.

Being changeable and a little unpredictable, August brings the element of fun and excitement back into your daily life. So be prepared to become more flexible with your plans than usual, as they may change unexpectedly during the course of this month and remember the importance of keeping the balance of "work" and "play" in your busy schedule.

Feng Shui: Wood element symbolises renewal and brings vital living energy into your space, helping to eliminate negativity and stagnation. It is well known for promoting good health and attracting positive change. Plants and fresh flowers are the best manifestation of the wood energy and you can use them extensively throughout the house to promote motivation, creativity, inspiration and passion for life. Just be aware that dried leaves and withered flowers are very inauspicious and should never be kept at home. Also, wooden furniture or decoration items are not considered an effective remedy, as they are not living plants and do not convey the same amount of positive energy. Alternatively, you can use green hues, vertical narrow stripes for decoration, as well as chairs with high backs, tall narrow vases, stem-shaped objects, and any other items of a considerable height, representing growth of a tree or plant.

Forecast by Elena Mishina www.fengshui-star.com

Docklands businesses should apply

Applications for the City of Melbourne's 2010-11 small business grants have opened and Docklands businesses are encouraged to apply, despite none winning grants in the last two rounds.

The first round of small business grants, which were opened for application in February have been announced with a spice retailer, an electric bike company and an indigenous career and employment agency being among the winners.

A spokesperson for the City of Melbourne said four Docklands-based businesses did apply for a grant. However none were successful.

"The next round of grants is open until 13 August and is definitely worthwhile promoting to Docklands businesses," the spokesperson said.

Lord Mayor Robert Doyle said the grants had put Melbourne on the map as being a start-up capital for innovative businesses.

"In the 14 years that they have been on offer, we have seen how vital the City of Melbourne Small Business Grants have been in helping people establish and grow their own businesses," Cr Doyle said.

The seven winning recipients in the first round, who together will receive almost \$130,000 in grants, are made up of three start-up, two business expansion, one export entry and one business support services grants.

Applicants interested in applying for the 2010-11 Small Business Grants should visit **www.melbourne.vic.gov. au/grantsandsponsorship** for more information.



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The majority of investors who bought apartments in Docklands are overseas buyers, recently law changed, overseas buyers are no longer allow to buy EXISTING PROPERTIES. Also, migration policy has become harder & harder, the number of international students coming to Australia for studying are decreasing, these will directly affect the property price especially now docklands price is High. As a savvy investor, are you still think of buying in Docklands at this moment? Are you still thinking of buying small size apartments for catering the needs of overseas students & new office workers?

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THE COFFEE CLUB OPENS AT MYER



The newest addition to Australia's largest home-grown café group, The Coffee Club last opened its doors in foyer of the Myer building in Collins St, Docklands.

It offers local office workers, shoppers and residents the Coffee Club's freshly-brewed, hot espresso coffee as well as a delicious range of open grills, salads, gourmet wraps, sandwiches and light meals, prepared fresh as they are ordered.

Franchise owners Mark Saggin and Jason Muller have a combined 25-years experience in the hospitality industry and saw the potential of adding a second Coffee Club to their growing franchise portfolio.

"Jason and I have had The Coffee Club Doncaster for two and a half years and have been ecstatic with the demand from our loyal customers. When the opportunity to open in Docklands came up, we jumped at the chance to offer the same good food, great service and excellent coffee in one of Melbourne's most exciting up-and-coming areas," Mr Saggin said.

"In Docklands, The Coffee Club is one of the only places where people can sit down to enjoy a bite to eat outside the office, without having to trek into the city," Mr Saggin said.

The Coffee Club Director John Lazarou said he was looking forward to seeing the Collins St cafe flourish with the rest of the area.

"We know Melburnians have discerning tastes when it comes to excellent coffee so we couldn't be happier to see that they're embracing The Coffee Club," Mr Lazarou said.

The Coffee Club now has 252 cafes in Australia, New Zealand and Thailand with new locations set to open in Melbourne's Chelsea, Berwick, Greensborough and Waverley Gardens before the end of 2010.

The Coffee Club Collins St will be open from 7am until late seven days a week and is located at 800 Collins Street. Visit **www.wherewillimeetyou.com** to find out more about The Coffee Club.

THEY KNOW BUSINESSES

When Ahmet Ali and his wife, Vesna Petkovska-Ali moved into an apartment in Yarra's Edge three years ago they never envisaged setting up a business in Docklands.

