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VicUrban boss quits

By Shane Scanlan

Docklands' top-ranking bureaucrat David Young has resigned from VicUrban.

Mr Young assumed the top job in Docklands less than 18 months ago and has presided over a period of upheaval and redirection for the State Government's development arm.

VicUrban has struggled to reinvent itself after being given a new mandate earlier this year to focus on urban consolidation. Staff morale has plummeted amid forced redundancies and multiple resignations.

There is speculation about VicUrban's future beyond the state election on November 27. VicUrban controls all new development in Docklands but is not publicly accountable.

Mr Young has been generally unpopular with staff, developers and the Docklands community.

His resignation on October 21 came only a day before his predecessor Michael Hynes' last day at VicUrban.

Mr Hynes also resigned. He was shifted sideways when Mr Young became general manager, project planning and innovation with particular responsibility for Docklands mid-last year.

VicUrban's Docklands division is down to about 10 people – a far cry from the



52 who worked for the previous Docklands Authority.

Mr Young said his future was "under wraps" but told *Docklands News* he was taking his daughter to see her English grandparents. His last day will be November 5.

He said he resigned out of choice and was not pushed. He said he felt he had made a significant positive change in Docklands' direction and was leaving at a time when the precinct was well positioned to enter its second decade.

VicUrban chief executive Pru Sanderson agreed that Mr Young's leadership meant Docklands was in a strong position.

She said Docklands development director Simon Wilson would be acting general manager for Docklands until the position had been formally filled.



Keeping the community safe

Six-year-old Bailey Vincent from Viewbank was one of thousands of kids living the dream at the third annual Community Safety Day at Docklands on Sunday, October 24.

Organisers said this year's event was slightly up on last year's numbers, with an estimated 35,000 people making their way to Docklands.

Fake wounds were popular with the kids and the simulated car accidents and rescues are getting more realistic each year.

All the old favourites, such as the police band and fire brigades, were there. And this year many other groups joined in – including a number of radio stations who conducted live broadcasts from the Collins St location.



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Police precincts for Docklands

A back-to-basics approach to policing, which will see police, businesses and community members join forces to fight crime, will soon be implemented in Docklands.

The City of Melbourne Precinct Policing project was launched in Melbourne on October 13 and will see the municipality divided into 38 separate policing precincts. A spokesperson for Victoria Police said:

"Docklands will fall under the Melbourne West response zone precinct, which has a number of precincts within it, and it is likely that Docklands will be split into two separate precincts."

Chief Commissioner Simon Overland said: "Each area has a police sergeant and group of officers assigned to it. This is their precinct and their role is to get to know the business owners, residents and other groups and work with them to address any safety or crime issues they might be experiencing."

Mr Overland said precinct policing was about looking at longer-term issues.

"For example, the business owners in one area may have concerns about property damage happening to their shops," he said.

"Rather than reporting it to their local police station and speaking with a different officer each time, they will now have the familiar faces of their precinct sergeant and crew."

In an emergency situation or when a crime is occurring, people should always call Triple Zero (000) for immediate police attendance.

In coming weeks, residents, businesses and groups will receive a pamphlet in the mail informing them of their police precinct and how to get in contact.

Docklanders walk for a cure

About 100 people walked to help cure diabetes in Docklands on October 7.

The event, from Victoria Harbour to Waterfront City, was organised by the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) and was a first for Docklands.

In Australia, JDRF has invested more than \$60 million into research projects in an attempt to cure type 1 diabetes, which affects some 122,000 people.

Fundraising walks are held in all states of Australia.



Conder access is still a sore point

VicUrban and MAB have proposed a possible resolution for access to NewQuay's Conder building, but resident Warren Mills says it's still not enough.

The potential solution would see Palmyra Way become connected to Aquitania Way, allowing Conder residents access to Harbour Esplanade via Docklands Drive.

VicUrban's Docklands development director, Simon Wilson, said:

"On October 14, VicUrban and MAB Corporation met with Mr Mills to discuss a potential solution to improve vehicle access to the Conder building, whereby Palmyra Way could be connected to Aquitania Way, allowing access to and from Harbour Esplanade. This solution is subject to planning approvals and, if approved, will be implemented as part of future development by MAB Corporation behind the Conder building."

While Mr Mills is grateful that a potential solution has been reached, he says that there are still a few issues that need to be addressed to minimise the potential traffic problems which may arise when MAB finishes its development and the residential population surges.

"The change to the plans is an improvement, but there will still be traffic problems for residents, particularly when an event is on," Mr Mills said.

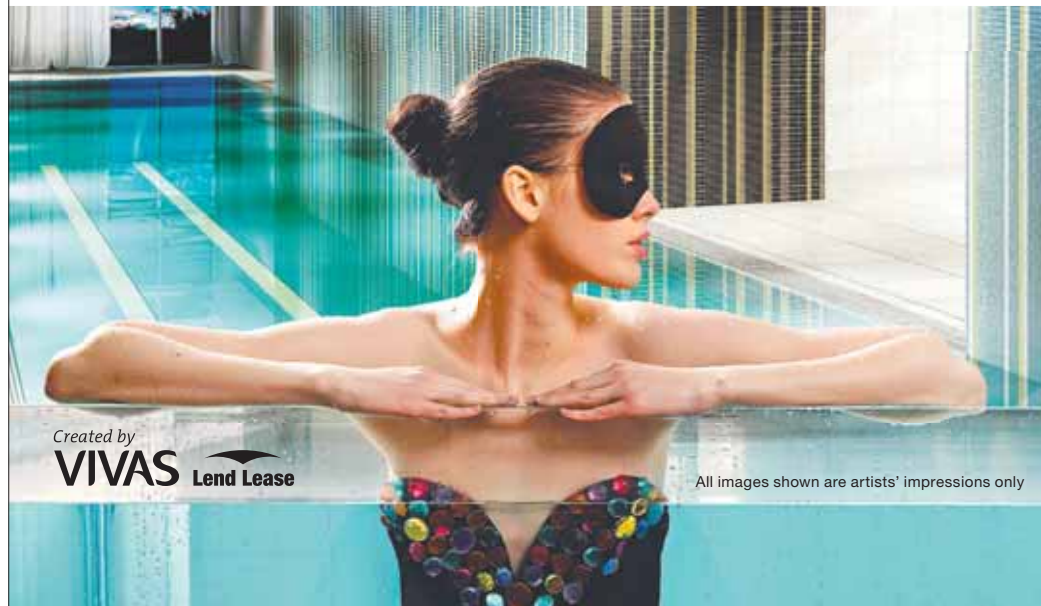
Mr Mills believes that allowing a U-turn at the Harbour Esplanade/Dudley St

intersection, and at the entry to the car park opposite Conder would be the best solution.

City of Melbourne acting CEO Linda Weatherson said: "We will continue to work with VicUrban and MAB to ensure this matter is addressed in the best way possible way, to ensure the safety and amenity of the area for Conder residents whilst maintaining traffic and public transport access."

Mr Mills is also concerned with the lack of short-term parking in the area and says that this makes it difficult for tradesmen.

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Gridlock is THE issue in Docklands

Traffic management is emerging as the major state election issue for Docklanders.

At a “town hall-style” meet the candidates forum at Harbour Kitchen on October 21, most resident concern centred around the increasing difficulty of getting in and out of Docklands by car.

Victorians go to the polls on November 27 and the evening was organised by *Docklands News* to inform Docklanders on the policy positions of the major parties.

Other major issues are:

- The Port of Melbourne’s proposed low rail bridge in front of the Bolte Bridge;
- Amenity issues caused by serviced apartments; and
- Lack of community input into planning issues.

The meeting heard that at certain times of the day, it can take half an hour to move a few hundred metres down Bourke St to Harbour Esplanade.

And with more than 10,000 extra residents and 20,000 workers expected in the suburb within the next decade, Docklanders are wondering how bad it will become.

“People are walking away from apartments and walking away from purchasing,” resident Peter Henderson said.

“People can’t build viable businesses where you’ve got a situation where you can’t get into or out of this place,” Mr Henderson said. “If you don’t do something about it, this area will become a white elephant.”

Other residents said they were having trouble visualising the effect of this population increase.

Greens candidate Brian Walters said: “This is a simple question of physics. You can’t go forever without having, not only gridlock, but super-gridlock.”

Mr Walters said better public transport was the answer. “We will not remove gridlock by



The candidates (from left) Liberal Luke Martin, Labor's Bronwyn Pike and Green Brian Walters.

building more freeways. We have a public transport system which is not working and is underutilised,” he said.

The Member for Melbourne, Labor candidate Bronwyn Pike, defended the Government’s record in servicing Docklands by public transport.

“Trams are now running every five minutes in Collins St,” Ms Pike said.

Liberal candidate Luke Martin said Labor and the Greens were avoiding the issue and stated that every Docklander had a right to own and drive a car if they wanted to.

“The people of Docklands have been let down by poor planning and co-ordination

by VicUrban, the City of Melbourne and the State Government. Docklands needs a better transport plan,” Mr Martin said.

On the low rail bridge issue, all three candidates said they opposed the proposal. However, Ms Pike said her view was a personal one and she could not speak officially for the relevant minister.

On the serviced apartment issue, Ms Pike said she sympathised with residents who were frustrated by short-term rentals. But she said a balance needed to be struck between the rights of owners to rent their properties and what was best for the broader community.

“In the end, do we want a government to be

able to tell people who own property what they can do with it?” she asked.

Mr Walters claimed it would be simple to stamp out serviced apartments. “It (short-term renting) undermines community to have people coming and going with no commitment to the place,” Mr Walters said. For a full report on the evening, see pages 16 and 17.

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Vic Harbour parking woes

By Alison Kinkade

Small business owner Helen Pentaris says the lack of a loading zone in Docklands' Collins St is costing her and others precious business and she desperately wants it fixed.

After a year of operating her Fruit for You and Flowers Too business, located under the ANZ Centre in Victoria Harbour, Ms Pentaris believes her couriers have racked up at least seven fines.

"Many couriers are now refusing to do business here and that means we can't do business. But I can understand their frustration because they get paid hardly anything per job and then they need to pay a \$70 fine for stopping here for five minutes," Ms Pentaris said.

Though small businesses in the area do have access to a loading dock, Ms Pentaris said this was completely inappropriate for the type of deliveries they receive and send, as it is located about a block away on the other side of the building.

"I have fresh flowers to drop off and pick up and though the dock staff are great and call immediately when things arrive, you just can't drop a client your talking to, leave your business and go and pick up your item," she said.

Ms Pentaris said the general consensus among local businesses was that they needed a loading zone. She said it was an issue of health and safety with many of the businesses receiving hot and cold food.

"I can't have flowers sitting there in the weather, but it's even worse for the other businesses who get big pots of soup delivered that they can't be expected to carry all the way from the dock and there's also food like sushi that can't be left at a dock."

Ms Pentaris said she didn't understand why they couldn't have a loading zone when the city had so many.

"We could use the area near the tram track where the road gets wider or, if that is a safety issue, they could cut out some pavement to have a semi-circle area where couriers could load and unload for 5-10 minutes," Ms Pentaris said.