But after running their successful business brokerage firm, AA Real Estate and Business Brokers, in Collins St for one year the pair decided to expand and move their business a little closer to home.

"We adore Docklands and we wanted to move to larger a premises which was easy for clients to get to and had better facilities like car parking," Ahmet said.

As well as recently moving their business to Docklands, Ahmet said they had also just recruited four new staff.

"They are all intelligent, young professionals

and between us all we probably speak about 10 languages," Ahmet said.

Ahmet, who moved to Australia from Cyprus when he was five years old, has had an interesting career path which has changed three times.

"I started my career as an Australian diplomat serving in (the former) Yugoslavia (Belgrade), Warsaw (Poland) and Toronto (Canada) before retiring from the public service in 1996 to own and operate retail businesses and after about nine years I was recruited by a large brokerage firm," he said.

Since beginning his brokerage career in 2005, Ahmet has won "Salesman of the Year" for 2007/08 and 2008/09 and was honoured as finalist in the "REIV Business Broker of the Year" in 2007/08 and 2008/09.

His stunning wife Vesna, who hails from Macedonia, is equally as talented having owned and operated her own retail and distribution business in Melbourne and more recently worked in the public service in a senior customer service role. The gorgeous couple with an infectious passion for work are excited about living and working in Docklands.

"We love our job very much and being in the same building as where we live gives us the opportunity and convenience to work with and around our clients," Ahmet said.

The family-oriented couple, who have five sons and one grand-daughter, love being in Docklands and can't see themselves anywhere else.

"We are happy, vibrant, local residents and we are excited about Docklands and seeing it grow and we can't see ourselves ever living anywhere else," Ahmet said.

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Bank Manager, Westpac

Luke has managed Westpac's Merchant St branch for three months and loves it because "there is huge potential for growth with a branch so near the CBD but has the feel of a community town".



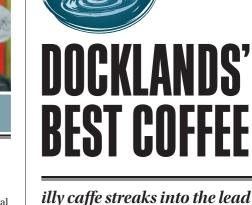
Promenade Café Yue Lei thinks Docklands is a relaxed place and she enjoys coming to work here. Of course, working on the sunny Yarra's

Edge promenade would help anyone to form that view. Yue Lei says "Docklands is very beautiful and I liked it from the very first time I came here."



MATTHEW NESCI, 27 Dealer Principal Fond

Energetic entrepreneur Matt enjoyed having a great atmosphere to start up his telecommunication's business "The friendly people and central locality drew me to Docklands and I love it!"



The five most popular coffee spots in Docklands confirmed their status according to online polling in July.

But illy caffe (in the ANZ Centre) streaked to top spot with 113 votes cast (95.6 per cent of them claiming "superb" coffee).

While the order has changed, the top five remain unchallenged. They are: illy caffe (ANZ Centre); Mad Duck Café (Yarra's Edge); Espresso Alto (Stadium Concourse); Le Cirque (Harbour Town); and Embankment Café (Victoria Harbour).

Some 208 votes had been cast as the August *Docklands News* went to press. The survey tool allows only one vote to be cast from a single computer.

The survey remains open and we will each month publish the top five rankings. To vote for Docklands' best coffee, go to www.docklandsnews.com.au/coffee.

To view the results, go to **http://tinyurl. com/2d6vktj**



FIONA XIA, 26 Executive Assistant Best in Best Homes

Fiona works in an elevated office that affords a great harbour view. She describes Docklands as a "beautiful place" with lovely water views and attractive new buildings. She also enjoys the local shopping opportunities, but she does believe that Docklands is still quiet at times and will be better when more people discover it.



IATHAN MURPHY, 32 Northern Metropolitan M

Nathan thinks "Docklands is an exciting area that is expanding constantly with modern infrastructure and is leading the way in being an environmentally friendly place to live."



KRISTA BAILEY, 40 World title Liberty Boat winner 2009

Krista is a regular to the Docklands Yacht Club and comes all the way from Seaford to Docklands because she "finds it easy to get here - the people are friendly, nice and helpful".



The Bolte Bridge forms part of Docklands' western boundary and is a landmark visible from many parts of the city.

But, considering the roadway sits just 27 metres from the water what is the function of the two prominent columns that tower 90 metres above the water at the centre of the There is a conspiracy theory that suggests these columns are in place to provide for a bigger, more car congested city and that they will support a second level of roadway when

bridge? Many theories have been proposed about the purpose of the Bolte Bridge columns.