A spokesperson for the City of Melbourne said: "The City of Melbourne has not received any complaints. We encourage these businesses to contact us."

Emily Ballantyne-Brodie, founder and managing director of Urban Reforestation, is also concerned about parking issues in Docklands.

Ms Ballantyne-Brodie said five volunteers from her organisation recently received tickets when they were a few minutes late getting to the parking meter.

"Everyone had done the right thing and put money in the meter, but because they missed it by a few minutes they all received fines," she said.

Ms Ballantyne-Brodie said it was ridiculous that people who volunteered their time to put something into the Docklands community should be fined.

"I think there should be some sort of permit system for residents and small businesses because they're all supporting this developing area and should have some support back," she said.

Ms Ballantyne-Brodie said that, while the council had been a great supporter of her organisation, she hoped it would consider some changes to parking.



Book for next Networking Lunch

The final Docklands New Networking Lunch for the year will be held at the recently-opened Platform 28, on Friday, December 10.

The quarterly lunch is popular with local business people as it allows them to connect and maintain relationships in an informal and friendly setting.

The first 80 people to contact Alison Kinkade at *Docklands News* on alison@docklandsnews.com.au will be accepted for the event. Bookings will close and payment needs to be received by Friday, December 3.

The cost is \$60 and includes three courses and beverages. Platform 28 is in the Good Shed North, cnr Bourke St and Village St.

Entree: Pumpkin, sage and honey soup; or Soy rare beef Asian-style salad

Main: Char-grilled Gippsland sirloin with peppered red wine jus; or Pan-fried chicken breast stuffed with feta and semi-dried tomatoes finished with a balsamic jus
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All's well that ends well

By Alison Kinkade

The best place to have a heart “turn” is right in front of your cardiologist – just ask Jack Joel who almost died at a function in Docklands on October 9.

76-year-old Jack was tucking into his main course at the Epworth Healthcare Gala Ball at Peninsula at Central Pier when he began to choke on a chicken bone.

Epworth Health Care’s director of cardiology, Dr Ron Dick, said Mr Joel suffered a cardiac arrest after he began to choke.

“One minute he was talking animatedly to the person next to him and the next minute he had begun choking and blacked out,” Dr Dick said.

“If it had been a young person with no history of cardio problems they probably would have been fine but in this case he blacked out and his heart stopped,” he said.

Mr Joel, who was discharged from Epworth Hospital less than a week after his ordeal described himself as a very lucky man who

had just been in the right place at the right time.

“If it had happened anywhere else I would have been dead, but I had a great team of people working on me,” Mr Joel said.

A team of four doctors, including Dr Dick who is Mr Joel’s cardiologist, provided CPR to get Mr Joel’s heart started.

Mr Joel said: “Though I don’t recall anything I have been told the story many times and I believe one doctor even bent a dessert spoon into a hook shape to try and dislodge the bone. Whether or not he succeeded I do not know, but it’s pretty amazing how inventive they can be.”

Mr Joel said he believed that they started CPR and had to work on him for 20 minutes before they could get a pulse and, had it been any longer, brain damage would certainly have been a worry.

“It was unbelievable but, then again, I’ve done many mad things in my life and I was just lucky that the doctors were so fantastic and that the venue handled it really well.”

Mr Joel said he would host a dinner party for the doctors who saved his life.



Jack Joel – lucky to be alive

“We’ve already started organising something and will get the caterers in just to thank them all with their partners and have a celebratory dinner because I was really close to death.”

Mr Joel is keen to attend Epworth HealthCare’s Gala Ball next year saying that he has been a big supporter of Epworth for

years, that they always look after him and he will continue to support them.

More than 1000 people from across Australia gathered at the Atlantic Group[v] venue for the second year running and raised a record \$2.25 million for future teaching and research at the 90-year-old hospital.

Major Harbour Esplanade disruptions this month

Works to transform Harbour Esplanade are progressing well, with the tram works scheduled to finish this month.

The first stage of the Harbour Esplanade redevelopment, between Bourke St and Docklands Drive, is due for completion in the first half of 2011.

Four new tram platform stops have been installed between Bourke St and Docklands Drive.

From Saturday, November 20 all tram services will run in the new configuration.

Harbour Esplanade will need to close to vehicular traffic and trams to finalise the new tram track works, and transfer the tram services to the new tram tracks in the centre of the road. These works are scheduled to occur from 12am Saturday, November 13 until 5am Saturday, November 20.

The following changes will be in place during this time:

Road closures

- Harbour Esplanade will be closed to vehicle traffic between Collins St and Dudley St;
- LaTrobe St will be closed to vehicle traffic between Spencer St and Harbour Esplanade; and

- Bourke St will be closed to vehicle traffic between Batman Hill Drive and Harbour Esplanade and will reopen to east/west traffic from 5am Wednesday, November 17 allowing Bourke St access to and from Victoria Harbour.

Tram service changes

For the duration of the works the following service changes will apply:

- City Circle trams will run via Spencer St. They will not service the Docklands area;
- Route 30 will terminate at LaTrobe and Spencer streets;
- Routes 70 and 75 will terminate at Flinders St West (near Spencer St);

- Route 86 will terminate at LaTrobe and Spencer streets; and
- Services to tram route 48 will not be affected.

A tram replacement bus will operate during the works. The bus will run in a loop between Docklands Drive and Waterfront Way travelling along Wurundjeri Way, Bourke St, Batman’s Hill Drive, Flinders St, Spencer St, Dudley St, Footscray Rd and Waterfront Way.

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Sustainable building

A “little brother” is soon to join Victoria Harbour’s world-class array of sustainable commercial buildings.

Developed by Lend Lease and the Stable Group and to be known as Lifestyle Working Collins Street, the 9500 sq m building is being offered to small businesses as 137 strata-titled suites ranging from 40 to 120 sq m.

According to Stable Group director Ed Horton, the five-level “Lifestyle Working” building at 838 Collin St boasts some environmental credentials which are a world first for a commercial building of this type.

For example, its owners corporation’s electricity bill will be substantially supplemented by solar panels. And, as there is no cooling tower and natural lighting will dominate, only a small amount of electricity will be required.

A further series of roof-mounted “solar-lots” – comprising 1.5 Kvh solar systems – are available for strata-title purchase by lot owners to subsidise and future-proof their own energy requirements.

The building is aiming for a NABERS 5-star energy and water rating and a minimum of a 5 Star Green Star rating. A shared pool of electric scooters will be available to “Lifestyle Working” occupants.

Mr Horton said the building had been over-engineered to ensure unprecedented comfort and efficiency. He said, as a result, only nine square metres per person would be required rather than a usual 14 square metres. This was partly achieved by shared meeting rooms for owners and tenants, known in the “Lifestyle Working” context as “privileged” and “semi-privileged” spaces.

Other features include: low operating costs; free wireless internet hot spots; and internet supplied to all suites as part of outgoings.





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He said the building offered benefits to small businesses which, until now, had only been available to government and large corporations.

"Up until now the banks wouldn't lend to people wanting these sorts of benefits because the buildings haven't been economically viable," Mr Horton said.

"We've challenged convention by designing around people and not models," he said.

Victoria Harbour already has the largest concentration of sustainable commercial buildings in Australia and is considered a world leader in the field.

Lend Lease, which is developing the project in collaboration with the Stable Group, says "Lifestyle Working" will add diversity to its Docklands commercial mix.

Victoria Harbour project director Ellie Schwab said: "We are aiming to create a welcoming and safe place to live, work and visit. A place that promotes healthy lifestyles, embodies a strong community spirit and where our environment and heritage is celebrated."

The Stable Group has already developed a "Lifestyle Working" building in Brookvale, Sydney. But Mr Horton said the Docklands version would be built to an even higher standard.

"The fundamental differences in this market, are that businesses need to get value for money and differentiate themselves from their competitors," Mr Horton said.

"The base principles guiding the design and operation of our Lifestyle Working Collins Street development are tangible and measurable value-add benefits – far more efficient space, low operating costs, leading-edge technologies and ground-breaking sustainable initiatives."

"One of the great appeals of Victoria Harbour from our perspective, is that it is not only a legitimate extension of the Melbourne CBD, it is where three icons of the Victoria converge – Collins St, the tram and the Yarra."

"We are delighted to be surrounded by new corporate headquarters such as the Myer national support office, ANZ Centre, Fujitsu, NAB and of course Lend Lease at The Gauge, all of which distinguish themselves in Victoria Harbour."

"We are creating a place for small and medium enterprises to collaborate and engage with those businesses in accommodation that provides the same level of facilities as our neighbours."

"Engaging the community is important to us. There are a number of community-based initiatives we will be announcing over time, including the donation of one of our Lifestyle Working electric motor scooters, to charity."



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Docklands 1402 / 8 McCrae Street

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Perfectly located on the South side of Village Docklands facing the Yarra is this impressive 13th floor, light filled apartment with winter Garden terrace directly overlooking the Yarra River. Consisting of 2 bedrooms (the master with private ensuite), a modern and stylish kitchen open to the dining/ lounge, perfect for entertaining family and friends before heading into the town for a night of fun.

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Docklands 38 / 801 Bourke Street

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The gourmet kitchen is complemented with Miele stainless steel appliances and generous storage space. The apartment captures views of the Yarra River and Docklands precinct. Other features include air-conditioning throughout, separate laundry and an undercover car space. Also included is a membership to the exclusive health club featuring heated indoor lap pool, spa, sauna and fully equipped gymnasium.

Docklands 210 / 2 NewQuay Prom

VIEWS OVER THE WATER

1 bed 1 bath 1 car

Private Sale \$539,000

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Is this game over?

Lend Lease has fenced off the Serrata site in Bourke St in preparation for construction of the controversial residential tower.

Adjacent apartment owners are threatening legal action for damages and claim they were misled about what was to be built at the site.

Resident spokesperson Frank Ruggiero said legal action was still being considered.

“I have been informed that lawyers are in the process of preparing and sending communications to the owners about the proposed legal action,” Mr Ruggiero said.

“Given that they are still involved at that level, it is not appropriate for me to comment further.”

“However, it appears that Lend Lease continues to disrespect and disregard the community as they have now fenced the land for construction.”

Slightly more than half of respondents to the October online *Docklands News* survey thought that Serrata should be built. The survey attracted 11 responses, with six voting for the development and five against.

Six out of the 11 respondents also said they believed the residents were misled. On the question of whether the residents were being



Surveyors prepare for construction on the Serrata site as Docklands workers enjoy one last game of lunch-time soccer.

misleading themselves by describing the building site as a “park,” seven thought they were not and four thought they were.

Among the comments made were:

“I wish Lend Lease would stop saying that they are helping develop the Docklands

community. They are clearly not interested in communities. They are interested in making profits;” and

“Lend Lease made promises but, in the end, everyone should do their own due diligence.”

Progress on NewQuay affordable rentals

The Victorian Housing Minister Richard Wynne and the Member for Melbourne Bronwyn Pike, visited the Mariner, NewQuay, on October 8 to inspect the construction progress on 85 affordable rental homes.