There is the "goal post" theory, which says the columns symbolise football goal posts to signify the bridge's close proximity to the headquarters of the AFL. In this form they also perform a functional role, helping motorists overcome the affect of a disappearing horizon by giving them something to aim their vehicles through.

The "tuning fork" theory says that these two tall columns act like the "prongs" on a tuning fork, absorbing otherwise destructive vibration and dissipating it into the bedrock below the bridge. the original level reaches capacity.

Then there are the lights. A well-known local waterfront identity points to the red lights atop the columns, placed there to warn aircraft, and notes that without the columns there would be nothing to hold the lights up.

The *Docklands News* can reveal that they have no function at all. They are a design element of the bridge that provides a point of relief. As a functional piece of infrastructure, the Bolte Bridge has a clean attractive appearance and its graceful illuminated arc is the backdrop to the picturesque water view that identifies Docklands and sets it apart from most Melbourne suburbs.



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DOCKLANDS COMMUNITY CALENDAR



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FREE LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

2pm to 5pm Sundays, until August 29

Waterfront City Piazza stage This winter City of Melbourne is helping to jazz up your Slow Sundays with a free program of live entertainment on the Waterfront City Piazza stage. Visit between 2pm and 6pm this winter.

DOCKLANDS ROTARY

Every Tuesday, 6.00pm

James Squires, Waterfront City

First Tuesday of the month is fellowship hour. Regular meetings on other Tuesdays. All welcome. RSVP to Susan Rogan by noon on meeting day for catering purposes: **0415 119 558**.

COMMUNITY SAFETY DAY

October 24, 11am to 4pm

Harbour Esplanade and Collins Street

Melbourne emergency and safety services are bringing their special skills and impressive equipment to a fun day at Docklands.

DOCKLANDS SUNDAY MARKET

Every Sunday, 10am to 4pm

Waterfront City Docklands Drive

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.

LINUX USERS OF VICTORIA

Every 3rd Saturday of the month *Cinema Room, The Hub, 80 Harbour Esp.*

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DOCKLANDS WRITERS' GROUP Starting October

The Hub, 80 Harbour Esplanade Docklands Writers' Group coming to The Hub in October 2010. Expressions of interest to **rose@ grahammercer.com.au**"

MELBOURNE DAY AT DOCKLANDS

Celebrations will include a free tour on

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www.thatsmelbourne.com.au.

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Saturday, August 21

Sunday, August 29 and 30

FINE LINE DRAWING AND BOTANICAL ART CLASSES.

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The Hub, 80 Harbour Esplanade

The University of the 3rd Age offers two classes on Mondays and Thursdays. To make an enquiry regarding the classes, please ring U3A on **9639 5209**

RIDE TO WORK COMMUNITY BREAKFAST DOCKLANDS

Wednesday, October 13, 7am to 9am

Docklands Precinct (Venue TBC)

Features: Breakfast, massages, helmet hair repair. The Ride to Work Day Community Breakfast celebrates the efforts of individuals in the community who ride their bikes to work.



WINTER LIGHTING Until August 29

This winter NewQuay and Waterfront City will be awash with super saturated colour. Winter patterns will dance along the boardwalk, and programmed cyberlights are set to transform the piazza.

HUB CLUBS

Lunch time activities

The Hub @ Docklands hosts a range of clubs for city workers. Including: table tennis (Mondays); mind games (Tuesdays); power walking (Wednesdays); craft (Thursdays); and language conversation (Fridays). For details **8622 4822** or email **docklandshub@melbourne.vic.gov.au**

THE FINDERS KEEPERS SPRING/SUMMER MARKETS

Saturday, October 9 & Sunday, October 10, 10am to 5pm

Shed 4, Victoria Harbour North Wharf Rd The markets are a bi-annual event to

DRAGON MASTERS DRAGON BOAT CLUB

Dragon Masters train at 8am on Saturdays and 5.30pm on Wednesdays Shed 2, North Wharf Road, Victoria Harbour.

You may have seen us cruising the harbour enjoying the sunsets over the bridge. Open to all ages. Beginners welcome. For details ontact Jeff **0417 219 888**.

SLOW SUNDAYS

Every Sunday from June 20 to August 29 between 2pm and 6pm

Indulge in some great dining offers this winter including tasting plate or small meal, plus a glass of wine or beer for just \$15. Visit a participating restaurant between 2pm and 6pm this winter and see how slow you can go.

CHECK YOUR HEARING

Every 2nd Thursday of every month *The Hub, 80 Harbour Esplanade* Free adult hearing checks at The Hub every second Thursday of the month. For more information contact The Hub on **8622 4822**.