The Victorian Government has invested \$31 million in the houses for lower and medium income-earners in Docklands.

Mr Wynne said safe, comfortable, well-located and affordable homes were essential to creating a sense of place and community, and were important in providing stability.

“The Mariner, NewQuay, will ultimately provide 113 apartments over nine levels, 85 of which will be a mix of one and two-bedroom affordable rental apartments,” Mr Wynne said.

Ms Pike said the development would give tenants a home in one of Melbourne’s prime real estate areas.

The Mariner, NewQuay, is a partnership between the Commonwealth and Victorian Governments, and the registered housing association Housing Choices Australia, which will manage the apartments.

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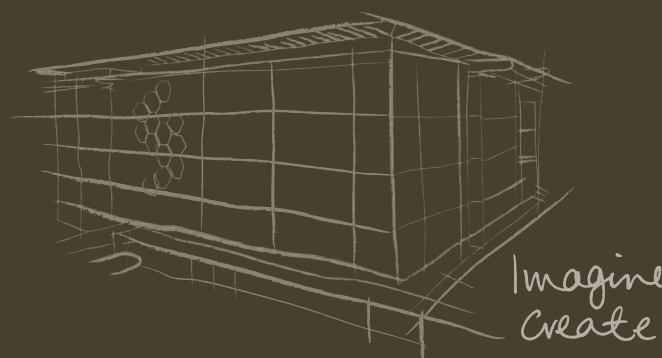
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Cartoonist wins art prize

Cartoonist David Rowe has swapped sketching for brushstrokes to take out the major prize in The Mission to Seafarers' 2010 ANL Maritime Art Prize.

Mr Rowe won \$15,000 for his work titled *Dockside* at the official launch of the exhibition at The Mission to Seafarers in Flinders St, Docklands, on October 8.

David said he based his work on several "old fellas" he's seen while walking to work past the Sydney fish markets over the years. A cartoonist for 20 years, David decided to turn his hand to painting after being inspired by his partner who has been a regular contributor to the award.

"It was a large experiment for me," David said. "I have been doing 20cm square cartoons for 20 years so actually painting on a large scale is quite difficult."

David, who lives at Wombarra, north of Wollongong, said he was especially chuffed to have won such an iconic charity award. "It's one of the few art prizes that helps the seafarers and it's something quite close to my heart," he said.

The \$5000 prize from the ASP Ship Management Group for the artwork judged Best in Traditional Maritime Art was awarded to Betina Fauvel-Ogden for her work titled *Docklands*.



Cartoonist David Rowe with his award-winning work.

Betina's love affair for docks, seafarers and the sea is evident in her oil painting and stems from her own heritage, as a descendant of a long line of seafarers.

A \$500 Highly Commended Award from the Maritime Heritage Association of Victoria for the work judged Best Representation of Victorian Maritime Heritage was awarded to Epping artist Julian Bruere for his watercolour piece, *Mahogany Ship*, based on the fabled Portuguese caravel.

As part of the International Year of the Seafarer, adventurer Jesse Martin - who is



Solo sailor Jesse Martin

still the youngest sailor ever to cross opposite points of the globe in a single around-the-world solo and unassisted voyage - officially opened the exhibition as Ambassador for The Mission to Seafarers Victoria.

Jesse said the mission had been providing a home-away-from-home for seafarers visiting Melbourne ports since 1857 with practical resources and welfare support.

"I understand and know about the loneliness of being at sea for long periods of time away from family and friends, as all seafarers are," Jesse said. "I therefore urge you all to support

this exhibition of wonderful maritime art in order to help The Mission to Seafarers carry out this most important work."

The \$2000 award for the World Trade Centre-sponsored People's Choice Award was to be announced at the end of October.

Since 2002, The Mission to Seafarers Victoria art prize has exhibited the work of over 700 artists while the organisation has also raised about \$180,000 toward the provision of seafarers' services in Victoria.

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Rychelle Vines with two of the Nyirрпи kids she brought to Melbourne last month.

Nyirрпи kids skate the white magic

Fourteen kids from Nyirрпи School in the Northern Territory took to the ice on Monday, October 11 at The Medibank Icehouse as part a tour around Melbourne.

Rychelle Vines, a teacher from Rosebud Secondary College, brought the teenagers who live in an indigenous community 450km north of Alice Springs, to Melbourne as part of an educational program.

The kids, who had never seen an ice rink, enjoyed a skate on what they call “white magic” and the Icehouse donated socks to the children so that they could skate.

Ms Vines, who used to teach in remote communities before moving to Rosebud, started an organisation called Cross Country Education that aims to unite children from remote communities with those in the city.

“I worked as a tour guide and later worked in a remote community and I really saw the need for this type of education,” she said.

Ms Vines, who said she also wanted to remain involved with remote communities whilst being able to live in Melbourne, came up with the tour idea 18 months ago and began to organise the trip in April.

“There were a few hurdles we had to overcome but we got there and also managed to raise \$9000 worth of funds through organisations like Rotary and mining companies and other businesses, which allowed us to bring the kids over.”

The children were accompanied by two Nyirрпи teachers, Wendy Jones and Jim Quilford, and two carers who also helped out with translation, as English is not the children’s first language.

“Right from the very beginning it’s been an exciting trip for the kids. Many of them had never flown on a plane and it was very funny to see them jump on the plane and sit in first class just because they were the first available seats,” Ms Jones said.

Mr Quilford said the trip would also allow them to teach the kids about nutrition and personal hygiene and had been a good way of getting the children to attend school.

“Attendance rates in Nyirрпи are only about 50 per cent. So we said the children with the best attendance and behaviour would be able to go,” Mr Quilford said.

Docklands is back where it started

In an on-again, off-again federal electoral redistribution, Docklands is to remain part of local MP Adam Bandt’s Melbourne electorate.

It had earlier been proposed that Docklands’ voters would be relocated to neighbouring Melbourne Ports.

But, following public hearings and after consideration of written objections and comments, Docklands will remain in Melbourne.

The proposal to move Docklands into Melbourne Ports would have triggered a series of consequential transfers throughout inner-eastern electorates to help address low enrolments in south-eastern Melbourne.

The Labor member for Melbourne Ports, Michael Danby, submitted an objection to the Australian Electoral Commission suggesting that Docklands remain within the division of Melbourne.

In the August federal election, the Liberal Party attracted the most number of Docklands voters’ first-preference votes.

In his submission, Mr Danby said he knew the area well and he didn’t think there was any real community of interest between Docklands and South Melbourne.

“The Yarra is a major barrier, and there is no easy way to get from Docklands to the centre of Melbourne Ports,” Mr Danby said.

“Docklands is an extension of Melbourne city and is oriented eastwards to the city, not southwards. Its public transport links all run east-west,” he said.

Objections to the most recent proposal must be lodged in writing to the Redistribution Secretariat for Victoria by 6pm on November 1 and a public inquiry will be held in Melbourne on November 8.



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Docklands News advertising manager Peter Crowley sets off in another Green Zone test car.

Green Zone - Driving the future

By Peter Crowley

On October 5, I had the unique experience of driving one of the greenest cars in Australia past one of the nation's greenest buildings.

As a participant in the Melbourne Green Zone program I booked in to drive a fully electric, emission-free car around a Docklands circuit that took me along Bourke St and past eminent green buildings like The Gauge and the restored Goods Shed.

The all-electric car was great – whisper quiet, super-easy to drive, yet nimble and sprightly and well suited to the inner city.

But the circuit, which took me from outside the Queens Warehouse, around Collins and Merchant streets to Bourke, and then via Wurundjeri Way back to the starting point,

passed through eight sets of traffic lights, one roundabout, and involved two crossings of tram tracks and six crossings of bike paths – all in a circuit that would be lucky to be 1500 metres long.

Afterwards, whilst very satisfied with the driving experience, I couldn't help but make this sombre reflection – I was driving a car engineered to address the future through a suburb with similar aspirations but which, when it comes to local transport movement, was struggling to deliver.

To reduce local congestion and take advantage of unique local character, it is time to de-clutter local streets and consider connecting the corners of the precinct with electric shuttle buses and water transport options.

Nevertheless, the Green Zone program gave users an important opportunity to experience fuel-efficient vehicle options that show the way to a greener driving future.

James Squire to reopen

Waterfront City's James Squire Brewhouse is to reopen under the management of Lou Jovanovski's Rivers Group.

ING Real Estate has sold the premises, having evicted its former tenant over a rent dispute in September.

Mr Jovanovski says he is to run the business on a contract in the short-term on behalf of the new owner.

It is understood that the new owner has done a deal with Lion Nathan and will continue to trade under the James Squire brand.

Both Mr Jovanovski and ING have refused to say who bought the premises.

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English Rotary friendship exchange couple Marjorie and John Lowey were blown away by Melbourne Docklands during a brief stay last month.

The couple from St Ives, Cambridgeshire, were hosted by a local Rotarian from October 19 to 21 as the first of four home-stays around Rotary District 9800.

Coming from rural England, the couple were stunned by the expansive high-rise views from their host's 24th floor apartment.

"The first thing that hit us was the spectacular views," John said. "And the very easy access to the city centre and main line train station is very impressive."

"There seems to be a nice combination of industrial, commercial and residential from what we have seen of Docklands."

Marjorie said there was simply so much to look at. "It's so diverse," she said. "I enjoyed seeing the boats and cruisers as well as the rowers first thing in the morning. And it all just seems to work so well."

John said: "There just seems to be a smooth efficiency about the place without the stress and pressure of a major inner centre."

The Loweyes have been involved in Rotary for more than 25 years. During that time they



Marjorie and John Lowey back their bags on their final morning in Docklands.

have hosted Rotarians from South Africa, Brazil, Australia, USA and India as well as three teenagers on school-year exchanges. In return, they have been hosted in the USA and Australia.

John said: "We've gained far greater insights into the different cultures by being directly

involved with families, rather than just being tourists."

The Rotary Club of Docklands meets every Tuesday from 6pm. Contact Leisa Wheatland on wheatland.leisa@bigpond.com or 0448 945 555.

No news on liquor licences

The Liquor Licensing Commission is yet to make a ruling on two opposed Docklands applications.

As reported last month, the Woolshed Pub is applying for a licence variation and local businessman Chris Ellis has applied to open a wine bar in St Mangos Lane, New Quay.

At the time of going to press, determinations had not been reached in both cases.

Name change for studios

On October 11, Docklands-based Melbourne Central City Studios embraced its location and was re-branded as Docklands Studios Melbourne.

Its chief executive officer Rod Allan said it was the right time to formally adopt the studio's commonly-used name, which was widely accepted in the industry.

"Docklands Studios Melbourne is easy to remember and emphasises our unique and highly attractive location. We're extremely excited about the future of the studios and look forward to working with new and returning projects," Mr Allan said.

The re-branding comes following the announcement of a \$10 million Victorian Government investment into new infrastructure at the studios.



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Pedal pusher

Docklander Tara Adams is taking pedal pushing to new heights.

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In Tara's case, she transports two children around Docklands and the inner city.

"I first saw the Taga online early this year and made contact with the Australian distributor," Tara said. "I've since become an 'ambassador' for the product."

Three-and-a-half-year-old Isidora and 11-month-old Clarrie are now both well used to zooming around the bike paths of Docklands catching the eye of curious onlookers.

The young family has been living in Docklands since September last year and loves it here.

"My husband and I lived here in a serviced apartment six years ago and the progress has been amazing," Tara said.

"Even now, there's always something new. And it's a nice community to move into. It's a transient community, but very welcoming."



Probus club to launch

A Probus Club for active retirees is launching at The Hub, 80 Harbour Esplanade, Docklands at 10.30am on Thursday, December 2.

Probus Clubs have monthly morning meetings with a stimulating speaker. Between meetings, members organise their own social, travel, hobby and fitness groups.

There are more than 2200 Probus Clubs in Australasia with about 200,000 members.

The meeting will decide on a club name, provisional office-bearers, activities, venue for meetings, and fees. It will also apply to Probus's national office for accreditation.

There is large unmet demand in inner Melbourne for a Probus Club, according to Tony Thomas, a director of Central Melbourne Sunrise Rotary Club.

"We want as many retirees as possible to come to our launch or 'interest' meeting," he said. "From there we will organise the next official meeting and the club then becomes self-supporting."

"We need at least 25 potential members at the Hub to launch the club."

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Candidates’ pledges to Docklands



Luke Martin
Liberal Party



Bronwyn Pike
Labor Party



Brian Walters
The Greens

On October 21, state election candidates visited Docklands and spoke for 10 minutes about what they would do for the suburb if elected.

Mr Martin concentrated his 10-minute presentation on perceived problems in Docklands and in the wider community and promised that he, and an elected Liberal Government, would do a better job.

“The people of Docklands have every right to be frustrated by the Government’s failure to deliver services in Docklands,” he said.

“Docklands needs a school, more recreational space, better management of bicycles and pedestrians and better traffic management.”

“But these things won’t happen unless there is a strong voice for Docklands and I want to be that voice.”

“A proposal to build a low-level bridge across the harbour is an outrage and everyone here has a right to be concerned about it. You’ve invested here. You live here. It’s your community and you have every right to say to the State Government we don’t want it.”

“I want to help in this matter but I can’t do anything about it unless you put your faith in me and elect me on November 27.”

On the liquor licensing issue, Mr Martin said he wanted to see a balance between businesses’ rights to make a living and protection of public amenity.

Mr Martin also talked about the Liberal Party’s plans to man suburban railway stations, fund extra police and transit police, introduce a team of mobile paramedics, secure water supply, support families and combat corruption.

In her 10 minute presentation, Ms Pike took a largely state-wide view and spoke of her values and track-record in delivering services, particularly in health and education.

She said she had seen the Docklands community develop and grow over the last 11 years.

She spoke of values of fairness and equity and the need to take care of people who were vulnerable and the need to build strong communities.

Ms Pike spoke on the Labor government’s record on public transport and reminded Docklanders that all the trams and other public transport down here had all been delivered by Labor.

She said the biggest challenge for the future was to care for the environment and sustain our planet.

She suggested her candidacy was strengthened by her experience and position as a senior member of government over many years.

“Yes, there are challenges. Yes, there are things that are not perfect. But we live in a big and complex society and community and we need to continue to grow and develop Melbourne and our community,” she said.

“Docklands is brand new and we have a great opportunity to really invest and shape the kind of community that we really want. A community where people can join together with common aspirations and feel included. A community that has the services that it needs. A community where people’s dignity is respected. All of those things are demonstrated here in the Docklands’ community.”

“In many ways you are all pioneers by moving down here and being part of something that it is new, dynamic and creative and I want to have the opportunity to continue to work with you to make sure that this is a wonderful community for everyone.”

Mr Walters said, if elected, he would represent Docklands in line with his background as a defender of human rights and social justice.

He said he would make the provision of a primary school in Docklands a priority.

“We clearly need a school because there are hundreds of children approaching school age and some families are moving out because there is no school within walking distance or accessible by public transport.”

“And many families are without cars, because they have been encouraged to come here and live a car-free lifestyle.”

He said the Port of Melbourne’s low-level train bridge proposal was not necessary if the Port of Geelong was activated to accept containers in the medium-term future.

“It doesn’t make sense to move 37 per cent of Australia’s freight through the inner suburbs of Melbourne,” he said.

He also criticised the Government on its Westlink proposal which he said would deliver an extra 5000 cars an hour into the Docklands area and create gridlock.

“We say there are much better ways to spend those billions of dollars, including infrastructure and schools here in Docklands,” he said.

Mr Walters said alcohol advertising and alcohol sponsorship of sport should be banned to discourage a binge drinking culture and that public transport should run 24 hours a day.

Mr Walters reminded the audience that the seat would have gone to the Greens at the last election if 600 people had voted differently.

“Which means on November 27, your vote is very powerful here in Docklands,” he said.



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On October 21, the Docklands News hosted a “meet the candidates” night and heard what each candidate in this month’s state election would do for Docklands, if elected. Below, we present a summary of an hour-long question and answer session.

Q&A

Planning in Docklands?

Luke Martin – Liberal spokesman Matthew Guy will help.

Bronwyn Pike – While there are some challenges, there are also some marvellous things down here and I think we are creating a fabulous community. There are some terrific things and, quite frankly, you wouldn’t be living here if you didn’t like it a little bit!

Brian Walters – Planning means having a plan with goals that are identified and agreed. We don’t have that in planning in Victoria today. It’s determined by whoever’s got the most influence at the time. Here in Docklands, we’ve had VicUrban doing I don’t know what, but there hasn’t been community involvement.

Serviced apartments?

Bronwyn Pike – These are tough issues for government. In the end, do we want a government to be able to tell people who own property what they can do with it? In working through the planning issues it is striking the balance between an individual’s rights and what is best for the broader community.

Brian Walters – When people are coming and going in short-term rental in apartment buildings where others are living and creating a community, you have no sense of commitment to the building or to the community. It’s actually not hard to create rules that say “no” to short-term renting. It undermines community to have people coming and going with no commitment to the place.

Private transport access?

Bronwyn Pike – I know that there are traffic issues, and the Government is working with the City of Melbourne to look at ways in which we can address the movement of traffic around this area. There are no specific proposals that I am aware of at this point in time. Trams are the most efficient solution.

Brian Walters – We will not remove gridlock by building more freeways. We have a public transport system which is not working and is under-utilised. If people at ANZ could feel confident that the public transport system could get them comfortably, safely and reliably to where they want to go, that would be the most efficient solution.

Luke Martin – The people who live in Docklands have every right to private transport. The people of Docklands have been let down by poor planning and poor co-ordination by VicUrban, the City of

Melbourne and the State Government. Docklands needs a better transport plan.

Any support for e-gate land to be made parkland?

Luke Martin – Can’t commit but would appreciate it from a personal perspective.

Bronwyn Pike – No commitment specifically on e-gate, but made reference to some temporary parkland in an area currently occupied by car parking and also mentioned some potential parkland behind the Docklands film studios.

Brian Walters – Doesn’t know the specific proposals for e-gate but agrees that Docklands is short on parklands and that parks are essential infrastructure.

Any preference arrangements in place yet?

Luke Martin – No.

Bronwyn Pike – Second preference will be going to the Greens.

Brian Walters – No.

What about water transport?

Luke Martin – It would be a wonderful addition to this city to utilise the river more. It’s a great idea.

Bronwyn Pike – The Government has looked at the feasibility but the population has not yet reached the point where it would be economically viable. It’s on the agenda and everyone is looking forward to a time when the numbers stack up. The Government’s budget is not a magic pudding.

Brian Walters – We’ve had private operators forced out by the high cost of mooring fees. It would be fairly simple to make this work.

Can you rule out the low rail bridge?

Luke Martin – Yes.

Bronwyn Pike – I am not in a position to say publicly what the view is of the relevant minister is. On a personal level I am deeply concerned about it and will continue to advocate.

Brian Walters – Yes.

Should Docklands planning be undertaken by a non-political committee of experts?

Luke Martin – More consultation between elected representatives and the Docklands community is required.

Bronwyn Pike – In my personal view, planning power needs to be returned to the City of Melbourne. There are some things in the agreements with the developers which will take time to work through.

Brian Walters – The community needs to have a voice in planning. It is unfortunate that the Minister has the final say in planning decisions. The Docklands community needs to be included in determining both individual decisions and in the overall plan.

Views on private parking on public land at the end of Central Pier?

Bronwyn Pike – Not aware of the issue.

Luke Martin – Also not aware.

Brian Walters – Also not aware, but parking is the worst way to use land.

Do you support height limitations on high rise?

Luke Martin – Not sure, but it needs to be discussed.

Bronwyn Pike – Yes.

Brian Walters – Yes.



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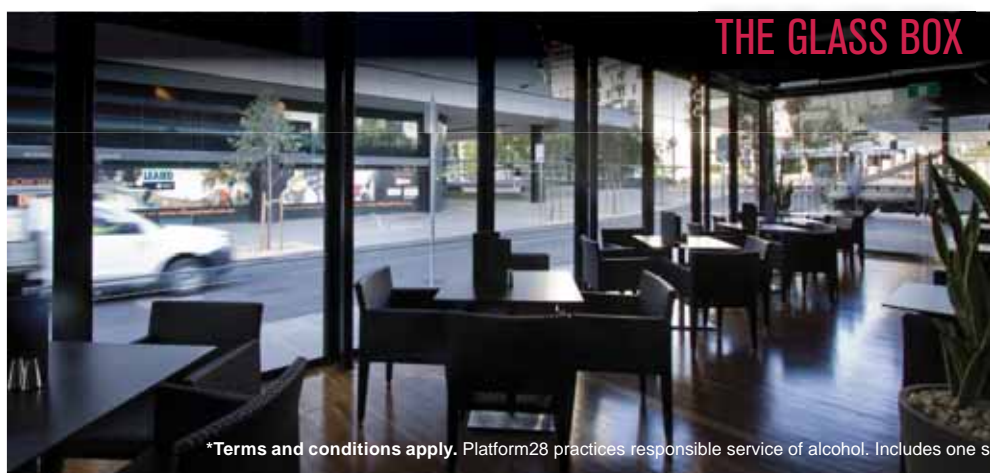
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Stick 'guru' visits Docklands

By Alison Kinkade

Ice hockey's world number one stick-handler and skills coach, American Sean Skinner, was in Docklands for a week in October to teach 25 Aussie kids a few tricks of the trade.



The kids, who ranged in age from 12-17, came from across Australia to train with the hockey-great at The Medibank Icehouse.

The founder of Australia's Puck Shooters Ice Hockey School and ArmourSmith Skating Superstore, Rodger Smith, brought Mr Skinner to Docklands for the one-week intensive hockey camp.

"Sean's the best there is in the world so it's a great opportunity for these kids to be able to get some training from the best of the best," Mr Smith said.

Mr Smith said he had been organising to get Mr Skinner over to Australia for the past three years and was very happy that it had been a great success.