Appointments are necessary.

FREE SUNDAY ENTERTAINMENT

June 20 to Sun August 29, 2pm to 5pm

Waterfront City Piazza

Catch some cool jazz, Gypsy rhythm or tribal beats on Sunday afternoons in Waterfront City Piazza. The free live entertainment is sure to get your toes tapping.

STORYTIME

Every Monday at 11am

The Hub, 80 Harbour Esplanade, Docklands

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.

COMMUNITY WALK

Every Wed at 5.30pm and Fri 12.30pm

YMCA Docklands, Level 4, 100 Harbour Esplanade

In conjunction with the Heart Foundation,

2pm-4pm and a co-design workshop for businesses on Thursday, August 26 5.30pm-7.30pm

TRY SAILING DAY FOR THE COMMUNITY Second and fourth Sundays

of the month, 11am to 3.30pm Docklands Yacht Club, Shed No. 2 North Wharf Rd Suitable for all ages and abilities and no booking required. Contact Sonya 0400 932 477 or visit www.docklands.yachting.org.au



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The Hub, 80 Harbour Esplanade, Docklands Meet for worship and enjoy a tea or coffee afterwards.

DOCKLANDS INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS COMMUNITY (DISC)

Every Friday , 5pm, 6.30pm *The Hub, 80 Harbour Esplanade, Docklands* 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 0411 838 966.

MUMS WITH PRAMS

A new walking group for 'Mums and Prams' has recently formed. Walks are held each Wednesday morning leaving the hub at 9.30am and are followed by coffee after. If you would like to get fit and meet other mums at the same time, contact the Hub @ Docklands on **8622 4822** to put register your spot in this group.

2010 CORPORATE DRAGON BOAT CHALLENGE

Wednesday, October 27

Victoria Harbour (Promenade), Docklands The Corporate Dragon Boat Challenge features boat racing action at Victoria Harbour, Docklands. Teams need to work together and in harmony to steer their dragon boat to victory.

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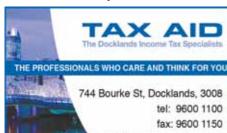
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DOCKLANDS SPORTS PAGE

Ice is hungry for success

Melbourne Ice continues to make its presence felt within the Australian Ice Hockey League at Docklands with crowds flocking to Icehouse to see the best in action.

Melbourne Ice is currently second on the AIHL ladder with Adelaide, Gold Coast and Sydney close behind with only a few weeks remaining in the regular season.

The top four teams in the League will play for the Goodall Cup on the weekend of August 28 and 29 in an historic play-offs weekend, held in Melbourne for the first time. Saturday, August 28 will see first on the ladder play fourth and second play third. The two winners on Saturday play off for the cup on the Sunday afternoon.

Melbourne Ice hopes to better its result of last year when it lost the semi-final on the Saturday.

Team captain Lliam Webster said: "We've got the Goodall Cup in our sights for sure. Playing at the Icehouse in front of a home crowd will be a big advantage that we've never had before. But we're not getting ahead of ourselves. We're just focussing on putting the pieces of the puzzle together between now and then, so that it all comes together on that last weekend in August."

Visit **www.melbourneice.com.au** to stay up to date with the progress of Melbourne Ice and for ticketing information.



Melbourne Ice is looking forward to finals in front of a home crowd.

Docklands skaters win national championships

By Alison Kinkade

Icehouse figure skaters Katherine Firkin and Henri Dupont recently took home gold at the 2010 Winter Sun Interstate Competition in Queensland and now have their sights set firmly on competing overseas at the end of the year.

Competing at Acacia Ridge in Queensland from July 7 - 11, Katherine said they saw the competition as a chance to progress to competing overseas.

"We now know that we are either ranked third or second nationally and that means we will be able to compete overseas at the end of the year, because they allow the top three," she said.

Competing in the senior dance division, Katherine, 26, and Henri, 27, who have skated together for the past two years, were thrilled to win.

"The competition was really, really good and we have only just entered the senior competition so we were very happy with how we went," Katherine said.

Coached by Duncan Smart, a former Australian representative in ice dance, and Mandy Woetzel, an Olympic bronze medalist, Katherine said she and Henri felt really privileged.

Training six or seven times a week, the pair are also thankful to have the Icehouse in their hometown.

An Icehouse spokesperson said the Icehouse was extremely proud of both Katherine and Henri.



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