"Sean's been great and the kids have really loved it. We're already planning to get him back next year in June or July and may even do an Australian tour with him, rather than just the week in Melbourne."

Known worldwide as the "Stick-Handling Guru", Mr Skinner has been training hockey players for more than 20 years after turning down a scholarship to play college hockey.

"I had the college scholarship, but decided to turn it down as I am Jewish and we can't work on Saturday, which is also why I can't coach teams," Mr Skinner said.

Still determined to live out his passion for hockey, Mr Skinner started his stick-handling and skills coaching business, Skinner Hockey, and has been in demand and travelling the world ever since.

"I've travelled to about 50 countries and have worked for the National Hockey League, Hockey Canada, the top Russian hockey clubs and many other top clubs in the world training them in tricks and skills and also doing pre-season training," Mr Skinner said.

Mr Skinner also has a range of educational DVDs, which have been purchased and translated by a number of the top leagues around the world as well as individuals.

It was Mr Skinner's first trip to Australia and he said he thought it was a beautiful country and was looking forward to travelling to Cairns on his way home and seeing the Great Barrier Reef.

"Australia's really beautiful and is unlike any other country. I spent some time in Sydney before coming to Melbourne and climbed the harbour bridge, but my favourite thing has been the opera house," he said.

Not only was he impressed by Australia's beauty, Mr Skinner was also very impressed by the Icehouse and Docklands' hospitality.

"The rink is fantastic. It would be on par with any ice rink in the US and Canada and Quest Docklands have also been really accommodating giving us conference rooms free of charge to show the DVDs," Mr Skinner said.

Mr Skinner is certainly looking forward to returning to Australia next year.

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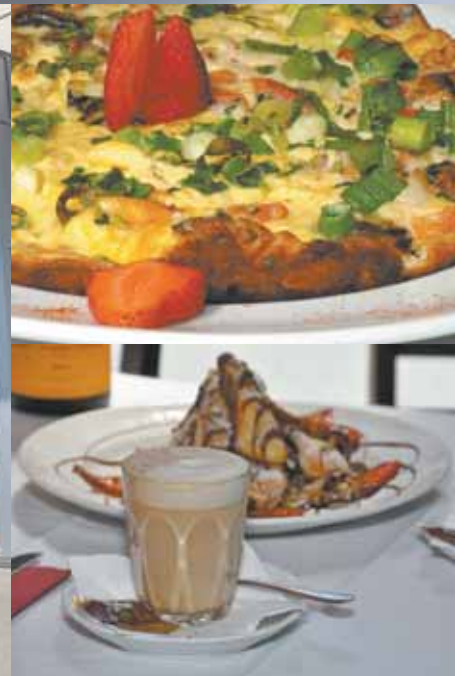
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Before Flemington, there was Docklands

By Alison Kinkade

Melbourne celebrates 150 years of the Melbourne Cup this month and Flemington itself celebrated 170 years of racing last year, but it cannot lay claim to hosting the first official race in Melbourne – that honour goes to Docklands.

It may come as a surprise but the first official race meeting ever held in Melbourne was in fact held in our humble waterside suburb over two days on March 6 and 7, 1838.

Consultant historian for the Victoria Racing Club Dr Andrew Lemon says Docklands can claim the first race meetings, although there were only two.

In an article for the publication, *The Story of the Melbourne Cup*, Dr Lemon details the history of early Melbourne racing.

Dr Lemon describes the racecourse as being more or less where Southern Cross Station is, although he told *Docklands News* the exact location was unknown.

“Various guesses exist of exactly where the track was but certainly Batman’s Hill (long ago flattened out, at the corner of Spencer and Flinders) and the high ground near Spencer Street were used as vantage points,” he said.

While details of the first race are vague, some history has been preserved through the use of John Fawkner’s newspaper and Melbourne’s very first newspaper, the *Melbourne Adviser* which, coincidentally, started printing a day earlier on March 5.

According to Dr Lemon, the first meeting followed a formula used in Tasmania and, at a time when the major annual Hobart race was worth 100 sovereigns, Melbourne offered 25 and the race was won by John Batman’s mare, Mrs Dutagalla.

Dr Lemon’s article describes how Melbourne’s first race featured familiar elements to today, including betting, booths of people and alcohol – much to the disapproval of the paper who disliked “the policy of tempting people to intoxication”.

The racecourse in Docklands was short-lived and after 1839 the races left Batman’s Hill for Flemington, despite it being an ideal location.



On yer bike Sean

Sean Sturrock (above) from Melbourne City Sports joined in the festivities on Wednesday, October 13 at the Ride to Work breakfast on the NAB forecourt.

The Ride to Work event was organised by Melbourne City Sports, in conjunction with the City of Melbourne, and many local

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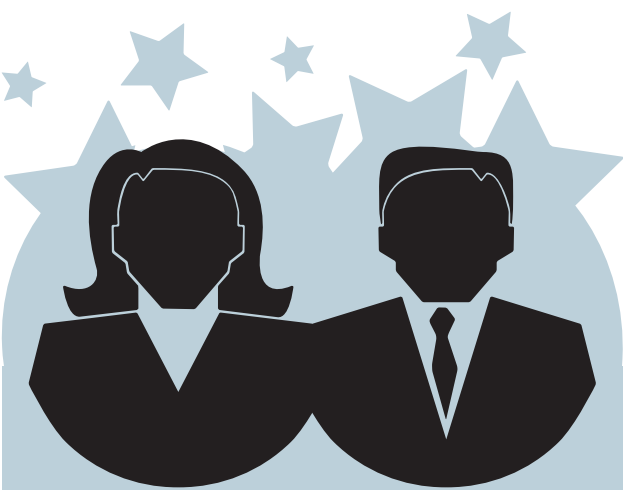
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09/12/1974

Mars in Scorpio
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Saturn in Cancer

James:

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Mars in Scorpio

Anyone born with Mars in Scorpio is blessed with the sexiest sign of the zodiac. With your innate animal magnetism you probably attract plenty of admirers. Your keen intuition can let you tap into your partner's deepest desires. Your fascination with sex could lead you to explore all sorts of erotic activities and taboo subjects, but what you really like is to merge with your lover - heart, body and soul.

Saturn in Taurus

Saturn in Taurus reflects a karmic need to learn to trust your heart. In other lifetimes, you've given your all and have been disappointed. In previous incarnations you may have married not for true love, but for other reasons like status or security. In this lifetime, it's your challenge to turn that inclination around and to make brave choices that reflect what your heart actually needs. Live for love might be your motto.

Rachael:

You are likely to be romantic and affectionate. You may look forward to creating perfect love with a very special partner. A feeling of destiny may be a crucial element in your willingness to make a romantic commitment and you may have waited to settle down until you felt you had found a true soul mate. You flourish with a partner who is eager to explore the world with you and can satisfy your adventurous sexual appetite. James does this and more for you. New sexual experiences can be as seductive as the lure of exotic cultures and exploring your partner's body can be as awe-inspiring as the pyramids.

Venus in Scorpio

Love isn't a partnership for you. It's a merger. You want to erase all the boundaries between you and your partner to become one. Whole and complete in mind, body and soul. Rachael, your sunny disposition and outgoing personality may lead people who don't know you intimately to think you don't take love seriously. But once Cupid's arrow strikes, you're hooked. James has you both hooked and perplexed - just the way you like it.

Saturn in Cancer

Being loved and nurtured is very important to you, but with Saturn in Cancer, you are learning that if you're ruled by need, you often will be disappointed by the people on whom you're counting to meet those needs. Perhaps in other lifetimes you weren't nurtured as you should have been and, as a result, you felt insecure. In this lifetime, there is a strong desire to be cared for and that means you reach out for attention and affection.

Featured terminology

Saturn - Also associated with karma or past lives refers to conditions that are rooted in previous lifetimes. According to the concept of reincarnation, we all live many times and we meet up with certain people again and again in each lifetime. The people we feel closest to are probably people we've known for many incarnations and who have played important roles in many of our past lives.

Mars - In a woman's birth chart suggests the male traits she finds most attractive - her ideal man.

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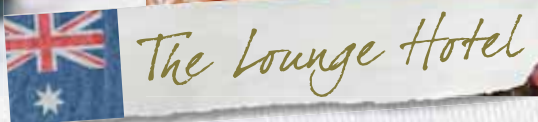
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What is it about the general public en masse? I mean, it's just all of us ... in a big group.

Just lots of individuals that you'd like to *think* have mothers and families. Yet something strange happens. I have had reason to deal with a lot of strangers recently, people who I had no real expectation of, was optimistic about and yet ... well, now I have an opinion. It's not really a good opinion. It borders on disbelief, disdain and shock. In fact, it was really off putting. It was a sea of arrogance, a mountain of complaining and an insurmountable storm of unrealistic demands.

Which I have to say then reminded me of other really big crowds. It's November, and it's the greatest time in Melbourne! It's warming up (some days anyway!), there's a

whisper of a rumour that someone's uncle always wins at the track and we're IN for tips.

That's right, the Spring Carnival is in full swing! There's not many days in the year you can get away with wearing a feather precariously tipped over one eye, caught at the back with a *MacGyver*-type contraption of elastic bands and bobby pins!

It's a chance to wear a dress that requires an *entire* roll of Hollywood tape and heels so dangerously high all chiropractors sigh happily knowing their mortgage payments are safe for another year! Ahhh, the excitement of standing in a car park and not actually seeing a horse all day, of champagne breakfasts on empty tummies ...

Which brings us crashing back to the general public en masse (anyone who has a car park ticket would be horrified to be called general public, but you know what I mean – I mean it *broadly!*).

I know as individuals we all have the highest respect for ourselves and others, but can we not tell people “en masse” that just because they are drunk and in a crowd doesn't mean they can ignore the guy who's picking up their garbage – for god's sake say **thank you** – nor can they push through people who have patiently been waiting in line because *THEIR* bottle of champers is more urgent than anyone else's. And double goes for taxi queues. Everyone has had enough and wants to go home!

In a crowd people tend to forget, or choose to give up, their own values and ethics – and behave as some person I'm sure they're not, as though no one is watching.

When it is all stripped bare, the thing that we really are – is our character. Our attitude, our consideration, our positive approach, our calmness, our joy, our courage, which in essence is our behaviour.

How we treat others – those close to us, those older or younger than us, those that are strangers – is a sign of who we are. We might not be able to change the mentality of “the public en masse” but if we all remain true to who we are, and are responsible for ourselves, well then a crowd does become a collection of wonderful and different individuals. And that's the way the races, and any other large collection of people, should be.

Hey, and this year, if you have a win - or even if you don't - give some to that old guy, the guy holding the Legacy collection tin proudly in front of his chest ... he's a gentleman. Remember, it doesn't matter if we're in a crowd and it feels like no-one is watching ... you can see yourself.

Have fun this month, enjoy this wonderful November, stay true to yourself, and stay proud.

Abby x



CUISINE UNDERCOVER

INDEPENDENT REVIEWS FROM DOCKLANDS' PHANTOM DINER

Harbour Town Hotel

I'll admit to being quite surprised at the amount of people lunching at Harbour Town Hotel. Let's face it, distance is usually judged in relation to the CBD and, to the non-converted, even Docklands is a hike.

And Harbour Town Hotel is located at what is in serious danger of becoming known as the a*** end of that, if that wheel doesn't get up and running some time soon.

But, mid-week and there they were – people dotted throughout and not all of them wearing orange vests either. Some new grandparents who'd been loading up at Pumpkin Patch, a couple of middle-aged

ladies in for a boozy lunch and day out, and the usual amount of business men knocking back the light ales.

And Docklands needs a few good, solid pubs in amongst all the fancy international stuff – and that's what Harbour Town Hotel delivers. An impressively diverse menu comprises all the standard pub fare and some excellent value-for-money deals (An extensive \$15 lunch menu and weeknight specials from \$12 - \$15 pushing steaks, burgers, pizza and parmas). What's more, there's just enough unexpected options in there to make choosing difficult – something I both love and hate (more often than not making the wrong choice and being plagued with meal envy for the duration of my lunch).

The parma looked great on its way past but, in an effort not to alienate readers with yet another parma review, I went with the spicy

chorizo and tomato risotto. Hoping for a somewhat lighter dish infused with chorizo oil and perhaps a few crumbs of the rather rich meat, I was not altogether surprised with the thick, generous slices of at least one full sausage that dominated the dish. Quantity, not quality is, after all, a hallmark of most standard pubs. And while it was all a bit gluggy, it was still an oddly comforting meal that seemed to improve as I went along.

A bacon and onion soup ordered by my companion arrived thick and creamy, allaying fears of a watery or oily consistency. Likewise, she reported it satisfying – a pretty pleasing result for a \$7.50 meal.

I would have liked to have sampled more, but that's the thing with a good pub dish – it fills you up.

The wine list is interesting – it must have been put together by a red drinker with

some exceptional drops on offer (you can even pick yourself up an 87 Hill of Grace (not quite as good as the 86 or 88 – but still!). However, while there's a few good French sparklings, the whites are nothing too special. The beer list I suppose compensates – with more than 40 premium Australian and imported beers to choose from.

Harbour Town Hotel is perhaps not worth trekking across town for – but if you're in the area or coming from the west – you'll get a good solid meal and are bound to find a drop to please.

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The Wharf Hotel hits the mark

By Alison Kinkade

Having grown up around the water as a Sydney girl and having lived in Docklands since moving to Melbourne, I am always on the lookout for venues that truly optimise the potential of Melbourne's beautiful waterways.

And after four years of trying to find that Sydney-style watering-hole I have finally



found it – and it's just a short stroll away. Located at the bottom of the World Trade Centre, the Wharf Hotel held its opening on Friday, October 8 and we, along with hundreds of others, were lucky enough to attend the stunning venue which could truly rival Sydney's best. Now before we get all fired-up on the "our city is better than your city" debate, let me just say that having lived in both cities, you cannot compare them. Neither is better than the other and they both have strengths and weaknesses. In my opinion, Melbourne has better food and culture. Sydney, on the other hand, has an amazing harbour and great

beaches, which is possibly why I have always found that it does a better waterside venue – until now that is! Opened by the same people who own Victoria Harbour's Watermark, the Wharf Hotel, with its stunning location, delectable food and great beverage list, truly optimises what life should be like in this great sunburnt nation.

As you stroll in the door you are greeted by a long corridor with wine bottles lodged into the wall and it is then that you realise you are in for a treat with the venue seamlessly entwining features from the old wharf and contemporary design.

Sitting right on the edge of the Yarra, the Wharf Hotel is unlike any other venue with a vast indoor and outdoor area which can cater to up to 600 people, and yet retains a classy but relaxed feeling.

The outdoor area's proximity to the water is amazing and heaters and fireplaces ensure that you can stay warm and enjoy the outside views even in winter.

We can also vouch for the wine and food too which, on opening night, was superb. Catering to probably about 500 people, guests feasted on barbecue lamb skewers



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with mint yoghurt, duck liver parfait, smoked salmon on blinis with chive crème fraiche and cheese and pumpkin croquettes, as well as many other goodies.

The Wharf Hotel is open seven days a week for lunch, dinner and drinks and offers a free VIP members club which gives members a monthly members' party, discounted drinks and the chance to accrue points to redeem food and beverage.

So if you're feeling hungry or just want to have a relaxing drink, then check out the Wharf Hotel at 18-38 Siddeley St ... I can highly recommend it and I'm not an easy judge.



GREETINGS FROM THE DOCKLANDS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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The DCA contributed to and participated in the twilight walk on October 7 to help the drive against juvenile diabetes.

The Family Fun Day organised by the DCA will be held on Sunday, November 7 in Docklands Park at the Bourke St end from 11am to 3pm. It will include a barbecue and kiddies' games. Everybody welcome! BYO food and drink although the association will supply some sausages, salads, plastic plates and cutlery. Don't forget to let us know if you are

coming by sending email to **docklands.community.association@gmail.com**. It will be postponed if the weather is bad with continuous rain. The Christmas party has been organised for Tuesday, December 7. It will be held at Harbour Kitchen on Victoria Harbour Promenade in the outside pavilion which is a great venue and it promises to be a wonderful night. More details will be provided later. DCA members took the opportunity to attend the "Meet the Candidates" night at Victoria Harbour on October 21, organised by the *Docklands News* – the candidates being for the forthcoming state election. Questions were asked regarding their

views and intentions on Docklands issues including such things as building height limits, parkland provision and ferry services. One candidate complimented the DCA on its response to the council's MSS future planning which was published in the *Docklands News*. Community liaison representatives from VicUrban and council are meeting with myself on October 25 to review activities and to discuss planning matters. We will continue to pass on to members information on outside activities such as those provided at the Hub and other places as they come to hand. 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. 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 **docklands.community.association@gmail.com** Good to talk with you again and we will continue to keep in touch. If you would like to talk to me about any aspect you are welcome to call me on **0412 097 706**. Sincerely Roger Gardner President DCA

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Josephine Tan (right), David Liddy and dragon at the branch opening.

Enter the dragons

Chinese dragons were out in force in Docklands during October.

They assisted opening two Docklands businesses – the Bank of Queensland branch in Harbour Town and the Melbourne Bay Restaurant at Digital Harbour.

The Victorian Parliamentary Secretary for Education, Skills and Workforce Participation, Steve Herbert, opened the Melbourne Bay Restaurant on Saturday, October 23 (right).

Two energetic dragons performed a ritual dance to ensure good luck and prosperity for the new businesses (above).



Nothing could rain on the Bank of Queensland's parade

Harbour Town's Bank of Queensland (BOQ) branch celebrated its official opening on October 6 with an Asian-inspired party at the branch.

Owner-manager of the branch, Josephine Tan, said everyone had a great time and that they were very lucky that the rain cleared up at exactly the right moment.

"It had been raining all day, but we were fortunate to have it clear up when we had the lion dance. Though we didn't mind the rain because in our culture rain means money," Ms Tan said.

Utilising as many Docklands businesses as it could, the opening was catered by Chilli Padi and a suckling pig was supplied by Gold Leaf restaurant.

In a speech to her loyal clients, employees, friends and family, Ms Tan said she had set herself the task of becoming the "bank of choice" for the Docklands community.

BOQ managing director David Liddy attended the event and said he wished he could clone Ms Tan and her skills and talent.

Ms Tan has more than 20 years experience in banking and finance and the Docklands branch is her second BOQ branch.

"I have so much faith in the BOQ brand and have lived and breathed it for almost six years that it made sense to me to open another branch," Josephine said.

The new branch, located at 430 Docklands Drive, is the first retail bank on the north-side of Docklands.



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Groom: Michael Taranto, 26

Bride: Linda Velardo, 27

Married: Saturday, October 9, 2010, St Ignatius Church, Richmond.

Reception: Waterfront venues "Waterfront Room", Docklands.

How did you meet?

We met through my bridesmaid Christine, at her birthday in 2007. A week later we went on our first date and have been together since.

The proposal?

Michael proposed on July 18, 2009 five thousand feet above Melbourne in a hot air balloon. Mike proposed with the ring and a hand-made banner reading "Marry Me Linda" dropping down from another balloon. The celebrations followed with a champagne breakfast at the Hilton on the Park.

Most memorable part of the wedding?

Bride: The whole day was so fantastic I can't choose a favourite. It was so much fun. The reception was absolutely fabulous to have everyone celebrate in style together.

Groom: The day was great, loved it all. Having all our closest family and friends there to help celebrate with us was great. The venue topped off a perfect day, great view of Melbourne city and everything ran smoothly. A fabulous wedding.

How was the reception?

We couldn't ask for anything better. Beautiful table settings with the stunning view of Melbourne which created an amazing atmosphere. The food was beautifully presented and tasted fantastic. The service was great and there was so much attention to detail we couldn't have asked for a better reception.

What made you choose Docklands for your reception?

The Waterfront Room has a fabulous view of Melbourne city, which instantly was a winner for us. The room has character and charm which stood out from other places we had seen, and the packages are definitely value for money.

Honeymoon?

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DOCKLANDS FASHION



Lauren Duffy

LOCATION?

Harbour Town

WEARS?

Charcoal jump-suit, patent black handbag, leather black bow-belt, black thongs.

DESCRIPTION?

It's very classy and it's summery.

WHAT BRINGS YOU TO HARBOUR TOWN?

My friend is here from Adelaide and I'm taking her shopping. I use to work here so I know all the good shops to go to.

WHERE ARE YOU FROM?

Sunshine.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE THING ABOUT SPRING?

Colours and summery clothes.

WHAT MAKES A GOOD OUTFIT?

I think accessories are important and hair. Hair is definitely important. If your hair looks great your whole outfit will, but if you have bad hair and a great outfit it will pull the whole outfit down.

Chiaki Okamoto

LOCATION?

Harbour Town

WEARS?

Black jacket, beige and black scarf, layered top, layered mini-shorts, black tights, brown calf-length boots and black patent bag.

DESCRIPTION?

I would say it's an Asian style.

WHAT BRINGS YOU TO HARBOUR TOWN?

We are just doing some shopping.

WHERE ARE YOU FROM?

Hawthorn. But we're originally from Japan. We came here about four years ago.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE THING ABOUT SPRING?

Probably the temperature.

WHAT MAKES A GOOD OUTFIT?

Layering and colour are definitely important.

Meesha Collyer

LOCATION?

Harbour Town

WEARS?

Black-turtle neck, black leather jacket, blue-wash skinny-leg jeans, black lace-up boots.

DESCRIPTION?

It's probably a mixture between grunge and rock.

WHAT BRINGS YOU TO HARBOUR TOWN?

Just doing some shopping.

WHERE ARE YOU FROM?

Gold Coast.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE THING ABOUT SPRING?

Looking forward to summer being around the corner.

WHAT MAKES A GOOD OUTFIT?

Difference and individuality.

Spring Carnival Fashion Profile

Interview with Julie Spencer – Designer and founder of Jules Haute Couture.

Having worked in both the manufacturing and retail fashion industries for 15 years, Julie Spencer established Jules Haute Couture in Toorak to provide stylish, tailored clothing with an emphasis on highlighting positive assets.

With a focus on ladies' up-market custom design and a millinery range, Julie moved to Docklands in 2005 to become the area's first fashion designer.

What are the major trends in millinery design this spring racing season?

Trends in millinery tend to follow fashion colours and this year there is a really strong trend towards bright colours – think rainbow! Overseas there is a strong “blue” trend but a lot of Australian designers have really picked up on yellow and orange this year. Although red, hot pink, purples, greens and the unforgettable old favourite black are also popular - the Melbourne Cup should be really colourful!

Will the hat or fascinator be more popular this racing season?

The suggestion from overseas is that there is a strong trend towards the hats this year instead of the fascinators. At the moment I favour the “Hattinator” – a large bold fascinator, which is a mixture of both the hat and fascinator, and there are some beauties out there this season!

When picking the perfect headpiece are there some guidelines?

Ladies should bear these three things in mind: *Size:* The size of their face is important. *Colour:* Do you want to match your outfit or use a contrast colour? Perhaps highlighting the contrast colour with matching accessories. *Position:* I personally like to wear hats on a tilt as it gives them personality. Fascinators should be worn on the side of the head and should be positioned in line with the ear, but definitely not on the top or back of the head.

When choosing accessories for the races are there any important rules to remember?

The old rule of thumb used to be “hat, bag and shoes should all match” but these days just having two matching pieces is OK. Bags should be a small clutch purse and shoes should be light and strappy.

How important are accessories?

Accessories can either complement or kill a race outfit. I am always advising women to “balance the length” of their clothes, i.e. don't wear a long length jacket over a dress if you are short. A bolero or evening wrap will look better and make you look taller.

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Facebook or Meowbook?

He may be shy to meet in person, but give him a laptop and he transforms into one social and popular cat ...

Meet Rusty, the social-networking, Vegemite-loving, spoiled tabby ragdoll cat from Docklands who resides in the Arkley building with his owner Iris.

With his own room, bathroom and chair, it may not come as a surprise to know that this spoilt cat also has his own Facebook page.

What was started as a social experiment by Iris has since grown into a hobby with a continual flow of updates and a rapidly increasing rate of popularity which has even seen Docklands Chamber of Commerce vice-president, Elena Tsapatolis "Facebook befriend" him.

"I was having a conversation with my sister about the whole Facebook phenomenon and I said I would put Rusty up and see how many people befriend him," Iris said.

"I only sent out five friend requests and he now has more than 60 friends," Iris said.

Rusty is also proud to be an Aussie cat so much so that he has even acquired a taste for our national cuisine ... Vegemite.



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City on a Hill turns three!

At the end of October 2007 we planted City on a Hill with a small team and a big vision to see Melbourne impacted with the life of Jesus.

Since then God has gathered men and women with a passion to know Jesus and get on board with his mission, and we celebrate our third birthday with great joy and thankfulness.

We have seen our ministry grow and expand, and now draw hundreds of people to Docklands from all over Melbourne. We now run mid-week community groups, training programs as well as an exciting ministry to Melbourne's homeless, called "Many Rooms".

As I reflect on the past three years, I am truly grateful for the support and commitment of the Docklands community. We are passionate about this community, and truly feel a part of it. It's been great being a part of the Christmas events, and particularly fun establishing the Community Weekend. God is

passionate about community and we want to share his love for this place.

I would like to honor the staff of James Squire for their incredible generosity to us over the past three years. We have many fond memories of our time there - from baptisms in a splash bath, to watching the sun go down with the best views of any church in Melbourne. We're so grateful for all of their support, and they're in our prayers as they look to start up business again soon.

I am also grateful for the support of Shane Scanlan and the team at *Docklands News*. This monthly column has been a great privilege, and I hope it's been fun to read!

We'd love to see you down at your local church one night. We're at the Waterfront Room 6pm each Sunday night, and Hoyts Melbourne Central at 10am.

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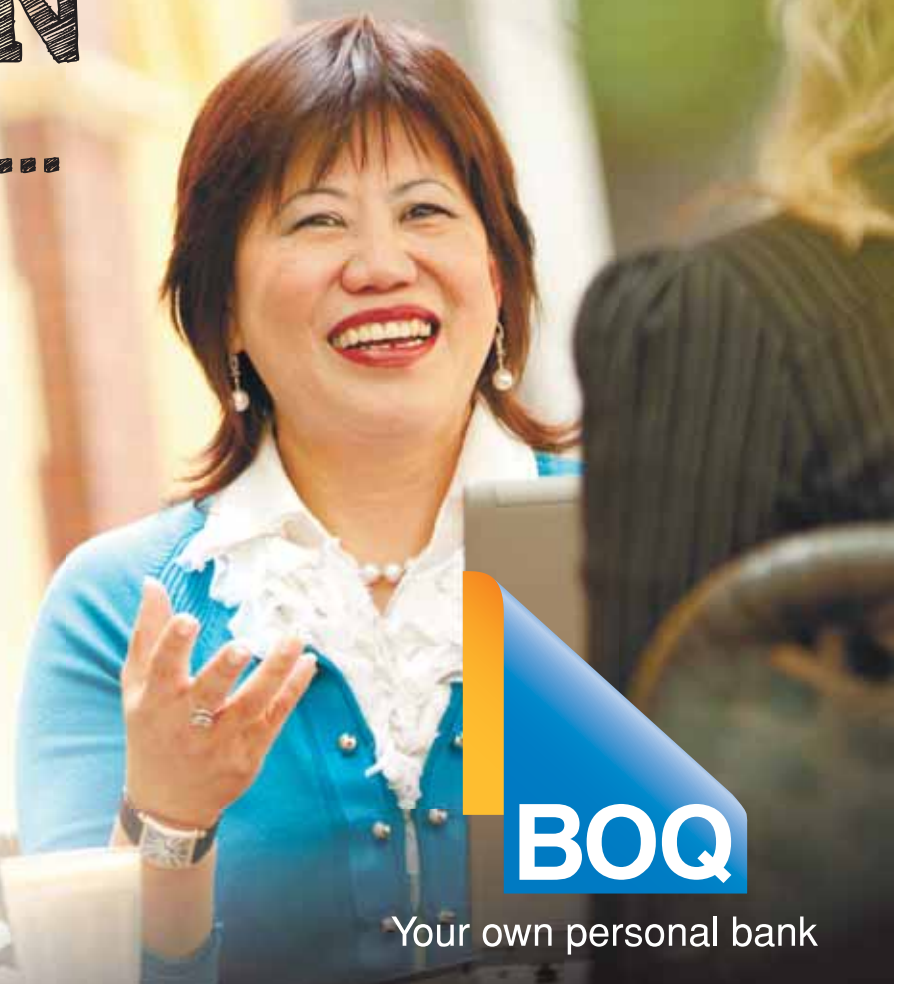
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Walk for Charity

Challenge yourself for a good cause and make a difference. The Upstream Foundation will be holding their sixth annual Upstream 50km Challenge where participants will enjoy a 50km walk or run from Docklands to Donvale along the picturesque Yarra River. Over the past five years the event has raised over \$650,000. Participants can enter as individuals, teams or relay teams. There is no registration fee however each participant must commit to collecting a minimum of \$200 in donations. Check the website out for more information.

Date: November 13th

Time: Walkers start between 7am and 8.30am

Venue: The walk starts at Waterfront City Piazza



Skylines Australia 2010 Show 'n' Shine

The Skylines Australia car club of Victoria are pleased to be holding their 2010 Show 'n' Shine on Sunday the 14th of November. This wax-on, wax-off event is an annual celebration of Japanese imports, with some of the finest examples of these timeless vehicles on display for Waterfront City patrons. From the radically modified and modern, to the factory original and classic, these passionate and friendly owners look forward to showing you what the shiny side of being a true car enthusiast is all about.

Date: November 14th

Time: 10am – 3pm

Venue: Waterfront City Piazza



Suit Up and Ride

Suit Up & Ride is a team cycling event with a twist where participants must wear corporate attire (or their designated uniforms i.e. police, ambulance, fire crews) and race on RACV Melbourne Bike Share bikes around Waterfront City, Docklands. It's not about finding Melbourne's best cyclist but more about getting together with your work mates and having some fun while doing something good for you and youth mental health. Check the website out for more information on how to register.

Date: November 19th

Time: 1pm – 5.30pm

Venue: Waterfront City Piazza



Monaros at Docklands

Monaro Club Victoria will be holding their annual car display on 28th November from 9am-3pm in the Waterfront City Piazza. Trophies will be awarded for the best presented Monaro in each grade, with all different models on display.

Date: November 28th

Time: 9am – 3pm

Venue: Waterfront City Piazza



Docklands Sunday Market

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BNI COMES TO DOCKLANDS

Docklands businesses are invited to experience a form of business networking which has proven successful all around the world and is brand new to this area.



A chapter of Business Network International (BNI) has relocated to Docklands from the CBD and is looking for new members.

The president of the Harbour Connections BNI chapter, Dave Fuller, said the group was interested in attracting local businesses looking for more sales.

Mr Fuller explained that the BNI concept was all about seeking referral business for other members of the group.

“In BNI we have a philosophy of givers gain. It means that if I seek out and refer business to you, you are likely to do the same for me,” he said.

The Docklands-based chapter is hosting a special visitors’ day meeting on Wednesday, November 10 from 9am until 11am at the Harbour Kitchen under the NAB building facing the water on Victoria Harbour. The group normally meets from 7am until 8.30am every Wednesday.

“We’d like people to know that there is a group down here that can help them grow their business,” Mr Fuller said.

Mr Fuller said the BNI concept allowed for only one of each profession in each chapter.

“Effectively, you lock out your opposition once you join a chapter,” he said.

Mr Fuller said BNI was the most successful networking group of its type in the world.

Businesses wishing to attend should call Silke Harmes on 9510 7600 or email her on silkeh@davenportports.biz

AN OLD HAND BRINGS HIS EXPERIENCE TO A BRAND NEW DOCKLANDS VENUE

With 20 years experience in hospitality in both Ireland and Australia, Mark O’Reilly is an old-hand when it comes to the industry and he has now brought his expertise to Docklands.

Migrating from Ireland to Australia 16 years ago Mark has enjoyed great success in Australia’s hospitality industry owning several venues across Melbourne.

Growing up with parents who owned hotels in Ireland, it was only a matter of time before Mark would begin to work in the industry which has taught him many lessons over the years on how to run a successful venue.

“A pub is a poor man’s university. You learn by your mistakes and you listen, but most importantly you have to have vision,” Mark said.

Vision is something that Mark has in spades, recently converting the heritage Goods Shed North into Docklands’ latest up-and-coming venue – Platform 28.

Located in Bourke St, Platform 28 is a gorgeous looking venue that effortlessly combines the old and the new.

From the big, black cast-iron heritage columns to the distinctly painted number 28 on the old brick wall, you are immediately reminded of the past, whilst enjoying all the luxuries of the present.

“We wanted to incorporate the rich heritage of the venue and have actually placed televisions around the venue showing vision from the past. But we also wanted a quality fit-out that was classy and people could enjoy.”

Opening on October 6, Platform 28 has already become a local favourite with many Docklands workers and residents.

“We’ve had quite a good response since opening and it’s only going to get better. It’s a great location close to tram, trains and Etihad Stadium and we’re sure it’ll attract even more people on Friday, Saturday and Sundays,” he said.

Open seven days a week and run as a casual dining, bar and function venue, Platform 28 and Mark’s Irish charm is sure to be a hit in Docklands.





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A PASSION FOR COFFEE



Noel Comley (centre) with this staff at Harbour Coffee House.

Noel Comley and Jin Guan know that there are two very important things to Melburnians. The first is footy and the second is an industry that they are bound to make a splash in ... coffee.

Opening Harbour Coffee House, at 02/198 Harbour Esplanade in Digital Harbour on September 28, the husband and wife team are ready to provide the perfect coffee and believe that they have the goods to make it happen.

"We've purchased the best beans possible and one of the best coffee machines in the world so that we can serve the best coffee because quality is something that we will not compromise on," Noel said.

Having run a restaurant in the city in the past, Noel has an eye for potential and can definitely see the potential in Docklands and is excited about his new café located on the ground level of the LifeLab building.

"We thought we would get in early. Everyone says don't go there. It's at the end of the world but look at it. It's so beautiful and pleasant and it's going to be great," Noel said.

Noel said it was his wife Jin who was the driving force behind the café and that it would

be a great success as she was very determined.

"She's an amazing Chinese entrepreneur and has helped clients of hers set up businesses for years and it's now her turn," Noel said.

A father of four, Noel said the business was also a way of making sure that his kids were set up for the future.

"Like any other parent you do things for your kids and a reason we do these types of things is to ensure that our kids have something for the future," he said.

Noel's kids are also involved in the business and are already planning to lend a hand.

"My second eldest daughter, who is 18, went and studied a barista course so that she could come here and work, but unfortunately she's studying in Holland at the moment so it will have to wait until she returns."

With fantastic coffee and a range of slices and focaccias, Harbour Coffee House is bound to be a new haunt for coffee lovers.

PROFESSIONAL DANCER TURNS DOCKLANDS PILATES INSTRUCTOR

Having retired from the Australian Ballet in September, Docklands resident Jane Casson has set her sights on helping mothers achieve an overall body workout using pilates and has founded her business, Pilates for Mums.

With over 12 years experience in pilates and having danced for more than 14 years as a professional dancer with both the Australia Ballet and The Royal New Zealand Ballet, Jane has begun holding classes at The Hub every Wednesday night.

"Professional dancers don't tend to have too long a career so we do pilates to get the most out of bodies. It's really just a natural progression," Jane said.

Recently becoming a first-time mother, Jane realised the need for mothers to be able to take time out for themselves and have a workout in a relaxed and fun environment.

"Being a mum is truly the best job in the world, but there is a lot of strain on you and mums really need to take time out for themselves. That's what Pilates for Mums is about. It's about staying fit and healthy so you can be the best mum you can be and it's targeted at mothers of all stages."

With a focus on personal service and a genuine interest in her clients' successes, Jane only allows a maximum of 10 people per class.

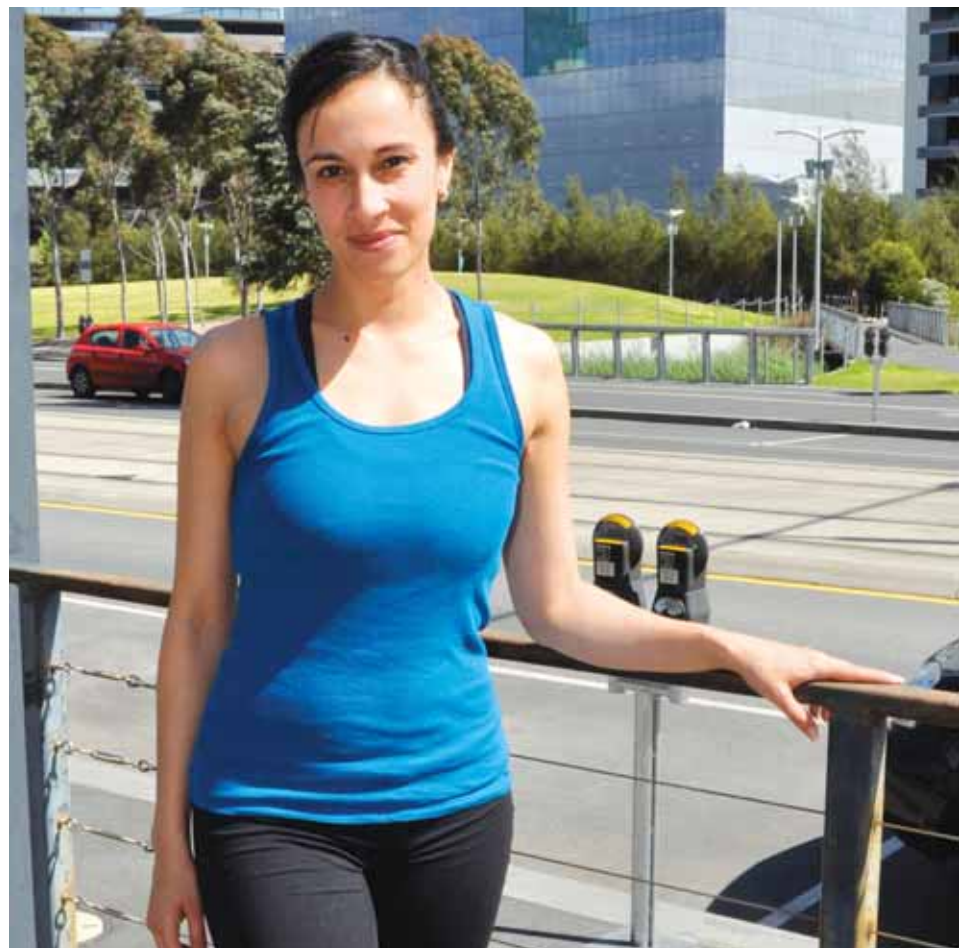
"I really want to be able give each client personalised service and focus on alignment and technique so any more than 10 and I wouldn't be able to do that."

Jane said her classes would be pilates with a twist and could be changed and modified to suit each individual's level.

"I won't just be doing floor work, but I'll be incorporating a lot of equipment and play things. It's basically like playgroup for mothers," she said.

With a passion to inspire people we're sure it won't be long before Jane is adding more classes to her schedule.

Jane will be holding classes every Wednesday at 7.30pm at The Hub. For more information visit www.pilatesformums.com.au



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FACES OF DOCKLANDS



MARC LAURIN, 37
Digital marketing manager

Marc likes the constantly changing face of Docklands and enjoys watching Docklands grow. He enjoys the energy and liveliness of the precinct in the warmer months.



FYNN NELSON
Age - 3 Months

When asked what he thinks of Docklands Fynn doesn't say much at all - he just breaks into a broad grin that says it all. But those who accompanied Fynn to our offices assure us that he's a great fan of Docklands.



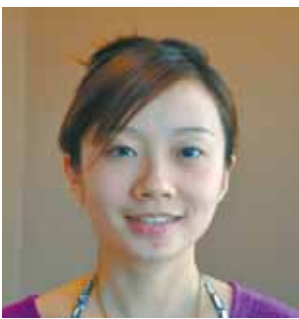
XIAOYING LIU, 53
Owner - Healthy Palace

Xiaoying thinks Docklands is a fantastic place. Starting a new business locally at Waterfront City, she has been impressed by the nice local people who are very polite and friendly.



NEVIO BELIA, 50
Owner - Limonetto

Having operated his local business for eight years, Nevio regards Docklands as his second home. He has seen the area in all seasons and likes its natural variety. Of course, as a seller of fine ice creams, he likes the summer most of all.



SHIRLEY SUN, 28
Owner - Leizi Monkey

Having worked locally for two years, during which she saw the potential of the area, Shirley has opened a new business in the area. She likes the fact that Docklands is so new and very near to the city, and she believes it has a promising future.



COLIN HUTTON, 49
Business planning manager

Colin makes use of his lunch hour to walk throughout Docklands, always with an eye for what's new and what is changing. He likes its sunny promenades and water views, and the opportunities it presents for daily exercise.



DOCKLANDS' BEST COFFEE

Illy rules again

Illy Caffè in the ANZ Centre streaked back into the lead of the *Docklands News* online coffee survey during October.

Illy lost its lead briefly to Le Cirque in Harbour Town, but has stormed back with a massive 3.86 approval rating out of a possible four points. Some 249 participants have ranked it as superb.

Le Cirque's ranking of 3.68 is great. But with only 41 votes cast for Le Cirque, it is hard to deny that illy rules in Docklands.

The other premises making up the top five are: Espresso Alto (Stadium concourse); Mad Duck Café (Yarra's Edge); and Gate 10 (Stadium concourse).

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

To view the current standings, go to <http://tinyurl.com/2d6vktj>



DOCKLANDS SECRETS

Our upside-down river

Revealing stories, both strange and true, about Melbourne's newest inner-city suburb

Melbourne is known across Australia for its murky Yarra River, sometimes described unkindly as the upside-down river because the mud is on the top. That "upside-down" Yarra River is, of course, a major Docklands waterway.

Docklands residents, particularly those living in elevated apartments, might have noticed

that while the river is often a murky brown, the adjacent Victoria Harbour remains a more water-like blue.

This is quite evident when viewed with the naked eye, especially after heavy rain, but somewhat less so when depicted in brochures and images in which the water's colour benefits from some "artistic engineering".

The Yarra is a river, in constant flow as it delivers fresh water from the Yarra Ranges into Port Phillip Bay. But, the lower reaches of the river are tidal and, along with Victoria

Harbour, fill with salt water from the sea. Salt water is denser than fresh, meaning the silty fresh water in the river floats on top of the salt water below.

Thus the river, with the murky fresh water floating on top, looks muddy while the harbour, which contains little fresh water, appears blue.

Next time you note that the Yarra and Victoria Harbour are a different colour, remember that there's a simple, scientific explanation, which is a Docklands Secret.



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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 register your spot in this group.

HUB CLUBS

Lunch time activities

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DOCKLANDS ROTARY

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Two-time Olympian, and Melbourne local, Lachlan Hay won the senior men's champion trophy, taking out every distance.

Mr Hay said that having competed on the world stage, he was really excited to see the skills and speed on the ice constantly improving and becoming more competitive internationally.

"At this national level, it's not only great to see the senior guys and girls advancing, but the junior ranks developing into what will become Australia's dynamic future of short track," Mr Hay said.

A potential candidate for the 2014 Winter Olympic Games, Julie Jung, from the Roos Club in Queensland, took home gold, winning the senior-ladies division.

The Icehouse will also host the Short Track National Championships in February 2012 when the world's most promising under-19 skaters from more than 30 countries will compete for the championship title.



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